



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: The Beat Within a program of Intersection for the Arts

Organization URL: www.thebeatwithin.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

For 24 years, The Beat Within has been committed to its mission, to provide incarcerated youth & adults with a forum where they can write about the things that matter to them, explore how they have lost connection with those things they value, and consider how they might re-connect to positive situations in their lives through the power of written word and visual art. TBW’s primary commitment is to provide detained youth with a weekly writing, art and conversation workshop that provides them with a safe space to share their ideas and experiences while promoting literacy, expression, critical thinking skills, and supportive relationships with the community. TBW has restructured programming in the face of COVID-19 to provide CONSISTENT workshops virtually during these unprecedented times. TBW drops off snack incentives with the weekly magazines to draw youth into the virtual programming. While not ideal, the weekly workshops are truly a keystone for many incarcerated youth at this time.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: The Beat Within is a program of Intersection For The Arts

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

All funds will be used to provide virtual/in-person writing and conversation workshops at Marin County Juvenile Hall and to type, edit, respond and publish the Marin section of the bi-weekly magazine. All programs are currently run virtually.

Amount Requested Dollar: All funds will be used to provide virtual/in-person writing and conversation

Total Project Cost: \$35,500.00

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.

TBW provides incarcerated youth at the Marin County Juvenile Hall with the unique opportunity to reflect and write in a safe space that encourages self-expression and critical thinking. Each week (50 weeks a year), paid and volunteer facilitators hold one-hour workshops for all youth in Marin County. Currently, during the distance learning mandates, TBW operates virtual workshops every week for the total population of boys and girls. Every other week, TBW delivers the latest edition of The Beat Within (70 page) magazine, one for each youth in Marin County.

Each week, TBW virtual instructors provides the youth with a set of topics (in English and Spanish) to invite and encourage their perspectives on personal, civic and ethical issues. During the hour, participants write and the adult facilitators provide feedback and help with the writing process as well as with the stories youth have to tell.

TBW staff then transcribes all hand-written pieces, reviews content, responds to each individual piece and submit selected writing to print in the 70+ page, bi-monthly publication. By sharing their pains, memories, mistakes, and hopes, we know they can help to inform the system and teach the community outside about the root causes of juvenile delinquency. The need for the kind of service TBW provides is dire especially during this time of isolation brought on by the Pandemic.

Funds will be used to provide direct programming to incarcerated youth in Marin County Juvenile Hall, to cover the costs of the workshops, workshop materials, and bi-monthly magazine publication costs.

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

Through work at detention facilities and in the community with CBOs and high schools, TBW can guarantee that the

wisdom incarcerated youth have gained and the lessons they have learned resonate throughout the community. We know of no better tool toward achieving this end than the arts. Through 24 years of unique one-of-a-kind programming, TBW has emerged as a pillar in the juvenile justice community. TBW shares the stories of youth from broken families, foster homes, ethnic minority backgrounds, and low-income families who have never had a positive vehicle of self-expression. The workshop format gives youth participants, the freedom to explore language and communication, in a way that gives them ownership and allows them to interact and engage in dialogue with adult facilitators as positive and valued contributors. TBW provides an anchor and life-line to our participants. The families of the youth, the juvenile justice center, the communities where they youth come from and return to, and the county at large benefit from the program.

The price of juvenile incarceration encompasses much more than the money spent by taxpayers to imprison children. The real cost is in the damage done to incarcerated youth, their families and their communities. Through our work in juvenile hall, The Beat Within strives to mitigate this cost, to facilitate the healing that must transpire if these children are to return home with the belief that they can make a positive impact on the lives of their friends, family and community at large. Through work at detention facilities, CBOs and high schools, TBW can guarantee that the wisdom incarcerated youth have gained and the lessons they have learned resonate throughout the community. We know of no better tool toward achieving this end than the arts. The families of the youth, the juvenile justice center, the communities where they youth come from and return to, and the county at large benefit from the program.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$2,500.00	The Beat Within: Marin Program
2018 - 2019	\$5,000.00	The Beat Within: Marin Program
2017 - 2018	\$3,000.00	The Beat Within: Marin Program

List of County funding received for this project or others.

\$7,500 Marin County Probation Department

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	County of Marin Probation Department	\$7,500	\$7,500	<i>Contract Services</i>
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions				
Other Local Agencies	County of Marin Community Service Fund	\$10,000	\$0	<i>Pending</i>
In kind services				
Other	Foundation Support	\$18,000	\$18,000	
Total Sources		\$35,500	\$25,500	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$21,000	\$14,666	<i>Workshops, Printing, Design Etc.</i>
Services and Supplies		\$9,664	\$6,600	<i>Magazine Publication, Snacks, Materials</i>
Capital		\$0	\$0	
Other		\$4,836	\$3,627	<i>Travel, Security, 10% Overhead</i>
Total Expenses		\$35,500	\$24,893	