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Annual Project Report & Budget Request

Previous Fiscal Year	2025-26
Name of Project	SPEECH AND SIGNING THERAPY PROJECT
Project Manager	Laurie Thompson
Approved Budget	$96,000 MXN
Actual Expenditures	$111,000 MXN

Comments

The Speech and Signing Therapy Project provides funding to pay a portion of the salaries of the two full-time speech and signing language therapists working with our partner agency, CORAL. Each therapist receives $16,000 MXN per month, approximately half of which is supported by CANFRO. Our goal continues to be to increase our portion of support.

In addition to therapies, CORAL provides crucial comprehensive support to children and families affected by hearing impairment, including early detection testing and a range of other needed services. CORAL routinely performs hearing tests on children under 6 years of age at their installations in San Martin Mexicapan and throughout the city and state of Oaxaca on a rotating schedule in order to reach the widest public, including remote communities. **Thousands of children** across the state are tested and for those who show signs of hearing impairment, CORAL provides essential follow up using state-of-the-art equipment (REM) to provide careful diagnosis and treatment protocol to the affected families. The CORAL team receives ongoing training, including recently by a Canadian audiologist in REM testing as well as in visual reinforcement audiometry. All of this strengthens the team's knowledge and keeps their skills up-to-date.

Thanks to a grant from a Oaxacan organization, Dr Simi, CORAL's facilities are being remodeled with transparent doors to classrooms and testing rooms to provide the safest and most comfortable environment for the beneficiaries as well as staff. Some additional funds for capital improvements has been given by a US donor, who was originally in touch with CANFRO for vetting purposes. CORAL is planning to construct two new classrooms but will need additional financing to complete the project.

With the partial allocation of non-designated donations to CORAL, and with the generous support of donors to the project, CANFRO again increased its support for 2025-26.

Current Fiscal Year	2025-26
Requested Budget	$100,000 MXN