

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 37

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) Rise Scholars, Inc.

Organization URL (public) www.riseforthekids.org

Mission

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

Rise Scholars was created to provide opportunities exclusively to the students at Hamilton School, a Title One school. The students at Hamilton come primarily from low income homes and do not have the opportunities that the vast majority of their higher income peers in Marin County have. This lack of opportunities has created a very large achievement gap. 80% of our students are not meeting math standards, 67% of our students are not meeting reading standards.

Our mission at RISE Scholars is to empower Hamilton School students to realize their full personal and academic potential by providing them with an array of targeted and thoughtful curricular and co-curricular opportunities that support the development of a growth mindset, a positive attitude, and high achievement.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) SummerHawks

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) SummerHawks is a 5 week academic summer program for our rising 3rd through 8th grade students. The opportunity Gap is most glaring during the summer. SummerHawks is an opportunity to learn and be inspired.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 10000

Total Project Cost (public) 120000

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)

This is our fourth year of SummerHawks and it is more valuable than ever due to the fact that the

majority of our students at Hamilton are below grade level in Math and Reading. We have created a program that is rigorous academically but fun and engaging for the students. It is the perfect balance. This can be corroborated by the fact that as of March 30th we have 125 student applications to be enrolled in SummerHawks. In order to be enrolled they must attend all 5 weeks and sign a contract that they will be engaged and respectful during the entire program.

Because Hamilton School will be under some necessary construction this year (roofing, plumbing, IT), NUSD has provided Lynnwood school to us for this program. We will also need to provide transportation to and from Hamilton School for our students because most of the parents are unable to get them to another school. (Most of our families live walking distance from Hamilton).

We will have approximately 15 students in each class with a lead teacher and one to three teacher aides. This is the model we used last year due to COVID and it was incredibly effective. We tested our students math skills at the beginning and end of the program and on average the students improved over 53% from the first assessment to the ending assessment.

This year we will be integrating our interventional reading program into SummerHawks. This highly successful program has already proven this year to bring 24 2nd grade students up to grade level in a short 6 months, meeting once per week. We expect great results with this program.

As in the past, our program concentrates heavily on math/reading/stem in the morning and then athletics/chess/keys to success/games in the afternoon. We have a strong ethos throughout the program of personal growth through mindset and effort.

As the program costs approximately \$1,000 per student, the county would be helping with this cost if we were to get a grant.

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)

According to a newsletter from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, students who do not engage their mind during the summer lose 2.6 months of mathematical fluency. Students who do not read during the summer lose about the same amount of time in reading fluency. The majority of students at Hamilton School would not have the opportunity to engage their minds over the summer without SummerHawks.

Our students at Hamilton School are not meeting math and reading standards at an alarming rate (80% and 67%). This is a travesty and something that effects the community now and in the future.

The culture is changing at Hamilton with the opportunities being provided by RISE. We have over 100 students per week participating in our Chess program 4 days a week, over 100 students participating in our athletics programs, approximately 25 students participating in our interventional tutoring programs, and what will be over 120 students participating in SummerHawks. In addition to the mentor program, these programs are giving the students the confidence and competence to move forward in their lives and participate positively in school now and in the future.

This is something everyone in the community feels is necessary for the betterment of society.

**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	3000	Chess program
FY 2019-2020		
FY 2018-2019		

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

No

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

Yes

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		10000	0	
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		110000	40000	
Other Local Agencies	School Fuel	20000	10000	
In kind services				
Other				

Total Funding Requested \$140000

Total Funding Received \$50000

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

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	95000	0	
Services and Supplies	35000	0	

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

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$130000

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)

Yes

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

Yes, in that we have been unable to have a fundraiser for two years. It is the main way that we provide funding for our programs.

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

Yes

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

Our students are primarily students of color and come from low income homes. They have been significantly impacted both financially and academically due to COVID. The achievement gap grew during the pandemic as the students at Hamilton did not fare well with remote learning. In addition, the trauma caused by their families loss of jobs etc. takes a toll on the students.

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

No