United Way of El Paso County (UWEP)

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Award Amount, Year One: \$300,000

Award Year: 2006

Organizational Description:

The United Way El Paso County has been in existence since 1923 with "a strong commitment and an extensive record of accomplishment working to prepare the youth of El Paso, Texas, to succeed and contribute as both teenagers and adults." UWEP provides funding to 29 youth-focused programs and offers education programming, healthcare initiatives, and prevention services.

Name of CEY Initiative Project:

Compassion: Helping Increase Capacity of Organizations (CHICO)

Project Description:

UWEP will build the capacity of faith and community-based organizations to provide enhanced social services to address gang activity, youth violence, and child abuse and neglect. This project will include: 1) a community needs assessment and asset mapping, to be conducted by neighborhood residents and partner agency staff; 2) an organizational needs assessment to be completed by board members and staff; 3) a customized plan to address at least two of the four critical capacity building areas of community engagement, leadership development, organizational development, and program development as identified through the organizational needs assessment; and 4) training and technical assistance to implement the customized plans.

Partners: Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso; Boys and Girls Clubs of El Paso; Child Crisis Center of El Paso; El Paso Human Services; Jewish Family & Children's Services; Project Vida; Victory Warriors Drill & Dance Team; YMCA; YWCA