

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) Monday, March 14, 2022

Project Number 22

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) Southern Marin Community Connection/Multi Disciplinary Team

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

Mission

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

The Southern Marin Community Connection (SMCC) Program/Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) provides coordinating efforts and manages interns who provide culturally responsive home-based counseling (individual and group, family, senior support) and case-management services. The SMCC provides counseling to children from preschool to high school, job readiness support, and substance abuse support. The SMCC/MDT, led by Elberta Eriksson (creator of the Family Functioning Scale (FFS)) works with the people of Marin City, developing essential practices to sustain the culture of nurturance and resilience that is unique to Marin County. The FFS helps practitioners and clients assess individual and family well-being from multiple perspectives and is key in making the idea of “wraparound services” tangible and actionable. The SMCC/MDT works alongside families and individuals to develop and de-stigmatize mental health support, serving low-income communities in need of wraparound social services.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) Southern Marin Community Connection(SMCC)/Multi-Disciplinary Team(MDT)

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) SMCC/MDT manages interns who provide professionally supervised, culturally responsive home-based counseling and case management services using the FFS to assess individual and family well-being from multiple perspectives.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 10000

Total Project Cost (public) 31413

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)

SMCC/MDT will benefit 150 persons from a range of demographics and moderate to extremely low-income households. We have identified, through the input of many projects and professionals who work in South Marin the following: disparities within health care, mental health services, and education; inconsistency of coordination, collaboration, and team building from within and without the community; need for clear roles, boundaries, education, and communication regarding the responsibilities and accountability of service providers; need to establish an information base that describes existing resources, identifies the service providers, and describe the services provided; the need for “authentic” community participation; need for strong, “culturally competent” coordinated services. To the best of our ability, our interns are trained to work effectively with clients despite these challenges. The County funds will be used to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines outlined by the County of Marin.

Each year post-pandemic, the depth, and scope of the challenges become more intense. We had, however, a model that has worked and we need to reinstate it. The success of Operation Give A Damn (OGAD) came from its systemic approach to the delivery of services, rather than a fragmented approach that created silos in service delivery. It encompassed cross-functional collaboration across various multidisciplinary teams. Service delivery included:

Community-based mentoring /education program; Academic support; Sports Program; Job preparation; Emotional and life skills counseling for children and families; Auxiliary support for families; Wrap around services through Multidisciplinary Team and Cross-functional collaboration between multidisciplinary teams.

We utilize both qualitative and quantitative measures including the Family Functioning Scale (FFS) and Mindful Attention Awareness Scale, a clinical measure validated across cultures and age groups.

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)

The Southern Marin Community Connection Project led by Elberta Eriksson manages interns who provide “culturally responsive” home-based counseling and case-management services. We primarily serve low-income families.

Our services include but are not limited to supporting children from preschool to high school, student extracurricular activities, parent engagement and training, case management, therapeutic services for families, individuals and the elderly, substance abuse support, job readiness support, home visitations, and family self-sufficiency. The MDT also holds monthly meetings to discuss strategies for cross-sector collaboration.

The following is a list of issues and development activities that have been identified through the input of many projects, organizations, and professionals who work in Southern Marin:

1. The disparities within health care, mental health services, and education;
2. The inconsistency of coordination, collaboration, and team building from within the community and from without the community;
3. The need for clear roles, boundaries, education, and communication regarding the responsibilities and accountability of service providers;
4. The need to establish an information base that describes existing resources identifies the service providers, and describes the services that are provided;
5. The need for “authentic” community participation;
6. The need for strong, “culturally competent” coordinated services.

Since its inception, MDT has worked to keep these insights foremost, and to alleviate the conditions that lead to disparities.

The FFS grew out of Elberta Erkiesson’s work with Operation Give A Damn (OGAD), in addition to her profession as a licensed mental health service provider. In the absence of robust wrap-around programs such as OGAD, the SMCC/MDT program, with the use of the FFS by pre-clinicians at BMLK and in the community, helps to close the gap between the need and our ability to meet local mental health support needs.

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

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		0		
Federal Grant		10000	0	
State Grant		0		
Individual Contributions		0		
Other Local Agencies		0		
In kind services		0		
Other		0		

Total Funding Requested \$10000

Total Funding Received \$0

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

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	37800	0	
Services and Supplies	31213	0	
Capital	0	0	
Other	5987	0	

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$75000

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)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have not been able to meet groups in person to raise awareness of our services and raise funds.

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)

The pandemic has enhanced the need for more support as it caused a crisis in the lives of our community and MDT is facing an increasingly complex client need due to COVID-19. Our organization has faced an increase in services, engagement, and intervention due to loss of income and the social-emotional isolation imposed due to lockdowns and quarantine. The issues of domestic violence, drug use, and suicide existed in the community however the pandemic only exacerbated them. There is a much higher need for support than what we can offer with current resources.

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

No