



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date March 31, 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Marin Theatre Company

Organization URL: www.marintheatre.org

Mission

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Marin Theatre Company (MTC) initiates an ever-expanding engagement between theatre artists and our community through challenging plays and quality educational programs that inspire, educate and encourage empathy. MTC is the American playwrights' home for the development, production and promotion of new plays that tell the stories important to our time. MTC is the premiere North Bay and leading mid-sized theatre in the Bay Area and creates intimate, powerful and emotional experiences that engage audiences to discuss new ideas and adopt a broader world view. We believe in taking risks. We inspire people to participate in live theatre, regardless of personal means. We celebrate and promote the intellectual curiosity of our community and believe that theatre can be an important tool to help build empathy and create change in our world.

Description and quantifying impact of COVID-19 pandemic on your organization or the residents that it serves.

MTC, its patrons, artists, youth and community has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With COVID-19, we went from 24 full-time staff members to eight. This has forced everyone to take on multiple roles. Our annual budget suffered a 60% reduction without live production. MTC's 2020-21 mainstage season was developed to accommodate the new health and safety considerations we find ourselves navigating due to the global pandemic. Due to the uncertainty of when we will be able to host a live audience, we planned an unconventional season from November 2020 through December 2021. Despite the unusual season calendar, MTC remains committed to the best new American plays and will produce three world premiere commissions and two West Coast premieres, with a sixth production TBA. In addition, MTC's arts education programs worked diligently throughout the year to ensure we continue providing a creative outlet for the entire diverse population of Marin County.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Marin Theatre Company's Arts Education Programs

Summary description of your project:

Marin County Service Grant funds will be used to support Marin Theatre Company's arts education personnel, promotional and classroom materials, teaching and professional artist fees, professional development, and COVID-19 mitigations.

Amount Requested Dollar: \$5,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$35,635.00

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.

2020-2021 was an unprecedented school year as a result of COVID-19's impact. MTC has been working diligently to meet the various needs at each school. As school districts have been e-learning this year, teachers are not able to accommodate the time needed for arts education programming. With schools moving to hybrid models, we will begin to reach more schools and students again. In April we will provide a virtual Artists in Residence (AiR) program around the digital world premiere of MTC's Andrew W. Mellon Playwright in Residence Lauren Gunderson's THE CATASTROPHIST with Madrone High School. We will reinstate our usual residencies at schools like Davidson Middle School and Bayside MLK Jr. Academy that had to be canceled due to the pandemic.

MTC's Student Matinee program (SMAT) has had great success engaging students. The digital offerings appeal to teachers as they can be integrated into their lesson plans. To open the season, MTC streamed AMERICAN DREAMS by Leila Buck, a West Coast digital debut in partnership with Working Theater and nine other theatres

across the country. Redefining online theatre, AMERICAN DREAMS invited audiences; and students from San Rafael High School, to participate in the newest game show sensation where they decide who wins the ultimate prize: citizenship to “the greatest nation on earth.” For THE CATASTROPHIST there are 11 confirmed schools, including San Rafael and Marin Oaks High Schools. We are in conversation with an additional four schools to provide SMAT programming. As teachers request, we provide virtual Q&A sessions and community engagement activities.

To accommodate students who are not learning in conventional classroom setting this year, we added a drama conservatory class catering towards independent learners. The course follows CA Visual and Performing Arts Standards for Theatre/Drama for 6-12th graders. In addition, we offered complimentary classes to Performing Stars of Marin students to join MTC’s winter classes.

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

Through the various arts education programming provided by MTC’s Education Department, MTC serves nearly 3,000 youth in Marin County over the course of a season. MTC creates arts-integrated, theatre-based instruction crafted to meet the individual needs of each school. At Davidson Middle School, the Artists in Residency program provides arts education to primarily English language learning students. MTC also offers after-school creative drama enrichment classes at local elementary schools. The teachers at these schools, at least 15, learn valuable lessons in using theatre education tools, which they may integrate throughout their lesson plans. MTC strives to train and improve Teaching Artists and staff’s knowledge through professional development opportunities around the Bay Area, as available.

MTC makes a concerted effort to work in both Marin City and the Canal District in San Rafael. Both areas, located within Marin County, are lower income and predominantly communities of color. MTC’s works with the following Marin County schools: Madrone Continuation High School, San Rafael High School, Sir Francis Drake High School, Tam High School, and Marin Oaks High School.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$3,500.00	Arts Education Programs
2018 - 2019	\$2,500.00	Arts Education Programs
2017 - 2018	\$3,500.00	Arts Education Programs

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	MCCSF	\$5,000	\$0	
Federal Grant		\$0	\$0	
State Grant		\$0	\$0	
Individual Contributions	Scholarship Fund	\$5,000	\$0	
Other Local Agencies	Tuition & Ticket Sales	\$500	\$405	
In kind services		\$0	\$0	
Other	Foundations (pro-rated)	\$4,500	\$20,000	
Total Sources		\$15,000	\$20,405	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$33,069	\$3,626	
Services and Supplies		\$2,566	\$15	
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$35,635	\$3,641	