

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, February 17, 2022

Project Number 7

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) The Redwoods, A Community of Seniors

Organization URL (public) www.theredwoods.org

Mission

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

The Redwoods is a 10-acre, non-profit retirement community located in Mill Valley. It opened in 1972 to meet the need in Marin County for affordable, quality residential care for seniors, particularly those with low and moderate incomes. Our mission is to promote good health, well-being and security to a diverse group of seniors. We work to transform attitudes and practices so that aging is recognized as a dynamic phase of renewal, discovery, service and choice.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) Vital Signs Monitors for Health Care Center

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) Automated vital signs monitors with state of the art technology would allow vital signs to be electronically transferred to our medical records systems without manual entry, thereby reducing staff time and avoiding recording errors.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 7398

Total Project Cost (public) 7398

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)

In keeping with COVID precautions and Medicare requirements, complete sets of vital signs must be performed between 1 and 3 times per day on each resident in the Health Care Center (skilled nursing). Vital signs are taken by both Charge Nurses and CNAs. These values are key for both cardiac and high blood pressure medications and for identification of some of the first signs of COVID.

Once vital signs are taken, the values are manually entered into our electronic medical records system. The manual process takes up to 5 minutes per resident.

A grant from the County of Marin would enable The Redwoods to purchase automated vital signs monitors with state of the art technology that allow vital signs to be electronically transferred to our medical records systems without manual entry. As a result, these units will:

- Save data entry time.
- Remove the possibility of errors by staff with manual entry.
- Send alerts to designated staff when vital signs are outside of the normal range for that individual, thus assuring prompt and proper intervention for the resident.

A grant of \$7,398 from the County of Marin will cover the cost of purchasing 2 Vitals Care Carts, one for Oral/Axillary Thermometry and one for Tympanic Thermometry. Each Vitals Care Cart costs \$3,699.

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 addition of state of the art vital signs monitors in the Health Care Center will benefit the broader community by enhancing the level of patient care that The Redwoods provides to both long-term and short-term residents from all over Marin County and the Bay Area. It will enhance our ability to appropriately serve the needs of both the residents and staff of the Health Care Center who reflect the broader community that we serve.

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

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

	Amount (\$)	Project
FY 2020-2021	5000	Nursing Station in Health Care Center
FY 2019-2020	3258	Wireless Headphones and Power Recliners in Hospice Center
FY 2018-2019	7000	Hospice Center

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		7398		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions				
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other				

Total Funding Requested \$7398

Total Funding Received \$0

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

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs			
Services and Supplies	7398		
Capital			
Other			

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$7398

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)

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted residents at The Redwoods. From the very beginning of the pandemic, The Redwoods implemented all precautions mandated by federal, state and local agencies including health screenings of all staff and residents entering the premises, limiting and then barring family visitors, asking everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing and use hand sanitizers and wash hands frequently. We have had to implement quarantining protocols as well as provide Covid testing to all staff and residents. As an organization, The Redwoods has been met with financial challenges due to the pandemic, with greater costs for staffing, testing, protective barriers and PPE.

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 residents of The Redwoods, many of whom are low-income, have endured a series of restrictions as a result of Covid-19. In fact, because they are residents of a retirement community there have been more regulations on them, such as limiting visitors and gatherings in their homes, limitations on dining options, reductions in transportation and recreation options and a wide variety of regulations specifically targeted towards protecting them. The need for quarantines and isolations due to potential exposure to other residents, staff, private caregivers and others has been particularly acute. As with everywhere in society, but particularly for those residents in the Health Care Center (skilled nursing) staffing challenges, as a result of the pandemic, have both reduced programs and increased wait times for some services, limited in-person visits and reduced options.

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)

The Redwoods has, and continues to expand on, plans for improvements related to mitigating COVID and other viruses that could impact our residents. We have developed a quick response team to protect and isolate residents that may be impacted. We have more thorough

screening techniques for residents, staff and visitors. We have developed better communication plans to quickly share updates with all interested parties, as well as ways to support virtual visits. We have established relationships with testing labs for faster results and with concierge physician services to provide for physician visits on site. We have increased our supplies of PPE, test kits, sanitizer and emergency food and paper products. We have re-invigorated our Safety Committee and expanded the number of people include in our Emergency Response Team. We have added a new position of Infection Preventionist. We are in the process of installing a new emergency generator capable of meeting all of the electrical needs of the entire campus. These and other such measures will continue to be implemented in the future.