

## County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

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Request is for Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

**Application Date (public)** Wednesday, March 30, 2022

**Project Number** 35

### Organization Information

**Full Legal Name (public)** Nicasio School Foundation

**Organization URL (public)** <https://www.nicasioschoolfoundation.org/>

### Mission

**What is the mission/purpose of your organization? (Limited to 1000 characters) (public)**

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### Grant Request Information

**Program/Project Name (public)** 10 Week Performing Arts Program for Nicasio Elementary School

**Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public)** This grant would cover the expenses associated with a ten-week performing arts program during the 2021-2022 academic year at Nicasio Elementary School.

**Amount Requested Dollar (public)** 2500

**Total Project Cost (public)** 5000

**Being as specific as possible, describe the proposed project/program and its goal(s). Include implementation plans as related to the COVID 19 pandemic and identify what elements of the project would be paid for using County funds. (Limited to 2000 characters) (public)**

Nicasio School Foundation respectfully requests \$2,500 from the Marin Community Service Grant initiative to fund a 10-week performing arts program at Nicasio Elementary School. The program includes 10 sessions of instruction in each of the school's English Language Arts classes, with a culminating all-school performance during the school's Winter Holiday Program (12/16/22). We use the fantastic program instructor we had last year, Ms. Monica Snell, and have crafted the following budget

around her estimations.

\$2,500 would contribute almost half of the instructor’s salary at two days per week for the 2022-2023 school year. This request represents approximately 43% of the overall program need, as further detailed in the budget section below.

The goal of the program is to increase opportunity and access to the arts for Nicasio’s public elementary students. Without a budget for programs like art (or physical education and language courses), students and parents are left to rely on philanthropy to meet those needs. For this program, our strategy is to hire a qualified instructor and fundraise to close the financial gap.

Funding will cover the following:

10 days of instruction at three hours per week | \$1,200

1 hour of prep per week | \$400

20 hours for set and costume design | \$800

3 hours for the Winter Holiday Program | \$100

We are in the process of requesting additional funds from other philanthropic sources to cover the following expenses:

Materials (including scripts royalties, licenses, sets, props, and costumes) | \$2,100

Miscellaneous (including program printing) | \$400

**List all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it. (Limited to 2000 characters) (public)**

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The school serves 40 students, 38% of whom are Latino/a/x, and 39% of students are eligible for the state’s Free and Reduced Price Meals Program. Most of the children in our school live on the local dairy farms and ranches. Thirty percent of our students require English as a second language instruction and/or special education services.

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**Has your organization received Community Service funds before? (public)**

Yes

**If Yes, please list the total amount received for the past three fiscal years: (public)**

	Amount (\$)	Project
FY 2020-2021	2500	Performing Arts Program
FY 2019-2020	2250	Performing Arts Program
FY 2018-2019		

**Is your organization receiving any other County funding for this project or others? (public)**

**Can you successfully complete your project by June 30, 2021 if you receive less than your requested amount of Community Service funds? (public)**

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. (public)**

	Funding Agency	Funding Requested (\$)	Funding Received (\$)	Notes
County CSF		2500		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions				
Other Local Agencies		2500		
In kind services				
Other				

**Total Funding Requested** \$5000

**Total Funding Received** \$0

**Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.**

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	2500		
Services and Supplies	2500		

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Capital			
Other			

**Total Budgeted Expenses (public)** \$5000

**Total Spent to Date (public)** \$0

This cycle is funded by proceeds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the following questions are necessary to satisfy federal reporting criteria. All applicants are required to respond to these questions for completion of this application, but the responses will not be used in evaluating whether your project will receive Community Service Fund program funds from the County of Marin.

**Has your organization been significantly impacted economically by COVID (such as financial loss due to periods of closure, implementing additional COVID safety precautions, lost fundraising opportunities, or inability to meet payroll, rent or utilities?) (public)**

**If Yes, please provide a specific description of the impacts and quantifying impact where possible. (public)**

A lack of adequate internet service, particularly during the pandemic when local families relied on family cell phones to conduct distance learning, was a top priority for our public elementary classrooms. NSF worked alongside the school to find funding to support this critical educational service.

**Are you serving disadvantaged, minority or low-income residents who have been negatively impacted by COVID? (public)**

**If Yes, please provide a specific description of how the people you serve have been impacted. (public)**

Nicasio School returned to in-person learning in October 2020, but many families opted to keep children at home to continue distance learning. Teachers had to work both in-person and online. They provided extra hours of support after school for a number of children who fell behind during the pandemic, both with online support and in person. Teachers have been using Zoom to teach the children who stayed at home, and it has been a struggle for some to engage virtually due to internet connectivity issues. However, the school and its faculty continued to make a positive impact in the lives of our community members.

**Does your organization have future plans for improvements needed to mitigate the impacts of COVID or to contain its spread? (public)**

**If Yes, please provide a description of your improvement plans with quantifying statements when possible. (public)**

Yes, Nicasio Elementary School follows a detailed Covid safety plan. We are part of the Marin County Schools plan,

published on our website here:

[https://www.nicasioschool.org/images/Nicasio\\_School\\_CS\\_P\\_Aug\\_2021.pdf](https://www.nicasioschool.org/images/Nicasio_School_CS_P_Aug_2021.pdf). Highlights include a multi-disciplinary task force. The task force works under the guidance of the Marin County Public Health Officer.