



# County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date 9/30/2019

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

## Organization Information

**Full Legal Name:** Hamilton K-8 School

**Organization URL:** hamilton.nusd.org

**Mission/purpose of your organization:**

The vision at Hamilton School is to be a place where ALL students have the opportunity to reach their full potential. A school where diversity is celebrated, growth mind set is embraced and opportunities for high academic achievement are available for everyone. In order for this to happen, the community, the parents, and the school need to come together to provide these opportunities for our students. This cannot be accomplished in the approximately 30 hours a week our students are in the classroom. There is a huge opportunity gap that has led to an even larger achievement gap. Our students need programs that will build on skills they are learning in the classroom, create discipline, perseverance, and a growth mindset through opportunities like Chess, Scholars, Athletics, SummerHawks, etc. in order to be successful in high school.

## Grant Request Information

**Program/Project Name:** Mentor Program expansion

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

County funds would be used to expand our Mentor Program. We have outgrown the one classroom with over 120 mentorships meeting weekly. We need to purchase furniture, art supplies, games, snacks, etc. to furnish the new center.

**Amount Requested Dollar:** County funds would be used to expand our Mentor Program. We have outgrown

**Total Project Cost:** \$17,410.00

**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 Mentor Hamilton program was started six years ago in order to match our students at Hamilton with an adult to can come alongside them and be a source of support and encouragement in their life. Their role is not academic. We don't want our mentors to be another person in their life that is asking them to do something. We want them to be someone that makes them feel good about who they are and encourages them to be the best version of themselves. The hope is that our mentors will create a strong bond with their mentee while they are at Hamilton and then will stay with them as they enter highschool and into a college or career. The mentor relationship is something that every student with a mentor looks forward to. We have over 50 students on our waitlist and need to have room for more mentors. We have grown substantially and now have over 120 caring adults coming to Hamilton every week to meet with their mentee. We would like to grow the Mentor program this year to 150 mentors so that we can take 30 of our students off the waitlist. As the mentoring occurs at lunch and after school, the mentor center is often packed with mentorships. Many of our older mentees need a space to have conversations with their mentors. For all of these reasons the mentor center needs to expand and has taken over the adjacent portable. We now need to furnish the center with cubbies, desks, kitchen equipment, couches, chairs, tables, games, art supplies, snacks etc. to make it a great place for our mentorships to thrive. The mentor program has changed the culture of Hamilton School.

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

According to MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, children at risk who had a mentor were: 55% more likely to graduate from college and enroll in college, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip class, and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions.

Youth who had a mentor also showed a better attitude towards school. Regular meetings between mentor and student saw that youth were: 46% less likely to use drugs, 27% less likely to drink, and 81% more likely to participate in extracurricular activities.

The Mentor program at Hamilton School is in its 6th year. We have seen a huge shift in the student body. With over 120 of our students mentoring weekly (1/5th of the school), our students are feeling heard, loved, are more confident, more engaged, and trying new things. Our first group of mentors are graduating from high school at significantly higher rates.

As you can imagine, all of this hugely effects all of us in Marin County. The majority of our students at Hamilton School are living in poverty and our students don't have the same opportunities as their privileged peers. When we say privileged, it doesn't necessarily mean money. It means, two parents at home, at least one college educated parent or someone that acknowledges how important a good education is. It means someone to read to them when they are little and to create an academic environment that fosters learning when they are older. It means encouraging them to work hard, put down the phone, the iPad, or the computer and hand out consequences if they don't. It means having the ability to participate in GRIT building through extracurricular activities that teach them a growth mindset towards learning in the classroom. It means holding them accountable and not feeling sorry for them but seeing strength in them and encouraging that strength. Having a mentor in the lives of these kids can be life changing for the student, their family, and the community.

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

Year	Amount	Project
2018 - 2019	\$15,000.00	SummerHawks, SummerAlgebra, Chess, Scholars Program
2017 - 2018	\$5,000.00	After School Athletics
2016 - 2017		

**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		\$10,000	\$0	
Federal Grant			\$0	
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$17,410	\$0	
Other Local Agencies			\$0	
In kind services		\$0	\$0	
Other				
<b>Total Sources</b>		<b>\$27,410</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs				
Services and Supplies		\$8,410	\$2,400	
Capital		\$9,000	\$0	
Other		\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$17,410</b>	<b>\$2,400</b>	

