



HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING 2022 REPORT

1. Summarize the activities undertaken in providing the scope of services described in **Attachment A**.

Funds were used toward the salaries of Vitalize Kitsap's Program Director and Program Coordinator. Their roles are to develop and deliver weekly programming onsite and online, providing respite for caregivers, community engagement, and specialized habilitation services. Program activities continued on a hybrid basis to allow members who still stay home, to stay safe and connected to their peers and community.

2. Reference the project objectives identified in **Attachment A**. Were those objectives achieved? Why or why not? Were there any unexpected positive outcomes or challenges?

All of our objectives were achieved.

Some highlights of programming in 2022:

- Our new Drama Club program taught by Elizabeth Allum, Education Coordinator from BPA. Including a visit to BPA to learn about the power of lighting and the mood on stage.
 - Our epic summer field trips. We went to Olympic Game Farm, to Assistance Dogs NW, and many parks and beaches.
 - Halloween is always one of the best days of the year at VK and this year we had another amazing party. Members created props and performed a play based on the book "The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid."
 - We welcomed five new members and two new staff. Including a staff nurse.
 - We added two new DDA contracts – Skilled Nursing and Staff/Family Consultation.
 - BIMA Summer Art Market – We hosted a booth and sold crafts. Members created beautiful and useful items to sell, such as tie-dyed aprons and napkins, and Empowerment Cards. The Empowerment Cards are now also on sale at Island Life Artisan Gifts.
 - Seahawks Watch Party Fundraiser was a big success!
 - Thankfully we moved back to full day, in-person programming that still includes people who attend by Zoom. Hybrid programming allows us to be even more inclusive. Members can stay connected and it's fun for everyone, no matter how they join in!
3. Reference the specific measurable results identified in **Attachment A**. Were they achieved? If not, what challenges prevented the achievement of the anticipated results? How many Bainbridge Island residents were served? Are the conditions for those residents generally improving or worsening?

About 300 Bainbridge Island residents were served during this project. Thanks to the Developmental Disabilities Administrations (DDA) adding new waiver services, more residents are able to be served with Community Engagement and Specialized Habilitation

programs. Our services enhance the lives and livelihoods of our members by providing respite for caregivers, community access, and lifelong learning opportunities.

4. Describe the involvement of any partners identified in **Attachment A**, as well as any unexpected cooperative relationships that developed through implementation of the project. Did the City funding help the Service Provider attract additional funding or other types of support?

An unexpected cooperative relationship developed between VK and Bainbridge Performing Arts. Thanks to this grant and one from COBI Cultural Funding, Vitalize Kitsap is developing a one of a kind theater production. Through this funding, we reached out to BPA and developed a partnership, where their Education Coordinator is teaching weekly drama classes to our members. Our Adventures & Activities, Drama, and Book Clubs are involved in writing the screenplay, designing the set, and creating costumes.

This exciting, unique immersive theater experience will be one of the first performances to be shown at the new Buxton Theatre this fall.

5. Reference the project budget specified in **Attachment A**. Provide an analysis of actual expenses and income in relation to the projected budget.

The budgeted \$10,000 provided by the COBI Human Services grant was spent on staff salaries, The total salary expenses were \$329,213.

6. Provide a short description of how the City funding has helped the Service Provider or helped the community, including any quotes or stories related to this support.

This city funding helped us help the community be more accessible and inclusive for some of our most vulnerable individuals. With support from this funding, Vitalize Kitsap was able to hire a nurse on staff to provide care for our medically fragile members. This enables us to provide services for more people with greater medical needs, which expands our ability to provide more diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Please see this link to read an article one of our members wrote about our new staff nurse: [Who's Who at VK: Georgia \(vitalizekitsap.org\)](https://www.vitalizekitsap.org/who-s-who-at-vk-georgia)

7. Provide recommendations, if any, that the Service Provider may have regarding future funding cycles.

Unfortunately, we missed the 2023-2024 funding cycle. The one email I received was sent during our big annual fundraiser and I didn't see it until after the deadline. If possible, it would be great to have more notification of funding opportunities. A Human Services Newsletter or other means to inform grantees and the community about the local human services organizations, and the good work they're doing on the island, including funding opportunities would be a great help.

Thank you for your continued support!