



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 30, 2019

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Marin Symphony Association

Organization URL: www.marinsymphony.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

The Marin Symphony's mission is to enrich, educate, and transform lives through classical music.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Symphony Day

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

Funding from the County of Marin would cover a portion of the production expenses for our annual fourth-grade field trip event. Expenses include rental of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium; musician fees; and financial aid for schools.

Amount Requested Dollar: Funding from the County of Marin would cover a portion of the production expens

Total Project Cost: \$40,000.00

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 Marin Symphony requests a grant of \$10,000 from the County of Marin in support of our fourth annual Symphony Day on March 9, 2020. Symphony Day invites all of Marin County's fourth-grade classrooms to enjoy an orchestral performance designed just for them, free of charge. This event has become a cornerstone of the Marin Symphony's mission to inspire children and families through classical music.

Since its inaugural performance on January 27, 2017, Symphony Day has brought music to over 6,000 fourth-grade students, teachers, and parents. These performances educate listeners about classical music and inspire curiosity about the workings within an orchestra. Marin Symphony provides materials on a variety of educational topics ranging from music history, concert etiquette, and active listening, which teachers apply in their classrooms prior to the visit. Enrollment numbers have consistently grown each year, and we expect the 2020 event to bring nearly 3,000 students into the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

Symphony Day has an estimated budget of \$40,000, which includes facility fees associated with rental of the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium and contracting of our full roster of 75-85 musicians over multiple days and rehearsals. With the help of Marin County Office of Education, we also grant financial aid to cover transportation costs of schools that demonstrate need. Symphony Day requires significant artistic personnel and administrative resources: artistic programming, compilation of education materials, and communication to schools and teachers about enrollment commence nine months in advance and continues up to the day of the performance. The County's support would help us continue this valuable and growing program, which provides music education to all of Marin's fourth-grade students.

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

Ensuring access to music for everyone in the county plays a large role in the Marin Symphony's overall mission. In the last five years, the Symphony's in-school programs have built in yearlong opportunities for students, teachers, and schools in Marin County to engage with music in meaningful and enriching ways. Symphony Day guarantees a high-quality educational opportunity across county schools and makes learning through music possible and available to all of Marin's students and teachers. To enhance the learning experience, we provide teachers with pre-concert classroom tools that they can fold into their curriculum to introduce the students to the music and its history, and the concertgoing experience.

Through Symphony Day, we are proud to leverage our artistic resources to assist in efforts to realize educational, cultural, and experiential equity in Marin. Among our institutional supporters is the Marin County Office of Education, which endorses the event and helps the Marin Symphony administer financial aid to schools that would not be able to afford transportation on their own.

Feedback from the first three years has been overwhelmingly positive, with teachers expressing that this program bridges an arts enrichment gap in the curriculum. Students have written to describe how their imaginations and emotions were activated by the music on the stage, and to express deep admiration of the dedication and talent of the professional musicians and featured young performers from the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra. This early exposure engages greater interest in music at a critical age, when many students will soon move on to the fifth grade, where music is offered as an elective.

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	County of Marin	\$10,000	\$0	
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions	Allocations from Annual Fund	\$15,000	\$0	
Other Local Agencies	Local Foundations & Rotaries	\$15,000	\$0	<i>Ongoing support from private fdn's & Rotary clubs</i>
In kind services				
Other				
Total Sources		\$40,000	\$0	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$14,000	\$0	<i>Conductor (artistic); Education director (admin)</i>
Services and Supplies		\$24,500	\$0	<i>Orchestra; rent; tech crew; staging; materials</i>
Capital				
Other		\$1,500	\$0	<i>Financial Aid to schools in need</i>
Total Expenses		\$40,000	\$0	