



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date February 25, 2020

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Playworks Education Energized

Organization URL: www.playworks.org/northern-california

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Playworks' mission is to improve the health and well-being of children by increasing opportunities for physical activity and safe, meaningful play.

For over 20 years, Playworks has given kids foundational skills for success on the playground, in the classroom, and in the community. We are the leading organization that leverages play to promote healthy behaviors and increase social and emotional learning, at recess and throughout the school day. Last school year alone, Playworks ensured more than one million children in over 2,000 elementary schools across the country experienced safe and healthy play, including 107,929 children in 122 Northern California elementary schools.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Playworks Coach

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

Playworks requests funds for our partnership with Venetia Valley school in San Rafael. Our Coach program provides a full time, on site Coach focused on improving the health and wellbeing and developing the social/emotional skills of students.

Amount Requested Dollar: Playworks requests funds for our partnership with Venetia Valley school in San R

Total Project Cost: \$57,018.00

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.

Every child deserves to feel safe and supported at school. Unfortunately, a lack of safety in some schools interferes with our children's healthy development and ability to learn. Since October 2017, over 3,500 schools have participated in Playworks' online survey about recess. More than 60% of respondents did not meet the minimal requirements for safety, reporting regular conflicts that led to office referrals, verbal arguments, and/or physical confrontations. A Corte Madera first grade teacher notes: "We are having so much conflict with games and cutting in line and running in hallways. Kids are playing in bathrooms, complaining of hurt feelings, etc. It is taking so much class time to resolve these conflicts".

This school year we are partnering with Venetia Valley School by providing a full time Playworks Coach who facilitates safe and healthy play every day for Venetia Valley's 727 students. Every day our Coach facilitates up to 30-45 minutes of healthy play and physical activity for each student (recess) while simultaneously teaching social emotional skills. Playworks also runs a Junior Coach youth leadership program that supports older students leading during recess, promoting play and helping peers resolve conflicts. Results from a 2014-15 independent study carried out through the University of California, Berkeley and funded by Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit Northern California showed that Junior Coaches at Playworks Coach schools had a significant improvement in Social and Emotional Competence.

Funds from the Marin County Community Services Fund Program will be used to cover the cost of this program. The true cost of our Coach program is \$57,018, which includes the cost of the full time staff, in addition to the administrative cost, which includes a robust evaluation component.

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

A 2017 national review of Social and Emotional Learning programs published by the RAND Corporation found that Playworks Coach was one of only seven programs to meet the highest criteria of evidence under federal education law. The report found that Playworks Coach leads to five outcomes directly associated with stronger school climate and safety, including statistically significant impacts on bullying, inclusiveness, student safety, student use of positive language, and student ownership of recess activities. RAND found that Playworks Coach also improves class readiness, on-task behavior, and transitioning from recess to learning. The field of educational research has established that a positive school climate is linked to a host of favorable student outcomes, from attendance to achievement. We anticipate similar results at Venetia Valley School.

In 2015, the American Journal of Public Health released the results of a longitudinal study that rated kindergarteners' chances of success in young adulthood based on their levels of social competency at age five. These competencies, often known as pro-social skills, include skills such as the ability to share materials, resolve peer problems, cooperate, and listen. The study found that a higher rating for social competency in kindergarten was significantly associated with all four outcomes studied: graduating from high school on-time, completing a college degree, obtaining stable employment in young adulthood, and being employed full time in young adulthood. For every one-point increase in a student's social competency score, he or she was twice as likely to graduate from college and 46 percent more likely to have a full time job by the age of 25. Early pro-social skills also were significantly predictive of lack of any involvement with police before adulthood.

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		\$5,020		
Federal Grant		\$0	\$14,498	<i>Americorps funding via California Volunteers</i>
State Grant		\$0	\$0	
Individual Contributions		\$0	\$0	
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other	Venetia Valley		\$37,500	<i>School fees that cover portion of cost</i>
Total Sources		\$5,020	\$51,998	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$47,325	\$33,128	
Services and Supplies		\$0	\$0	
Capital		\$0		
Other		\$9,693	\$6,785	<i>Infrastructure, including IT, Finance, HR, etc</i>
Total Expenses		\$57,018	\$39,913	