

Panel Summary Report

Agency: Centro LatinoAmericano

Date: May 10, 2005

Program: Los Niños Program

Panel #: 9

Allocation recommendation: \$30,472

Previous Allocation (20003/2004): \$26,497

1. Was allocation recommendation: (please check one)

X Increased? Decreased? Kept Level?

2. Describe primary reasons for decision

Centro provides a critical service to the growing Latino population in Lane County. Centro cited that the Latino population is growing 8 times faster than the total county growth rate. Centro is to be commended for their integrated "wrap around" approach to services and referrals. The organization is truly working toward bettering the numerous and often complex aspects of newly immigrated and limited English speaking Latinos. Centro is a primary resource to many other agencies and is well known and well integrated into the local culture. They use volunteers in many aspects of their service delivery. They are making excellent progress in tracking outcomes of their efforts.

The Los Niños program clearly improves the lives of young children by creating stable housing and regular medical care. Centro is also well known throughout rural communities and is therefore able to provide services for those folks who can come in and avail themselves of these resources.

The panel was impressed with the agency and the scope of services.

3. Describe specific concerns of panel relating to funding request, operation of agency or use of funds expended by agency:

They need to ensure that the new Executive Director has strong fund raising capabilities. There is also concern that the Los Niños Program is more aligned with the Essentials for Life goal area. Given the wrap-around services, many of which directly affect children, Centro should work with United Way to apply funds to programs more closely aligned with the SB6 goal area. Also work with the UW technical support to create stable funding for the agency.

4. Describe any limitations or conditions on funds imposed by panel: None

5. Panel members present at deliberation: Sara Olson, Kelli McKnight, Jeff Petry, Jenny Obermiller, Colin McDonnell, Susan Niles, Lou Enge (United Way Staff).

6. Agency representatives present at site visit:

Panel Chair: Sara Olson