



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date March 30, 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Youth in Arts
Organization URL: www.youthinarts.org

Mission

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Youth in Arts (YIA) is an education nonprofit founded in 1970 by local arts advocates dismayed by diminishing arts resources available for California students. YIA builds visual and performing arts skills through innovative and in-depth programs that foster confidence, compassion and resilience in students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. We develop capacity among educators and teaching artists through intentional support efforts, advocate for equitable access to arts education and offer opportunities for young people to share their creative voices in their communities. Through direct education in school partnerships as well as through meaningful local and national advocacy, our programs change the lives of thousands in- and around San Francisco’s North Bay. YIA insists that access to a creative life is a right for all students.

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

For a small organization like Youth in Arts (YIA) that relies on its school partnerships in service to its mission, the seemingly indefinite closure of schools was a devastating blow. In Spring 2020, COVID-19 closures forced YIA programs online. We designed YIArts.COR (Creative Online Resource) with features essential to quality arts learning: sequential lessons taught by professional artists (pre-recorded or live online); curated links to related artworks (images and videos); and guided student reflections. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted many of the young people directly served by our programs. However, our tenacious response enabled us to expand our reach to communities that need it most during a time of intense community loss. Rather than “returning to normal,” YIA will use new tools to bridge persistent opportunity gaps across class and race in Marin County. Created as a pandemic necessity, YIArts.COR can now be a tool for arts equity.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: San Rafael Social Justice Community Art Project

Summary description of your project:

As part of a community coalition, Youth in Arts will facilitate a public art installation in the Terra Linda neighborhood that amplifies social justice themes and features artists and youth from Marin’s underrepresented BIPOC communities.

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$26,000.00

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 San Rafael Social Justice Community Art Project formed in October 2020 and is comprised of arts and community advocates who live and/or work in the City of San Rafael. Youth in Arts (YIA) is proud to be the lead organizational partner. The group formed to address and respond to public social justice messaging created as a chalk art mural over the Summer of 2020 honoring Breonna Taylor’s life and Black Lives Matter at the intersection of Las Gallinas and Freitas Parkway. In collaboration with YIA, the community coalition is working toward the common goal of creating a publicly sanctioned mural in Arbor Park in Terra Linda, in the same vicinity and theme as the original mural. Orin Carpenter, well known local artist and educator, is the proposed lead artist and collaborator.

The overarching goals of the public art work project are:

*Create a public and positive message to celebrate core social justice themes as a greater community that uplifts and amplifies the Marin-based BIPOC experience

*Co-create with the City of San Rafael an expeditious pilot process for public art approval to catalyze future policy change

*Promote dialogue, healing, and education as a broader community regarding issues of race and diversity

*Engage youth in the creation and response to the art work

YIA and the community group are currently working on project planning, fund development, and awareness building for the project. Mr. Carpenter will work on concepts and the design of the public art piece. Simultaneously, YIA is shaping youth involvement, recruitment, and response to the work and subject matter. The project is targeted to be constructed in June. Family workshops and artist talk-backs will happen at the end of June.

YIA is fully prepared and equipped to integrate virtual or in-person means according to Marin Recovers and CDPH guidelines. Marin County Community Service Funds would directly support the artist's fee, supplies, and teaching artists compensation for this project.

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

Youth in Arts has long been the key advocate and provider of arts education for Marin County's most marginalized students including specifically students of color. YIA continues its work to break down the systems of privilege and systematic oppression by insisting that participation in the creative process for every child can impact an individual's worldview and future opportunity. Equity and access to arts learning are at the center of our work in Marin County. This made YIA an ideal lead organizational partner for the San Rafael Social Justice Community Art Project.

There are 3 distinct areas of public benefit to bringing this public art project to life.

First, creating a social justice-focused art piece is a public representation for community conversation and healing county-wide. Recent studies rank Marin County as the most racially disparate county in the state. Art can unify and set the precedent for on-going commitment to addressing equity. Artist talk-backs and family workshops facilitated in June will invite community engagement and conversation.

Next, this project will directly invite youth as leaders and emerging artists into the work. Organically, YIA is leading the way in partnership with Mr. Carpenter to engage youth voices and experience into the creation process. Progress for equity and social justice is only possible if we engage our youth as leaders; this project will create a canvas for their thoughts, feelings, Marin-experience, and futures.

Finally, in collaboration with the City of San Rafael, this project will forge the path for an expedited and streamlined public art approval process; one that can be replicated in other communities across the county. As Marin's most ethnically diverse city, San Rafael has a responsibility to make sure that public spaces reflect the vibrant fabric of the community. This project calls for a new approval process thereby impacting policy and exemplifying the city's and county's commitment to racial healing.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$9,000.00	YIA Cre8tes: Virtual Arts Learning for Marin's Families and Students
2018 - 2019		
2017 - 2018		

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	Marin County	\$10,000	\$0	
Federal Grant				
State Grant		\$0		
Individual Contributions	SR Public Art Project Direct Donors	\$10,000	\$1,000	<i>\$1000 committed from Youth in Arts Donors</i>
Other Local Agencies	Kimball Foundation	\$1,000	\$1,000	<i>\$1000 from Youth in Arts Gen. Ops Support Kimball</i>
In kind services				
Other	Peer-to-Peer/Community	\$5,000	\$0	<i>Peer-to-Peer Fund Launching April 2020</i>
Total Sources		\$26,000	\$2,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$17,000	\$0	<i>Mentor Artist Fees; Youth Artist Stipends; YIA Adm</i>
Services and Supplies		\$6,500	\$0	<i>Art Supplies and Materials</i>
Capital		\$0	\$0	
Other		\$2,500	\$0	<i>Community Event Unveiling of Work</i>
Total Expenses		\$26,000	\$0	