

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Boys & Girls Club of Bend “Education Support for Low-Income Youth”

Reviewed by the Address Poverty and Upstream Prevention RHIP workgroups



Summary of Results:

- We opened our doors to serve 100 school-age youth with a modified summer camp.
- Club kids represent a more diverse population compared to Bend as a whole, and 60% of our youth this summer lived in households with an income of \$45,000 or less. As such, we prioritized youth the highest needs to participate.
- We are still proud of removing all financial barriers to accessing our services for our highest need families.
- This, in turn, allowed parents and caregivers to return to work and stabilize their household income.
- Families who were income constrained were able to use the funds they would otherwise spend on summer care for their children on other necessities, including food, housing, transportation, and healthcare.
- We also witnessed significant improvement in behavior and general well-being in our members. Despite social distancing and other programmatic changes, our youth thrived at Club and enjoyed their summer.

Quote

“There is little help available for working parents with the current pandemic situation. I have to work to support my family but my child still needs to obtain an education. BGCB helped ease the stress of having to choose between my child’s education or my child having a place to live and food to eat. With BGCB support, I could still give her both.” – Boys & Girls Club Program Parent