



**County of Marin
Community Service Fund Program
Application Form**

Application Date March 29, 2018

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Huckleberry Youth Programs

Organization URL: www.huckleberryyouth.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Based on the belief that adolescence is a dynamic and challenging time in life, Huckleberry Youth Programs' mission is to educate, inspire, and support underserved youth to develop healthy life choices, to maximize their potential, and to realize their dreams. Current Marin programs include: 1) Huckleberry Teen Health Program, a continuum of services including health education, individual, group, and family therapy, substance abuse counseling, and "Teen Tuesday," a teen-friendly sexual and reproductive healthcare clinic just for adolescents; and 2) the Huckleberry Wellness Academy – Marin, a college and career access program for high-potential, low-income youth and students of color (97% of participants are Latino/a.) All participants are the first generation in their families to attend college. With HWA's supports, participants become academically prepared, graduate from high school, matriculate into and persist in college, and pursue professional careers.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Huckleberry Wellness Academy – Marin (HWA)

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$20,000.00

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.

Proposed Project: Disproportionately, low-income youth and students of color experience significant disparate educational outcomes. This achievement gap is particularly notable in Marin County, with Latino, African American, and low-income students left far behind their White, Asian, and more economically advantaged peers on virtually all educational indices. HWA provides underperforming, low-income students and students of color with comprehensive educational enrichment programming. Students enter HWA in 10th grade and are supported through their first years of college. Program components include weekly workshops on a host of academic and social-emotional topics, academic case management, SAT/ACT preparation, assistance with college and financial aid applications, and wraparound supports that help young people succeed. To connect doing well in school to a future career, HWA also exposes participants to different professions through guest presentations, internships, volunteer opportunities, and field trips. Proposed Goals: This career exposure component of our program is what sets HWA apart from other Marin college access programs. The goal is to provide youth with the inspiration – and accompanying personal drive – to access and graduate from college, as well as a vision of themselves as future professionals. Indeed, many of our alumni cite inspiration from HWA's career exploration programming as key to their motivation to persist academically. Nature of Costs and how County Funds will be used: Unfortunately, it is difficult to find financial support for this vital HWA component. Community Service Funds will pay for additional HWA staff time so HWA can deepen existing and create new partnerships with internship/volunteer sites, guest speakers who experienced similar barriers our students face, and professional facilities that host field trips. With your support, we expect 75% of participants will complete an internship by the summer following senior year.

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

Low-income youth and students of color face many barriers meeting the extensive academic prerequisites to pursue professional careers. 2017 CA Dept. of Ed. Marin County data shows that only 17% of Economically-Disadvantaged (ED) and 20% of Latino 11th grade students met or exceeded critical math concepts, and 44% of ED and 46% of Latinos met or exceeded critical English concepts. In 2016, 30% of ED and 37% of Latino high school seniors completed all UC/CSU requirements. 2017 National Student Clearinghouse data shows that only 28% of ED and 27% of Latino students completed college within six years. Yet, the importance of accessing and completing a post-secondary education in our country today cannot be understated. Americans with college degrees earn up to 98%

more per hour than people without a degree and receive many more employment opportunities (“The Upshot,” The New York Times; kidsdata.org). This reality is reflected in Marin’s county-wide workforce data. For example, while Latinos in Marin show a high employment rate overall, the rate of Marin Latinos who are professional officers or managers is far lower than the rate of White, Asian, and African Americans who are officers or managers (racecounts.org). This is one of the reasons racecounts.org ranks Marin County as the “1st Most Racially Disparate County in CA.”

To address this issue, and positively increase economic opportunity for all Marin residents, HWA provides academic services to help participants improve their GPA, prepare for the SAT, complete UC/CSU eligibility requirements, identify financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and transition to and persist in college. Importantly, HWA will also expose youth to a variety of professional careers through field trips, presentations, and internships to motivate participants to envision themselves as professionals and persist academically. With a greater potential for professional economic opportunities, Marin and many more of its citizens will thrive.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2016 - 2017	\$3,000.00	Huckleberry Wellness Academy - Marin
2015 - 2016	\$5,000.00	Huckleberry Wellness Academy - Marin
2014 - 2015	\$10,000.00	Huckleberry Wellness Academy - Marin

List of County funding received for this project or others.

- Marin Office of H&HS, Division of Community Mental Health - \$106,500 for Huckleberry Teen Health Program.
- Marin Office of H&HS, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health - \$32,816 for Huckleberry Teen Health Program.

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				
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other	Miranda Lux Foundation	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Total Sources		\$10,000	\$10,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$15,800		
Services and Supplies		\$4,200		
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$20,000		

