

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) Thursday, March 31, 2022

Project Number 41

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) San Geronimo Valley Community Center

Organization URL (public) www.sgvcc.org

Mission

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

The San Geronimo Valley Community Center's mission is to foster healthy communities within the San Geronimo Valley and Nicasio by providing an inclusive, diverse, and dynamic center for locally based human services, arts and culture, education, health and wellness, and community building. We serve our constituents throughout a life-time starting with our 0-5 playgroup all the way through our dynamic senior programs. We provide a safety net through services like our food bank, childcare, financial assistance as well as access to culture and community through arts, events, and more. In the last few years the Center has expanded its focus on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and we strive to serve the community of the San Geronimo Valley, Nicasio, and the surrounding areas, from youth to seniors, in the most inclusive and equitable way.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) MarinIt Together

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) This program aims to bring together youth from across the County through shared activities that connect and educate youth from different cultures / communities, creating proximity and breaking down historical segregation that still exists in Marin.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 5000

Total Project Cost (public) 35000

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)

The purpose of this project "MarinIt Together" is to promote togetherness, rather than separation,

making the county accessible, welcoming, and safe for all youth. Through this project, we will engage different communities within the county, and use food, recreation, and fun as a platform for youth-guided discussion and education, with the hope that as they grow into adults, they will be motivated and better equipped to tackle the challenges in our County.

Goal 1

To bring together youth from the San Geronimo Valley and Nicasio, Marin City, San Rafael, and Coastal West Marin through food and outdoor activities, as a platform for togetherness and education to address segregation, racism, and other challenges facing youth and the communities: building bridges between communities and creating West Marin as a safe, welcoming, and diverse place for youth activity.

Goal 1 - Proposed Outcome

Deeper understanding of different cultures, backgrounds, and experiences within Marin. Breaking down years of historical segregation within our communities by building bridges through food, fun, and connection.

Goal 2

Hold youth-led discussions on equity, diversity, and inclusion, and encourage youth activism across Marin's diverse communities.

Goal 2 - Proposed Outcome

Providing a platform for diverse youth to meet and discuss challenges, to grow up with diversity, equity, and inclusion as guiding principles in their lives, and to become change-makers as adults. This goal will be achieved through regular youth forums and collaborative projects.

Goal 3

Maintain long term connections with organization's that serve low-income and racially diverse youth in West Marin and larger Marin County, with a focus on areas that have been historically segregated.

Goal 3 - Proposed Outcome

Formal partnerships with organizations serving low-income and racially diverse youth through shared programming that breaks down the barriers between communities that have been historically segregated.

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)

- Increased offerings for youth activities across the County
- Inspiring leadership and activism for our youth
- Creative avenues for learning about Marin County history and address social inequities that have long created challenges in our community
- Opportunities for culture and community building by involving leaders and mentors from various cultures to share their story through activities, food, and more.
- Part of the larger efforts to create a more diverse, inclusive, equitable, and just community for people of color
- Encourages inter-organizational collaboration
- Encourages activities in open space which promotes HEAL initiatives and earth consciousness.

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	3500	Greenstitch Internship
FY 2019-2020	3000	SGV Historical Society (SGVCC is fiscal agent)
FY 2018-2019	7500	50th Anniversary Celebration

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

Yes

If Yes, please list type of other County funding and amounts: (public)

Community Coalition Grant - \$50,000 per year
 Senior Activities - Division of Aging - \$18,710
 Senior Lunch - Division of Aging - \$9,363
 CDBG Grants - \$15,000 (public service)
 Community Health and Prevention Grant - \$70,479
 Marin First 5 - \$26,910
 Community Response Teams - \$ 60,000 (shared grant with WMCS)

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	County of Marin	5000		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions	Donors	7500	7500	
Other Local Agencies	West Marin Fund	7500	7500	
In kind services	SGVCC Commitment	15000	15000	
Other				

Total Funding Requested \$35000

Total Funding Received

\$15000

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

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	20000	8000	
Services and Supplies	15000	5500	Includes food, transportation, activity costs like tickets, transportation
Capital	0	0	
Other			

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$35000**Total Spent to Date (public)** \$13500

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)

On March 13, 2020 we locked our doors in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and our work shifted drastically. All of our in person programs and services ceased, aside from our food bank which was adapted to a drive-through model. During the shutdown, our team developed a model of outreach and support to provide weekly calls and case management to seniors who we knew relied on our programs, our youth and wellness programs shifted online, and we developed a financial assistance program to address the massive economic impact that the pandemic had on our communities. Throughout the pandemic our organization worked alongside Marin County Public Health to deliver direct response services through our Community Response Team. Our organization coordinated and delivered vaccines, testing, and created a system of communication to offer up-to-date, accurate information about public health and safety. Our organization has been a leader in emergency response and preparedness but the pandemic massively expanded our work in this important area. Additionally our team worked to create robust virtual

and hybrid programs including book club groups, speakers, equity focused conversations, and music, art, and talent shows. Now we focus on reentry, supporting our community in recovering and reengaging. Our team is back to offering 90% of our pre-pandemic programs while also continuing our work in the areas of emergency response, financial assistance, increased food pantry service, and ongoing hybrid programs. Our organization adapted quickly to meet the growing needs of the community and now our organization is larger, more diverse, and complete with expanded services both in-person and online. As such, our organizational capacity has been stretched to meet these demands. Lastly, like so many organization's our team has had to navigate staff members testing positive for Covid (particularly during this last Omicron surge) and these challenges have impacted our bandwidth as well.

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)

Through our food bank and financial assistance programs we provide critical services to low-income and minority individuals. Our services are intended to reach those who cannot access other forms of government assistance and have few barriers.

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

Yes

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

Our team is one of two lead agencies conducting the Community Response Team (CRT) work in West Marin. Through these efforts we host weekly test kit distributions, we have upcoming vaccine booster clinics now that a second booster has been approved, and we coordinate the response across West Marin ensuring equitable access to these life-saving measures. Our team intends to remain involved in this work, activating higher levels of care during surge times and focusing on ongoing communications, coordination, and preparedness throughout.