

FORCEs Feminist Pharmacy - Progress Report

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Requested Metrics

6 collaborative workshops held related to FORCE Feminist Pharmacy (3 per semester)
4 passive distribution points with informational pamphlets (in Women's Herstory Month (March) + at Trans Affinity spaces)
109 total workshop/program attendees
61 passive outreach connections (through tabling on the mall)
20 student positions / staff positions supporting the program (13 WGRC staff and 7 undergraduate interns)
4 people in the core project team involved in planning and execution of the project, 3 undergraduates and 1 full-time staff

Per our budget tracking, our most popular items have been super sized pads and the period boxers which were distributed at TDOV (Trans Day of Visibility) and trans affinity programs hosted by the WGRC (called 'Journaling Buddies') in collaboration with VALID USA. If ASUA expenses are correct, we spent 4845.74 of the grant and the vast majority of that went towards the sustainable menstrual products, primarily from the brand Public Goods. Each box of pads and tampons from this brand contains 12 items, and on average our orders would be for 144 pads and 144 tampons. This means that using this grant, we have been able to provide over 1,000 pads and tampons this academic year in addition to over 50 reusable cloth pads, liners, 20 cups and discs, and over 30 period underwear and boxers.

Project Accomplishments

This semester we pushed ourselves to connect with a more diverse community, such as our successful collaboration with APASA and Valid USA, which serves transgender youth in Tucson by distributing gender-affirming clothing such as binders, packers, and shaping underwear. We were able to compliment Valid's offerings by bringing gender-affirming menstrual garments (the period boxers) to trans affinity spaces hosted in the WGRC, which allows trans masculine students the ability to engage in sustainable period practices as well as learn more about sustainability and period

poverty on campus in a space that is gender affirming.

This relationship with Valid USA is one we are excited to continue because we are hoping to offer more affinity spaces next academic year, and we have been in communication with Alex Switzer from Valid in order to bring them to campus for talks on demystifying menstrual + sexual health care for trans folks, using the grant that Valid has in order to compliment our own budget. This will be especially important with ASUA's current moves to remove funding and student positions within FORCE, which will limit our capacity to be the sole lead for this work on campus. We will also invite ExtraVAGanza, our partner for the APASA program, to continue doing this work with us.

Next Steps

Our time with this grant is ending, but as we noted above we are genuinely excited to continue doing this kind of work on campus!

Challenges Faced

We believe that we adapted to the challenges we noted that we experienced in the fall semester, and are now looking ahead to navigating budget constraints and a loss of paid student employment within our organization because of the budget cuts ASUA will be imposing on all student organizations next academic year.

Project Support

We look forward to seeing more gender-based and equity work from your department! Thank you so much for supporting FORCE's work and benefiting so many students this academic year!

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