



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

**Application Date** 09/20/20

**Fiscal Year** July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

**Organization Information**

**Full Legal Name:** SurfWorks

**Organization URL:** www.surfworks.org

**Mission/purpose of your organization:**

Surfworks is a free summer camp that teaches underprivileged youth how to surf and protect the environment. We aim to spread a gratitude, awareness, and love of the ocean to kids who normally would not have the opportunity. Through surfing, we foster a love for the ocean and through educational activities and lessons, we teach the children their potential in helping create environmental sustainability in their community. We are a 100% volunteer organization run by Marin Country High School students. Our primary goal is for the campers to leave SurfWorks with a purpose to help the environment, a new love for the ocean and the confidence that despite their socioeconomic status, they are a vital part in helping reverse climate change. The ocean belongs to all of us and through this program we work to share it and protect it for future generation.

**Grant Request Information**

**Program/Project Name:** SurfWorks summer 2020 camps

**Summary of how County funds would be used for project:**

We are an all volunteer organization. Our costs include; Van transportation for campers, reusable water bottles, educational booklets, sunscreen, snacks, supplies.

**Amount Requested Dollar:** We are an all volunteer organization. Our costs include; Van transportation for ca

**Total Project Cost:** \$5,000.00

**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.**

As mentioned above, SurfWorks is an all volunteer organization, so we don't have any labor costs. We do have expenses which I mention below. SurfWorks' main goal is for the campers to leave with deeper connection with the ocean, understanding of climate change, and confidence in themselves as environmental advocates and athletes.

SurfWorks is in its 7th year. It was created by four high school students who wanted to spread their love for surfing and the environment to youth who would not otherwise have the opportunity. It has continued to be run by high school students and has been incredibly successful. Every year we have a waitlist of students who want to participate. We also usually have a waitlist of volunteers! We have been written up in the Marin IJ twice and have partnered with Surfrider, Parkside Cafe, and LiveWater Surf Shop to create a meaningful experience for these students.

A large part of our expenses is the van transportation, including renting the van and gas, which is essential to transport the students to and from Novato, San Rafael, and Stinson. We purchase camp shirts that are worn over their wetsuits as they provide us the ability to know at all times who that campers and counselors are. The students love the shirts. Furthermore, we need to buy lunches for twelve campers and ten instructors. This year we will need to buy a few replacement surfboards and wetsuits, which will add to the cost. In addition, we spend some money on creating an environmental curriculum and games that will have a lasting effect on the campers. We also purchase snacks, create photos, and other take home reminders for the students and counselors.

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

The community would be positively affected by our proposed project because we are teaching our future generation to take action and create an environmentally sustainable community. By running SurfWorks, we are benefitting the campers, the leaders, the environment, Marin County and future generations. When the campers leave SurfWorks, our hope is that they are inspired to help reverse climate change starting with themselves and ultimately impacting the larger community. With the tools we teach them during camp, we equip campers with ideas to help reduce their individual and family carbon footprint. Because most of these kids come from either Hamilton,

San Pedro, or Bahia Vista, we also hope to improve those schools by educating their students on environmental issues and encouraging them to apply and share what they have learned at camp to their home and school. In addition, the students in our camp are from low socioeconomic families and are almost always unable to participate in camps like this. We are giving these kids the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the ocean. They leave the camp feeling more confident in themselves and excited to try new things. Once a week we do a beach clean up at Stinson Beach. On average, we collect around 15 full bags in one day. The campers often see the mass amount of trash we collect and are shocked that the beach could contain that much trash. It helps them see the effect humans have on the environment, their ability to help, and the extremity of pollution and climate change. Lastly, every student is paired with a Marin County High School volunteer counselor. That counselor is with the student all week. Our campers thrive from this one on one attention from some of these older students. Our counselors also benefit from participating and often leave feeling very grateful for the time spent with a younger child that hasn't had all of the privileges that they have received.

**The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:**

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$10,000.00	County of Marin Community Service Fund Program
2018 - 2019	\$0.00	
2017 - 2018	\$0.00	

**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 grant	\$5,000		
Federal Grant		\$0		
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$0	\$0	
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services			\$0	
Other				
<b>Total Sources</b>		\$5,000	\$0	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$0	\$0	
Services and Supplies		\$5,000	\$0	
Capital				
Other				
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$5,000	\$0	