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RESTATEMENT OF PROBLEM
This grant helped to fund my attendance at the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Conference on October 26-28, 2006, in San Jose, California.

REVIEW OF THE WORK / PROCEDURE
I presented research entitled "Long-term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies." Attending the conference enhanced my understanding of applied and clinical sociology and allowed me to expose my scholarship to colleagues in the field of sociology. It also provided me the ability to meet and discuss my research with the editor of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology's journal.

OUTCOMES
I attended the conference, presented my research, and also met with the editor of the *Journal of Applied Social Science*. He suggested I submit a version of my paper presented at the conference to him for possible publication. I submitted a manuscript and it was published in the Spring of 2007.

Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2007. "Long-Term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 1(1):52-70.

CONCLUSIONS
This grant allowed me to attend a conference and obtain a publication I might not have been able to get without extra funding. I plan to apply for similar grants in the future in order to aid my scholarship.

*Note: A copy of the manuscript presented and published in the *Journal of Applied Social Science* is attached. If any additional information is needed regarding the use of this grant, please do not hesitate to ask me for it.