



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 30, 2021

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Bridge the Gap College Prep

Organization URL: btgcollegeprep.org

Mission

Mission/purpose of your organization:

The mission of Bridge the Gap College Prep is to provide comprehensive educational, social, and emotional support with the goal that every Marin City child completes high school and graduates college.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Bridge the Gap College Prep High School 2022 Credit Recovery Program

Summary description of your project:

Funds will be used for summer 2022 credit recovery to address pandemic setbacks and will be offered in partnership with Tam High, though also open to other students. We anticipate serving approximately 30+ low-income Marin City 9th-12th graders.

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$58,500.00

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.

COVID-19 & remote learning have been extremely challenging for BTGCP's population of low-income youth, primarily young people-of-color, as well as to different degrees for all students. Schools across the country, including Marin high schools, saw more students failing classes than ever before. To address this, in partnership with Tamalpais Union High School District, BTGCP held our first-ever credit recovery program in summer 2021. Of the 38 students that initially enrolled, 19 were able to recover 38 credits (a total of 190 credits toward graduation), some putting in the work to recover credits for as many as three classes using the Edgenuity platform. BTGCP planned to offer eight weeks of programming, but the in-person offering was cut short at six weeks due to positive Covid-19 testing in the program and community. BTGCP compensated students \$500/class recovered in order to allow them to focus on this rather than having to work to support themselves and their families. Of note, two brothers who have struggled mightily throughout high school with academic and behavioral issues excelled in credit recovery, highly motivated by the financial incentive. One recovered three classes and the other two classes, and they earned As and Bs. BTGCP feels strongly that this incentive is essential to the program's success, and seeks funding to support 20 students at \$500/credit recovered. This expense is NOT covered by Tam High District funds which help to defray the cost of staffing.

Based on summer 2021's programming, we anticipate offering in-person credit recovery programming for eight weeks at our College Prep site in Marin City, likely five days/week from 9 am to 3 pm.

Students will receive nutritious food throughout the day and will benefit from supervision and support from BTGCP staff trained on the Edgenuity platform and able to support students with their assignments and to communicate as needed with school staff and access resources if problems occur.

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

A June 2021 New York Times Education Briefing (<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/23/us/failing-grades-covid.html>) summarizes the widespread issue BTGCP seeks to address for the students served.

Students across the country failed courses at alarming rates during the coronavirus pandemic.... The increase in failing grades is one of the clearest signs of how the pandemic has affected students' education. Experts are particularly concerned about the impact on high school students, who don't have much time left in their academic careers to make up for learning losses.

"One year of bad grades can change the life trajectory of a high school student," said Robin Lake, the director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, a research and advocacy group at the University of Washington Bothell. "Just as important," she added, "a failing grade means the student did not master the course content and will likely struggle for coming years without a lot of extra support."

Experts worry that if schools don't take major steps to re-engage struggling students, helping them make up credits and restoring their confidence, the surge this year in failing grades could lead many to drop out of school, or dim their chances of getting into a selective college.

Research has shown that getting one or two F's in ninth grade significantly decreases a student's chance of graduating.

Through our credit recovery programming, BTGCP will support students in getting/staying on a college track.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2020 - 2021	\$13,500.00	Two grants - Learning Hub and 2021 summer program
2019 - 2020	\$8,500.00	Two grants – Math teachers for 7th-8th math program and Healthy Meals
2018 - 2019	\$8,000.00	Two grants - Math Teacher and \$3,000 Curriculum Development

List of County funding received for this project or others.

BTGCP has not received other County funding for this project. However, we have received:

\$10,000 grant from the Marin County Sheriff's Department for our math intervention

\$10,000 from the 2020-21 Nonprofit Community Partners Fund for our existing High School program - will seek renewal for 2021-22

\$10,000 from the Board of Supervisors for our Learning Hubs in addition to fee-for-service from Marin County Office of Education

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	Supervisors	\$10,000		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions				
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other	Tam Union District	\$48,500		<i>soft commitment</i>
Total Sources		\$58,500		
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$45,000		
Services and Supplies		\$8,500		
Capital				
Other		\$5,000	\$0	
Total Expenses		\$58,500	\$0	