



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: 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.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Regeneration: The Fabrication of the San Rafael Social Justice Community Art Project

Summary description of your project:

Regeneration is the final phase of fabrication and installation of public art in Terra Linda; collaboratively designed by 10 youth artists addressing racism and social justice in our community.

Amount Requested Dollar: \$6,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$32,000.00

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 in Terra Linda.

With County of Marin support, YIA engaged Orin Carpenter, a well known local artist and educator as well as 10 diverse youth artists; many from underrepresented local BIPOC communities. For 6 weeks this summer, the team investigated themes of freedom, justice, and equity in our region. YIA compensated the teens for their work as emerging artists; piloting a job-skills and mentorship program while revealing creative pathways as working artists.

Collaboratively they created 'Regeneration' a multimedia large-scale mural exploring their ideas about racism and social justice through depicted themes of connectedness, humanity, faith, multi-generational traditions, indigenous sovereignty, disrupting systemic oppression, and, as intended, including the name of Breonna Taylor and others. Towering in the back of the surrealist landscape is our Mount Tamalpais, rooting us to our home and community. The piece was presented to the San Rafael City Council on August 16 and was enthusiastically approved to become a semi-permanent structure in Arbor Park.

The project has reached significant milestones through Orin Carpenter's work, the youth-centered process and design, and subsequent council approval. The Marin County Community Service Fund will support the next phase bringing the youth-created design to fruition through fabrication, construction, and final installation of 'Regeneration.' Engineering renderings have been created turning the design into a free-standing triptych while addressing safety, lighting, accessibility, and engagement.

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

The San Rafael Social Justice Public Art project has already illustrated significant community benefit. First, YIA recruited and convened 10 youth emerging artists from across Marin County to collaborate and be mentored by Orin Carpenter. Progress for equity and social justice is only possible if we engage our youth as leaders; 'Regeneration' is a community commitment to our youth that their voices and futures matter in Marin County. Organizationally, YIA is hoping to replicate the success of that mentorship model; complete with compensation and geared toward uplifting the economic opportunity of local BIPOC youth.

As the coalition of community members continue to move this project forward, it is clear that 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 CA. Art can unify and create a space for a collective conversation addressing equity. As an organizational partner, YIA will host artist talk-backs, an online study guide for teachers, an interactive QR code, and talking points regarding the artwork for community engagement. These resources will be offered free to the community.

Finally, in partnership with the City of San Rafael, this project is forging the path for an expedited and streamlined public art approval process; one that can be replicated in other communities across the county. Marin County is a remarkable place rich with diversity but not without layered complexity and the scars of inequitable racial power structures. Bringing 'Regeneration,' to life in Arbor Park exemplifies the city's and county's commitment to racial healing.

A group of concerned community members reached out to their officials in the wake of distress and tension. The result was a youth-centered program and approved proposal for public art displaying their thoughts. Installing 'Regeneration,' is a testament to growth and progress.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2020 - 2021	\$10,000.00	San Rafael Social Justice Public Art Project (Artist, Youth Artist Fees & Supplies)
2019 - 2020	\$9,000.00	YIA Cre8tes: Virtual Arts Learning for marin's Families and Students
2018 - 2019		

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		\$6,000		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$0	\$4,000	\$1000 from YIA; \$3000 from Peer-to-Peer
Other Local Agencies	City of San Rafael	\$0	\$10,000	10k from SR July 2021, support for Construction
In kind services		\$0	\$2,000	Engineering Design
Other	Marin County Community Service Fund	\$0	\$10,000	Mentor Artist Fee, Youth Artist Stipends, Supplies
Total Sources		\$6,000	\$26,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$17,000	\$14,000	Mentor Artist Fees; Youth Artist Stipends; YIA Adm
Services and Supplies		\$4,000	\$4,000	Art Supplies Materials; Engineering Renderings
Capital		\$0	\$0	
Other		\$11,000	\$0	Construction & Installation; Launch Event
Total Expenses		\$32,000	\$18,000	