

Senior Adult Activities Center of Montgomery County (Montco SAAC)

FFA Grant Report 20-21

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Executive Director, Whitney Lingle

1. What problem were you addressing?

We were addressing the isolation experienced by those with dementia that we serve through our Art4Me program. During COVID, we pivoted to a virtual format and delivered supplies to individual's homes.

2. What change did you expect to create? How? What were the desired objectives, outcomes and outputs of the program and progress made toward each during the reporting period?

We expected to reduce isolation and provide a positive experience with engagement and socialization through the arts. We wanted people to have improved perceived experiences, reduced isolation, increased socialization. These results were confirmed by our survey of 32 unduplicated participants.

3. How did you measure success--both quantitative and qualitative? A chart of objectives, actions, and results is helpful. Include numbers and demographics of people touched by the work. Explain your organization's efforts toward diversity, equity and inclusion.

The demographics of those we served accurately reflected the population in our area and pre and post surveys showed positive experiences. During the grant period we served 32 unduplicated people including BIPOC, LGBTQ+, veterans and those with disabilities.

We strive to adopt actively anti-racist policies and center equity in all we do. This includes staff and volunteer training, review of programs and review of spending.

4. Please note any collaborations that supported your work and/or ways that you leveraged resources. How did this project engage and empower staff from all levels of your organization?

We reached out to artists to present and provide examples of their work. In the future, we plan to collaborate with ARTZ Philadelphia. This project engaged staff to continue despite being closed to the public.

5. Please share any unanticipated outcomes or barriers encountered. Indicate any changes in the program's goals, strategies, personnel or timelines and the reasons behind the changes.

The main issue was COVID and the accompanying uncertainty around funding, service provision and staff burnout.

6. How do you plan to share and replicate your results?

We share through our annual report and social media and will replicate in subsequent years.

7. Include a project financial statement (budget and actual) for the reporting period. Please explain significant variances from the original budget and reasons for the variances (with corrective measures if overages), as well as plans for future sustainability.

Budget/Actual:

Art Instructor	\$2,000
Art supplies	\$2,520
<u>Presentation costs</u>	<u>\$ 480</u>
Total	\$5,000

There were no significant variances.

Plans for future sustainability: continuing to pursue grants, continuing to fulfill senior center contract with Montgomery County Office of Senior Services.

8. Feedback on your interaction with FFA would be helpful. How have we helped? Made it harder? What else can we do to facilitate your work?

The reporting and application process was fine. I appreciated your understanding when the collaborations did not come to fruition amidst pandemic challenges. I appreciate the thought partnership.

9. Additional comments:

We so appreciate the partnership with FFA as we were challenged to pivot to virtual program delivery!