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Sandy City Council,

South Valley Sanctuary would like to thank Jake Warner and the CDBG Committee for recommending us for funding. We would like to also thank the Sandy City Council for its continued support.

South Valley Sanctuary has remained opened and continues to provide essential services for survivors of domestic violence during this pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic presents a unique circumstance where the many jobs that are not typically considered hazardous have suddenly become very dangerous for the workers. This includes many of the positions at South Valley Sanctuary where staff are at high risk of exposure to the virus while at work.

During 2020, South Valley Sanctuary has seen a 30% increase in the number of Sandy residents that have accessed our crisis shelter plus a 189% increase in the number of Sandy residents that have called our hotline. We have seen an 8% increase in the number residents that have received homeless services, 52% increase in case management services and 830% increase in mental health services. Stay-at-home orders, intended to protect the public and prevent the widespread of COVID-19, left many domestic violence victims trapped with their abusers. Domestic Violence survivors face the difficult choice between staying with or returning to their abusers or becoming homeless because they can't find or afford safe housing. Women experiencing domestic violence are often left homeless despite their ability to escape threatening situations.

The funds that Sandy provides will be leveraged with other funds to cover funding gaps created by COVID-19.

Thank you for making domestic violence survivors a funding priority.

Sincerely,

Peggy Daniel

Grants Administrator
South Valley Sanctuary