



ReCAST GRANT MONTHLY UPDATE

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Activities	Program Highlights
Program Implementation Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We report a solid start to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (DEIB) training for City of Lawrenceville employees – which began in early February. We have received good feedback from the training (“Engaging in a Multigenerational Organization”) led by Freddie Broome of the Georgia Municipal Association.
Coalition / Stakeholder Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held the first meeting of 2024 of the ReCAST Advisory Board, with new members Winifred Olumba, Michael Davis, Tawny Waltz, and Tracy Joseph joining.
Youth / Family Engagement Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued collaborative outreach to Families First and ReCAST – specifically to schools: Phoenix High (2/1), Georgia Gwinnett College (2/6), and Discovery High (2/8). Additionally, ReCAST joined separate outreach events at Central Gwinnett (1/26), and Discovery (1/31).
Other Significant Activities/Accomplishments	
City of Lawrenceville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued outreach support and coordination with Impact46 and other sub-grantee partners Continued coordination with (and on behalf of) sub-grantee partners; ongoing monitoring of our budget with our Project Director / Primary Investigator (PD/PI) and the City’s CFO. Met with Project Director to discuss an operational audit for each sub-recipient that will include collecting information on 2 –3 items per goal based on partners' requirements. Legacy Leaders meeting canceled due to inclement weather, however February meetings are on track to plan Wellfest for March 22, 2024. As of this writing, the scheduled Embrace 102 training, “Engaging in a Multigeneration Organization,” is complete with 93% of employees joining. An additional training date will be scheduled for employees who were not able to join. Anticipate evaluation data in the next ReCAST report.
Families First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised ReCAST awareness through social media posts (via Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn) – garnering 2,042 impressions (i.e. people who spent the time engaging with the social media post) Conducted 2 ReCAST assessments Continued behavioral health consultations. Such consultations include: speaking with clients, listening to their problems, and providing insight into the client's mental health situation. Each consultation usually takes about 30 minutes depending on the client's situation Provided consultations and behavioral health assessments to 4 new clients Continue to support 14 active cases receiving counseling via ReCAST

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Discovery High School</i> – reached many students communicating mental health services; also explained the importance of mental health (estimated between 20 students passing cards and having interactions). ○ <i>Central Gwinnett High School</i> – reached many students, communicating mental health services; an estimate of 20 students engaged and having interactions. ○ <i>United Ebony Society MLK Parade</i> – raised ReCAST awareness with parade participants. Many were able to see and hear about ReCAST and the services being provided for the community. Note: This last item was reported previously, but it is shared again now with additional details.
Georgia Center for Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Missed ReCAST Partner Meeting due to GCO’s organization-wide yearly retreat. Communicated reason to the Project Manager ahead of time. ● Updated metrics and reports ● Participated in monthly Pokket check-in with ReCAST partners ● Continued updates with partners about clients’ progress ● Recruited two new employers ● Presented at the ReCAST Advisory Board meeting, providing GCO’s quarterly update ● Joined the recent Housing Expo, hosted by the Gwinnett Housing Corporation at the Aurora Theatre
Impact46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students46 (Student Programming) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continues to coordinate with the City for youth engagement, Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders (L3). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ L3 did not meet on 1/16 due to inclement weather. ○ Continued preparation for WellFest, an L3-led, mental health-focused community event (to be held in March). This is the second year WellFest is being held. This event is also supported by L3 Mentors (L3M), a cohort of students who completed the Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders program last year and desired to help guide the current cohort of L3. ○ Continued work through the ReCAST referral platform, Pokket ○ Continued work to increase outreach ● Lawrenceville Response Center (Rental/Shelter Assistance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Served 3 shelter clients with intensive case management, 2 new intakes/processing for shelter, 1 emergency short-term shelter from an encampment ○ Processed 5 new applications and intensive case management for 2 ongoing clients ○ Provided utilities assistance to 22 households ○ Trained 3 new bilingual case managers and began intake for 68 families for the Deauville relocation project
Evaluation Activities	We continue to use our data tracking tool, collecting new monthly updates from our sub-grantee partners.
Disparities Impact Activities	Our Disparities Impact Statement named five needs. In addressing...

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>A lack of civics education and understanding of policies and procedures of local government:</i> Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders (L3) continues to flourish ● <i>A lack of trauma-informed practices:</i> Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Training for City employees began again with a focus on “Engaging in a Multi-Generational Organization.” ● <i>A lack of a cohesive system to address social determinants of health:</i> we continue to refine our referral process, working toward greater efficacy ● <i>A lack of community engagement:</i> Community Connection Workshops are being planned, and a request for proposal is under review and is expected to be published before 3/16 to hire a consultant to conduct the workshops. ● <i>A lack of diversity and cultural competency:</i> Implicit bias and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Training for City employees began again with a focus on “Engaging in a Multi-Generational Organization.” Similar training will continue throughout the remainder of the grant period (9/29/2024).
Budget Update	<p>During my most recent report, I shared an unencumbered balance of \$62,803; it appears the correct balance is \$63,862.78 (a \$1059.78 correction). Additionally, SAMHSA has approved carryover from our Year 2 grant allocation for use in Year 3. The City has worked to develop a specific allocation plan for carryover funds, inclusive of the opportunity to strategically apportion funds based on sub-recipient partner requests. The Finance department has provided a list of approved request categories. The program has plans to expend all of the remaining balance by the end of the grant period.</p>
Sustainability Activities <i>What remains when the grant period ends?</i>	<p>Based upon the understanding of the ReCAST Program Manager, each sub-recipient partner is actively pursuing additional funding to sustain activities currently funded through ReCAST.</p>
SPARS SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System	<p>We continue to collect internal data and metrics. This data collection is the foundation of our SPARS reporting. Note: SPARS stands for “SAMHSA’s Performance Accountability and Reporting System,” and is the place where data is submitted, reporting on the required deliverables of the ReCAST grant.</p>
Testimonials of the ReCAST work	<p>Please see a recent Instagram post featuring Lawrenceville Legacy Leaders (L3). https://www.instagram.com/p/C2lF429g3Y7/?img_index=1</p>