



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

**Application Date** 9/26/18

**Fiscal Year** July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

**Organization Information**

**Full Legal Name:** The Redwoods - A Community of Seniors

**Organization URL:** www.theredwoods.org

**Mission/purpose of your organization:**

In 1972, The Redwoods--a 10-acre, non-profit retirement community in Mill Valley--opened to meet the need for quality residential care for seniors, particularly those with low and moderate incomes. Our mission is to promote good health, well-being and security to a diverse group of seniors.

We were named a "model facility" by LeadingAge, the top education, research and aging services organization. We won the Marin IJ Reader's Choice Award for Best Retirement Community 2017 and 2018, and Pacific Sun's "Best of Marin" award for Best Senior Living Facility 2014-2018.

We offer 4 levels of care for 340 seniors: Independent Living, Residential Living with Services, Assisted Living with Personalized Care, and Skilled Nursing. We provide a full spectrum of programs to enhance our residents' health and well-being, including fitness classes, discussion groups, gardening, lectures, music groups, an art studio and sight-seeing and cultural excursions.

**Grant Request Information**

**Program/Project Name:** The Redwoods Hospice Center

**Summary of how County funds would be used for project:**

The funds will be used to convert one of the existing rooms in our skilled nursing unit into a private, hospice-specific room with a soothing environment where family and friends can have quality time together, and where 24-hour care is provided.

**Amount Requested Dollar:** The funds will be used to convert one of the existing rooms in our skilled nursing

**Total Project Cost:** \$180,000.00

**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.**

The Redwoods would like to create the first Hospice Center in Marin County. The need for hospice services is well established and there are several quality providers of at-home hospice service in Marin, but not inpatient hospice centers. The intent of The Redwoods Hospice Center is to provide compassionate care for men and women that is dignified, respectful, and non-judgmental in a setting that allows them, their family and loved ones the opportunity to focus on each other, rather than issues related to intensive 24-hour caregiving. Hospice centers exist in San Francisco and many markets across the country. The challenge for many is to affordably provide the oversight, management, meals and services. Fortunately The Redwoods has all the infrastructure built in. Further, the residents of The Redwoods have already independently established a "Vigiling" program. The fit with The Redwoods' long-standing commitment to providing affordable care for seniors is a good and strong one. The conversion of some shared skilled nursing rooms to private, single hospice rooms will allow us to provide care to those who do not wish to pass on at home or in a hospital. Each room will have a private bathroom and soothing environment, and include a sitting area for visiting family and friends. The Redwoods will partner with licensed, Medicare-certified providers to ensure participants get all the covered services and amenities available. Approximately ten rooms in our skilled nursing facility will be converted to private hospice-specific rooms at an estimated cost of \$15,000-\$18,000 per room. A \$10,000 grant from the County of Marin will fund more than half of one of the room conversions. The conversion will involve updating bathrooms, electrical and lighting, cable for TV and internet, new paint and furniture, including a bed with nightstand, over-bed table, sitting area, draperies, carpet and appropriate artwork to create a calm, peaceful, quiet and supportive environment.

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

The creation of The Redwoods Hospice Center at The Redwoods Senior Community in Mill Valley will offer seniors with hospice-eligible diagnoses from all over Marin County an appropriate environment for end-of-life care. There are many at-home hospice care services available, yet many seniors with a hospice diagnosis do not wish to pass on at home for various reasons, including the difficulties encountered in managing their medical and physical needs, as well as stress put on family members who must perform intensive caretaking tasks that take their energy away from the quality time they need with their loved one during their last days. The Redwoods Senior Community is Medicare-certified and has all the infrastructure already in place to care for the dying. Individuals needing hospice care will be able to live in a community where all of their medical needs and physical and emotional requirements are met by well-trained experts in the care of the elderly who are already employed in our skilled nursing facility. They will have round-the-clock care by registered nurses and certified nursing assistants, as well as emotional and spiritual support by staff social workers and chaplains as well as grief support for family members after the death of their loved one. Our dining services will provide nutritious meals either in the dining room or in their private room, as well as meals for the family during their visits. As the first inpatient hospice facility in Marin County, The Redwoods Hospice Center will offer a model of compassionate end-of-life care to the community as a whole.

**The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:**

Year	Amount	Project
2017 - 2018	\$5,000.00	Emergency generators
2016 - 2017		
2015 - 2016		

**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	Carl and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation	\$10,000	\$0	Grant proposal submitted, pending approval.
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other	Capital reserves	\$134,000	\$0	This will supplement grant funding.
<b>Total Sources</b>		\$144,000	\$0	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs				
Services and Supplies				
Capital		\$134,000	\$0	
Other				
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$134,000	\$0	

