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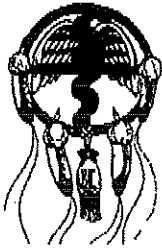
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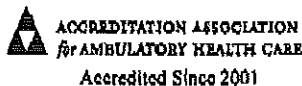
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April 27, 2009

City of San Jose
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services
Health Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF)
200 East Santa Clara Street, 9th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: Appeal on ranking and rating on FY 09-10 grants
Agency – Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
Project Name – San Jose Native American Youth Empowerment Program (SJNAYEP)
Target Population – Youth
Requested amount – \$82,358

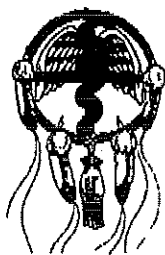
Dear Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund Leadership Committee,

We would like to appeal both the ranking and rating of the Indian Health Center's (IHC) SJNAYEP proposal, which is currently ranked 25 out of 80 of the youth proposals. It is a program which will build life-long physical activity and nutrition skills that has intergenerational components. We would like to appeal the scoring for Program Design and Service Capacity.

Program Design (23.00 out of 30.00) – IHC's SJNAYEP aligns well with HNVF's mission, vision, values and goals to create a healthy community. The SJNAYEP addresses 36 out of the 48 elements (75%) in HNVF's "What Makes a Healthy Neighborhood" matrix. For example, in terms of the "Generational Gap," parents attend SJNAYEP group meetings a few times a year to get them involved in activities and to make sure that items in the youth's Action Plan get addressed. If having trouble in school is one of the action items, then the staff work with the family to help overcome barriers. Other components of the matrix that SJNAYEP embraces include:

- **Safety Net of Services for Youth Leaving the Juvenile Justice System –** Over the years five members of the SJNAYEP have been involved in the juvenile justice system. When they are released they have returned to the group to help them re-enter the community, return to school, and reestablish friendships. Some of the youth members are on probation and the SJNAYEP provides a safe place for them to get back on track with their lives and career objectives.
- **Early Intervention Programs Focused on Lifestyle –** SJNAYEP members receive talks on nutrition, fitness and healthy lifestyles from IHC's multidisciplinary staff that includes a nurse, Kinesiologist, a Certified Diabetes Educator and a Registered Dietician. Youth participate in physical activity every week in the IHC's Wellness Center and work out in the gym.

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- Promotion of Neighborhood Activities – Staff do physical activity with the youth in their neighborhoods, i.e. going to the park to do skateboarding. SJNAYEP members have also participated in community events, i.e., last August they did traditional dancing at the National Night Out celebration in Emma Prush park.
- Intergenerational Interaction – SJNAYEP members interviewed American Indian elders to get cultural perspectives and history, and made a DVD from the interviews.

Staff use a strengths-based approach with SJNAYEP members and the program is designed around social connectedness, life skills, and a healthy lifestyle and choices. The program provides wellness activities and culturally appropriate programs that support their emotional and physical well-being; the goal is to help the youth become healthy adults and community leaders.

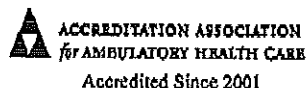
Service Capacity (11.33 out of 15.00) – IHC is the only agency in Santa Clara County that provides these culturally-based health and wellness services to the American Indian/Alaskan Native youth. IHC has been providing this program for the past seven years, and has been successful in preventing youth from dropping out of school. IHC's Wellness Center is the main location where all activities are held for the youth group. The Wellness Center focuses on addressing all four aspects of a person - mental, emotional, physical and spiritual - in order to restore them to health and balance. IHC provides a van service for youth who do not have access to public transportation. IHC's SJNAYEP works closely with the Native American youth program in Oakland to co-host events and attend trainings. SJNAYEP is comparable in cost to other American Indian youth programs, all of which must have an intense focus on identity and cultural traditions in order to engage and inspire the youth. It is critical that we reach these youth because they are the future of the American Indian community, without whom the community will not survive.

If there is any other information I can provide for this appeal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (408) 445-3400 x202 or at Lhunt@ihcscv.org.

Sincerely,



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