



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

Application Date 03-31-2020

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Bolinas Stinson Summer Camp

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

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Our mission is to provide the children of West Marin and beyond with unforgettable camp experiences, affecting them positively throughout their lives and strengthening the communities in which we live. For nearly 30 years, Bolinas Stinson Summer Camp (BSSC) has offered outstanding summer camp experiences that emphasize exploring the marvels of West Marin and deepen the appreciation of local and visiting youths for the natural world. Former campers have become advocates and teachers themselves, inspiring new generations of young people in outdoor adventuring and science learning. Bridging economic and social divides, camp attracts as much as 80% of the local school-age population who look forward every summer to kayaking, hiking, swimming, learning, backpacking, and making new friends. The end result is a cross-generational community connection bound by the natural beauty and cultural heritage of our home and extending across all areas of our lives in West Marin.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Exploring West Marin’s Wildest Jobs & Careers

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

Funds will support a new workforce exploration initiative designed to introduce West Marin young adults to jobs and careers in science and science education by combining mentorship with facilitated connections to local professionals.

Amount Requested Dollar: Funds will support a new workforce exploration initiative designed to introduce W

Total Project Cost: \$4,000.00

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.

At BSSC we are especially proud of our counselors—former campers who are deeply connected to West Marin and who have become positive year-round role models in our community. BSSC is often our counselors’ first job, and their mentorship is as much a part of our work as our camper programming. We know these young adults seek to explore a variety of career experiences, which can be difficult to find in our rural setting. The proposed initiative promotes exploration and understanding of viable careers in West Marin through connections with local science, education, and outdoor recreation professionals.

Professionals and individuals with expertise in subjects such as marine biology, outdoor education and guiding, climatology, and wilderness medicine will serve as resources regarding pathways to work, resume-building, and other job-related queries. Themes addressed during the retreat will be carried into the summer camp sessions—staff mentors will continue to address job and career-building skills with counselors, and we will ensure that all visiting instructors (these include wildlife artists, ornithologists, park rangers, organic farmers, teachers, mountaineers, and ecologists) will be able to share their own pathways with counselors at every opportunity.

Funds will be used to support counselor stipends and material costs for a two-day retreat at Volunteer Canyon Ranch that focuses on employment opportunities and job readiness. Personnel costs total \$3,190, including a \$125-per-day stipend for each of ten counselors, and food and lodging will cost \$810. The remainder of our funds will support ongoing mentorship efforts throughout the summer season.

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

During the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, the power of cross-generational community connection has

become vividly evident; the proposed initiative will help to strengthen these connections further. Our program will bring generations together, allowing youths and adults to work with and learn from each other, and encourage a generation of caring, engaged, and cognizant individuals who are soon to join the professional workforce.

Our ten counselors will benefit directly from this workforce development initiative. We provide the opportunity to develop communication, interpersonal, and outdoor technical skills and introduce participants to potential role-models who will act as mentors during the summer season. One outcome we expect to see is responsible, passionate, and engaged counselors. These young adults will, in turn, share their passions and knowledge with the 60+ campers in their care. As local youths become more connected to West Marin, they are also more likely to seek further engagement with their community and the natural world, spreading inspiration and motivation as they grow and explore. Finally, the cross-generational connections that develop among the mentors, counselors, and campers will play a crucial role in strengthening the fabric of the West Marin community at large.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2018 - 2019	\$2,000.00	West Marin Science Fellows
2017 - 2018		
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	Community Service Fund	\$2,000	\$0	
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$300	\$0	<i>Donor fundraising drives scheduled for May 2020</i>
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services		\$500	\$500	<i>Contribute time from biologists and educators</i>
Other				
Total Sources		\$2,800	\$500	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$3,190	\$0	
Services and Supplies		\$810	\$0	
Capital				
Other		\$0		
Total Expenses		\$4,000	\$0	