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HO-CHUNK NATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The Community Service Program was proposed to address the growing number of Ho-Chunk youth involved in the court system. Based on data provided by the Department of Corrections the areas with the highest concentration of Ho-Chunk families also had the highest rates of Ho-Chunk youth involved in the court system. The Community Service Program was to provide culturally-relevant intervention in the juvenile cases, for the Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells and Wisconsin Rapids areas.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Traditional Court was proposed to receive the juvenile cases, and culturally-relevant dispositions would be decided. Community service hours would be given which would focus on the youth learning Ho-Chunk culture and/or the Ho-Chunk language.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

\$50, 000 was granted to begin the project.

PAYROLL

Payroll expenses, wages, taxes and benefits accounted for \$19,427.62, or 39% of the grant funding. Two Community Service Coordinators were employed by the close of the third year.

TRAVEL

Travel encompassed mileage, airfare, hotel accommodations and meals during travel. A total of \$8, 351.75, or 17% of the grant funding was used for this purpose. Travel was for employee training.

CONTRACTUAL

The contractual expense covered the cost of having the juveniles appear before the Traditional Court, and for a service providers training. A total of \$16,442.71, or 33% of the funding was expended in this manner.

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MEETING EXPENSE

Meeting Expense covered rental of meeting space, and food and beverages during the meetings. A total of \$506.75 was expended.

SUPPLIES

Office supplies covered the cost of setting up an office, including office furniture. A total of \$3,229.78 was expended.

STIPENDS

Stipends were used for county and tribal judicial staff during training, to compensate for expenses during that time. A total of \$300 was expended.

INDIRECT COST

A total of \$7,379.21 was expended.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

The majority of the initial year was spent making contacts and developing the program. A number of cases were taken informally.

From January 1999 to February 2000 the Community Service Program received 48 referrals. Of the 48, 12 ended up to be repeat offenders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Service Program is a useful option in intervening in juvenile court cases. Although the program has made a positive impact, and will continue to do so, more options are needed. An option, or program, that could intervene before the youth gets involved in the court system would be very beneficial.

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