



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 28,2020

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: RISE Scholars, Inc.

Organization URL: www.riseforthekids.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

It is RISE Scholars' mission to help Hamilton School students realize their full potential by providing an array of thoughtful and targeted enrichment opportunities supporting personal and academic growth through the encouragement of a growth mindset, a positive attitude, and achievement.

A year ago we (the group of volunteers at Hamilton School) realized that we needed to incorporate and apply for 501(c)3 status in order to provide the most effective help to the students at Hamilton School. We incorporated in October of 2019 and were awarded 501(c)3 status in March of this year. We created a 100% volunteer board as a continuation of our group of leaders at Hamilton. Our goal is to provide opportunity in the most efficient and effective manner at Hamilton School through High School. Currently, we have no plan to take on any administrative costs to make this happen, other than possibly a part time bookkeeper.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Hamilton Chess Program

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

We will use County funds to supplement individual contributions to support our Chess program.

Amount Requested Dollar: We will use County funds to supplement individual contributions to support our C

Total Project Cost: \$50,000.00

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.

Hamilton Chess Program: Three years ago we started a chess program for our 4th and 5th grade students. Last year we opened it up to 2nd-8th graders. Our chess program was incredibly successful. Prior to the pandemic over 150 students a week attended class. We were able to hire a Woman's Grand Master from Ecuador as a chess coach. When the pandemic hit in March, we started offering our chess program online. We continued this through the summer. Because school has started remotely, we decided to continue to offer Chess every day after school.

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

The students at Hamilton are predominantly low income and have been severely effected by the pandemic. School is at home and the students have minimal to no enrichment. Having Chess every day after school has been a source of comfort to the students. We have a competitive or advanced group, a beginners group, as well as an intermediate group. We have two classes per day every day after school currently. If we are allowed to go back on campus, we will. However, for now, we need to pay for the Chess Coach and expenses related to the program.

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		\$10,000	\$0	
Federal Grant		\$0		
State Grant		\$0		
Individual Contributions		\$50,000	\$30,000	
Other Local Agencies		\$10,000	\$0	
In kind services				
Other				
Total Sources		\$70,000	\$30,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$45,000		
Services and Supplies		\$5,000	\$0	
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$50,000	\$0	