



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date March 16, 2018

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Sage Educators Foundation

Organization URL: <http://sageeducatorsfoundation.org/>

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Sage Educators Foundation promotes educational equity by funding academic programs for k-12 students in need, regardless of age, race, religion, gender, or socioeconomic status. We believe that all students should have fair and equal access to education and enrichment opportunities because when students are empowered to pursue their diverse academic goals and interests, they thrive, and so does our entire community.

Sage Educators Foundation offers consistent and effective programming to students throughout the course of their elementary, middle and secondary education, cultivating a strong sense of community and a culture that drives students to dream big, attend college and become happy, productive and contributing members of society.

Sage Educators Foundation is a focused extension of the scholarship program at Sage Educators, Inc and combined this academic school year, they have seen over 250 students make remarkable academic and personal strides.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Five for Five Success Program

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$25,000.00

Description of the proposed project/program, including the proposed project's goal(s), and the nature of the costs in specific terms, i.e. materials, labor costs, etc. Specifics of how the requested County funds will be used.

We hope to welcome a cohort of five middle school students whom we can tutor and mentor one-on-one, twice weekly, until they graduate from high school. A five year commitment with this level of personal attention can make immeasurable impacts. Our objective is to nurture the development of the whole person, while focusing on academic achievement, with the ultimate goal that each student will have abundant opportunity upon graduating from high school because their success has opened doors. By investing in students early, and creating space for every student's gifts to be realized, we have the opportunity to break down barriers so that every student may soar.

Funds will be used to support educator salaries during the pilot year of this program, which include lesson preparation, direct student support, follow-up correspondence through email, and in-person meetings with established support for an entire school year. All other overhead costs will be born by Sage Educators, Inc.

\$10,000 will enable us to break ground on this endeavor by inviting our first cohort of students to the Five for Five Success Program of Sage Educators Foundation. Sage Educators, a local tutoring and college prep company, has been around for over 10 years and has seen thousands of students reach their potential. In addition, Sage Educators has donated over \$100,000 to more than 70 students in need. The Sage Educators Foundation is a focused extension of these efforts, and we are confident that with your help, we can make an even bigger impact by providing services to even more students of low socioeconomic status who are currently falling through the cracks in our school system.

The educators with whom our students will work are all experts in their fields, they come with a multitude of teaching experience, and they are all employed full-time in order to provide the very best, most comprehensive mentorship service available.

List of all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it:

Marin County is a socioeconomically stratified community whose academic landscape is heavily weighted in favor of significantly economically advantaged students. Sage Educators Foundation aims to shift this weight. According to the ACS WASC/CDE Visiting Committee Report from 2014, there is a significant gap in the Academic Performance Index (API) of white students and their hispanic and significantly economically disadvantaged (SES) counterparts in the TUHSD (Tam Union High School District). Specifically, the report indicates that "... in mathematics students designated as low SES perform significantly lower than their high SES counterparts, regardless of grade level." Even more concerning, in our county where resources are abundant, we're boasting the 2nd highest gap in the state. With the resources and expertise to provide academic support and enrichment, as well as comprehensive college preparedness workshops from devoted educators and mentors for students under served in our schools, SEF has the opportunity to narrow the achievement gap and ensure all students in Marin have access to higher education and quality career options.

And the benefits don't stop there. Privilege and disadvantage are not just measured in wealth or the lack thereof; they are also measured in the distances between neighborhoods and the distances between schools. Not only will SEF provide all Marin County students with access to the support they need, but they will make strides to close the divide by doing so in an integrated, inclusive environment that promotes unity rather than segregation, where students from different backgrounds can learn from expert staff AND each other. The ability to provide a rich learning experience in a nonsegregated atmosphere is what sets Sage Educators Foundation apart from many other programs offering similar support in Marin County, and we believe it is this connectivity that will bring all Marin County residents together despite long standing divides.

This organization has never received Community Service funds.

No County funding was received for this project or others.

Project/program can be completed if amount received is less than requested amount of Community Service funds.

Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other non-County sources, and priority will be given to requests that represent no more than 50% of total project cost. To demonstrate all sources of project funding, including other County sources, please provide a project/program budget below. Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.

Project Funding Sources	Funding Agency	Funding Requested	Received	Notes
County CSF				
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions			\$9,000	<i>Sage Educators Inc families and friends</i>
Other Local Agencies			\$5,000	<i>Sage Educators Inc</i>
In kind services				
Other				
Total Sources			\$14,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$25,000	\$0	<i>educator salaries</i>
Services and Supplies			\$0	
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$25,000	\$0	

