



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 30, 2020

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Slide Ranch

Organization URL: www.slideranch.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

The mission of Slide Ranch is to connect children to nature. We cultivate healthy bodies and minds and foster future generations of environmental stewards. By farming, cooking, caring for animals and exploring wilderness and the coast, we teach people of all ages to see the connection between their own health, a healthy food system and a healthy environment.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Outdoor Classroom for Title 1 Schools

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

Funds will be used to provide scholarships for title 1 schools in San Rafael, Marin City and West Marin to visit Slide Ranch to experience the outdoors hands on. Virtual components will be available for schools who can't visit due to Cover 19.

Amount Requested Dollar: Funds will be used to provide scholarships for title 1 schools in San Rafael, Marin

Total Project Cost: \$37,000.00

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 project will serve primarily low-income students of color, grades K-8 from public schools in Marin City, San Rafael and West Marin. A large majority of the student population are eligible for Federal Free- and Reduced-Lunch programs, a signifier of family income and financial status. Many of these youth have never visited a national park, nor spent significant time outside their urban neighborhoods. Research has shown that in some cases, youth in parts of Marin have never visited their local national parks, this program will change that.

Hands-on activities are geared to the age level and interests of each group. Students will discover their connection to the land and animals and learn valuable lessons in environmental stewardship. The curriculum includes a garden-based project that includes the planting of seedlings and harvesting of fresh vegetables, a cooking project in an outdoor kitchen, incorporating foods harvested from the ranch and tracing their meal from farm to fork. Participants will have the opportunity to milk a goat and learn about the roles of goats and sheep in producing food and fiber. To ensure an impactful experience, Slide Ranch's education programs will be taught in small- group sizes of 8 students, with each group led by a Slide Ranch teacher, who lives on site. Through hands-on learning, cooperative teamwork, and physical, multi-sensory activity, participants will develop a stronger sense of self, respect for the natural environment, and tools with which to make choices about healthy food and healthy living.

The costs for this program are staff to guide and coordinate the visits and materials provided during the visit.

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

As Slide Ranch celebrates our 50th anniversary this year, being a champion for children, advocating for the health, safety and educational success of the youth are all part of our core mission to get more kids out into nature. During these challenging times, access to nature and green spaces has been proven to have positive impacts on mental health. Youth from title 1 schools are facing increased insecurity in many aspects (food, shelter), and our goal is provide them with moments of joy they can hold on to. We have also found that after a visit to Slide Ranch, many youth encourage their families to get outside, explore local parks and green spaces and bringing the joy they experienced back to their home.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$4,000.00	School & Community Program
2018 - 2019	\$5,000.00	School & Community Program
2017 - 2018	\$3,000.00	Equitable Access

List of County funding received for this project or others.

Measure A - \$10,000

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				
Federal Grant				
State Grant	National Park Services	\$25,000	\$0	<i>cost share grant - will receive funds in 2021</i>
Individual Contributions		\$0	\$0	<i>Year end appeal</i>
Other Local Agencies	Marin Charitable	\$3,000	\$0	<i>Will know in December</i>
In kind services				
Other				
Total Sources		\$28,000	\$0	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$25,000	\$0	
Services and Supplies		\$13,000		
Capital		\$0		
Other				
Total Expenses		\$38,000	\$0	