



The Canby Livability Coalition

Dedicated to maintaining the quality of life in the community of Canby by empowering citizens through educational opportunities and by providing resources to preserve livability for future generations

June 12, 2013

Brenda Durbin
Director of Social Services
Clackamas County Social Services

Re: Item 3. 2. d. Final Project Report

Dear engAGE In Community Grant Committee,

The Canby Livability Coalition Final Project Report (item 3. 2. d. on the engAGE in Community Grant Application) as required from recipients of engAGE In Community Grants is appended.

Our Final Project Report is an evaluation of the ways Canby Livability utilized the trailer, tools and cleaning supplies purchased with our engAGE grant to attract more seniors to Canby Livability Day's cleanup event and make our town more age-friendly. We also describe how we will be using our cleanup day tools in the future to help remove barriers and to improve supports for elders.

Our final budget is appended to the report.

Livability Day reaches beyond the actual cleanup and the benefits extend throughout the year. Canby Livability has been contacted outside of the annual project dates and asked if volunteers would be able to assist in other cleanups or community projects focused on quality of life issues. Our engAGE tools have already been used in the Downtown Flower project which plants flowers on Second Avenue every spring and fall using volunteers some of whom are seniors.

If you have any questions or need any more information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Tice, President
Canby Livability Coalition

Cc: McNamara, Margaret

Canby Livability Coalition Final Grant Report One Year After Grant Receipt

In section 4.2 F of our original grant application, we identified how we would measure the success of our efforts (below). We will also report our efforts, both in 2012 and in the future, to attract more seniors to the event and to overcome barriers and enhance supports as listed in the MAPPS report on Canby to make our community more age-friendly.

We followed these four criteria to evaluate our 2012 Canby Livability Day cleanup event.

1. Were we inclusive?
2. Were we accessible?
3. Were we supportive of aging volunteers as well as all volunteers?
4. Did we communicate to our community an enhanced quality of life through the completed projects?

1. Were we inclusive?

Inclusiveness: In 2012, the only way we had of seeing how people felt about their volunteering experience with Canby Livability Day, was through a question on the Project Sheet asking if they would like to reserve this project for next year. The question gauges if they had a good experience (like feeling that the event was inclusive) and encourages them to volunteer again the next year. Starting this year (2013) as we register volunteers, we will ask them how they heard about the event to assure that our promotional material makes everybody feel welcome, including those who are older, minorities or physically limited.

Increasing the number of elders involved: For 2013, we plan to overcome barriers to volunteering such as the paperwork required - which can be a problem for Hispanics - to encourage them to volunteer for Livability Day. We can translate Project Sheets and make translators available as needed. We also plan to use the tools, cleaning supplies and trailer purchased through the engAGE grant as part of our effort to recruit more seniors from minority group(s).

Making Canby more age-friendly: Hazards to walking or evidence of criminal activity like graffiti are barriers that can prevent those who are aging or have physical limitations from going into a shopping, civic, or recreational area. They feel excluded from poorly maintained places, because of their age or condition. When city streets and parks are cleaned on Livability Day, volunteers pick up trash, pull weeds, etc., to improve the appearance of the area. The crew leader reports on the Project Sheets cracks in the sidewalk or anything else that could be a safety hazard. The crew leader also reports graffiti, so it can be covered. This removes the barrier of neglected physical environments, so that the area feels inclusive.

Evaluation: We feel that our cleanup day continues to be a respectful and inclusive

social opportunity for everyone to participate in a community event. We will help with paperwork to encourage minorities. The cleanup also addresses the barrier of poorly maintained areas of town.

2. Were we accessible?

Accessibility of cleanup projects: The Project Sheets for some projects are marked “wheelchair/handicapped accessible” and can be reserved for a group with member(s) who have physical limitations. However, even for projects not considered ADA accessible, a crew member concerned about physical limitations can always choose to just work on the parts of the project he is comfortable with. The availability of the engAGE tools makes it easier for physically limited people, including seniors, to take part in a project.

Increasing the number of elders involved: In the future, we plan to include more projects that are ADA accessible to encourage more seniors with physical limitations to take part in Livability Day. In 2012, we invited Thelma’s Place, a residential care facility for those with memory loss, to take part in the cleanup. They were delighted to have a project for residents that even provided the tools, but the timing didn’t work out. We will approach them again this year.

Making Canby more age-friendly: Our cleanup projects that are accessible to older folks support their civic engagement which makes Canby more age-friendly.

Evaluation: In 2012 we invited seniors with a physical condition as a way to overcome barriers to volunteerism for elders, but they weren’t able to participate. This year we will contact them again and hopefully be able to increase the number of elders involved. We feel that providing senior-friendly volunteer positions is a civic engagement support.

3. Were we supportive of aging volunteers as well as all volunteers?

Supporting volunteers: Making the engAGE tools and cleaning supplies available to our volunteers was a huge support. In addition, Project Sheets ask if any changes need to be made to the project description. For 2013, we added a question asking what would have improved their volunteer experience. Both questions are asked as a way of improving our event, but they also show that seniors’ and other crew members’ observations about the job and sense of accomplishment are important to us and supports them in that way.

Increasing the number of elders involved: This level of support helps volunteers want to participate again the next year which increases the number of volunteers, including seniors. In addition, we contacted the Adult Center in 2012 to invite them to take part in the cleanup and offered them the use of our engAGE tools. Two men did volunteer. We will approach the Adult Center again this year and hopefully recruit many more elders.

Making Canby more age-friendly: Canby Livability's cleanup efforts also build a strong sense of community which is a part of what makes a town more age-friendly. The event is timed to support the city's preparations for drawing residents and visitors to summer's activities. This supports a sense of home town pride and community, especially for participants, but also for all residents as they enjoy the cleanliness of the project areas. It enhances civic engagement, social and cultural activities and makes locally owned businesses look more inviting and parks look safer. Livability Day gives our residents a reason and a way to connect through this event, which helps build community. We believe that people who volunteer to help with community projects often do go on to become more interested in local concerns, more aware of available resources and more able to support community life.

Evaluation: In 2012 we were able to offer the use of the engAGE tools and cleaning supplies to our volunteers, so we definitely were more supportive to older volunteers and others. This year we will again recruit at the Adult Center and hopefully get more volunteers than last year. We feel that we do address the support of community in several different ways.

4. Did we communicate to our community an enhanced quality of life in Canby through the completed projects?

Communicating quality of life: Ultimately, at the conclusion of Livability Day, the improvements in the quality of life of Canby are immediately obvious and visible. The city entrances, roadways, recreational areas, civic venues and gathering spots are welcoming and safe for our summer festivities.

Increasing the number of elders involved: In 2012 when we promoted the cleanup event to communicate the need for more volunteers, we highlighted the availability of the engAGE tools. In the future, that will continue to be an integral part of our communications and we can tie elder recruitment into having these tools available for them.

Making Canby more age-friendly: After the projects are completed, we can communicate the improved quality of life in Canby that resulted from addressing barriers and enhancing supports for age-friendliness.

Evaluation: We feel that in the future, we can utilize available communication networks more consistently to enlist more volunteers, especially seniors, and through the increased number of volunteers, we can increase the effects of Livability Day on addressing barriers and enhancing supports for age-friendliness.

Project Budget Canby Livability Day

| Revenue | INCOME SOURCE | AMOUNT | ACTUAL | Comments |
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| | <i>engAGE in Community</i> grant | \$ 3,858.00 | | |
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| TOTAL PROJECT INCOME | | \$ 3,858.00 | | |
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| EXPENSE | TYPE OF EXPENSE | COST | | |
| Trash Pickers 30 @ \$30 | Supplies | \$ 690.00 | \$ 681.54 | |
| Hand Pruners 9 @ \$20 | Supplies | \$ 180.00 | \$ 296.34 | |
| Felco Pruners 3@ \$82 | Supplies | \$ 246.00 | \$ 119.79 | |
| Box of Cleaner | Supplies | \$ 42.00 | \$ 32.50 | Includes spray bottles |
| Brooms 5@ \$20 | Supplies | \$ 100.00 | \$ 84.69 | |
| Dust Pans 5@ \$10 | Supplies | \$ 50.00 | \$ 39.55 | |
| Box of Disposable Rags | Supplies | \$ 20.00 | \$ 17.15 | |
| Box of Garbage Bags | Supplies | \$ 30.00 | \$ 26.08 | |
| Enclosed Trailer for Storage and Transport of tools and supplies | Other | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,518.67 | Includes door locks & signs |
| | | | \$ 41.94 | Hoe & Shovel |
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| TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE | | \$ 3,858.00 | \$ 3,858.25 | |