

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 56

Organization Information

Full Legal Name (public) Youth in Arts

Organization URL (public) youthinarts.org

Mission

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

Youth in Arts aims to achieve a seemingly simple thing: to bring quality arts education to students of ALL backgrounds and abilities. But our work is about much more. It is about whole person development, identity, voice, discovery, imagination, and the freedom derived from access to creativity and art-making. Youth in Arts (YIA) is an education nonprofit founded in 1970 by local arts advocates dismayed by diminishing arts resources available for California students. YIA builds visual and performing arts skills through innovative and in-depth programs that foster confidence, compassion and resilience. We develop capacity among educators and teaching artists through intentional support efforts, advocate for equitable access to arts education and offer opportunities for young people to share their creative voices in their communities. Through direct education in school partnerships as well as through local and national advocacy, our programs change the lives of thousands of individuals.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name (public) C Street Celebration

Provide a very brief summary description of your project. (Limited to 250 characters) (public) Youth in Arts' C Street Celebration is a FREE arts-focused community festival featuring student performances, hands-on family workshops, Children's Avenue (chalk mural), outdoor art gallery, and 'Til Dawn's a cappella concert to engage our community.

Amount Requested Dollar (public) 9500

Total Project Cost (public) 24500

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 school year, Youth in Arts' Mentor Artists are providing students space for mental health support and social emotional learning through the arts following the stress and trauma of a lingering pandemic. To continue our work and focus on student and community healing, YIA is planning a free community celebration at the end of the school year, C Street Celebration. This event will be held on a closed C Street in front of the YIA Gallery in San Rafael on June 4, 2022. Multiple student performance spaces will be created, as well as outdoor galleries to showcase student artwork from all 5 of our San Rafael City Schools partnerships in Title I elementary schools. We will also host family workshops in both visual and performing arts led by our Mentor Artists. 'Til Dawn, our award winning teen a cappella troupe will perform a full length concert. And, as a nod to our history working on the Italian Street Painting Festival, we will create a Children's Avenue (chalk mural) for local youth to express their creativity. County support will help us amplify student work and voices while also providing opportunities for families to create together free of charge.

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)

YIA and San Rafael City Schools partnered during COVID-19 school closures to provide district-wide, digital and hybrid programs in various disciplines. When students returned to the classroom, administrators and district leaders looked to YIA to integrate robust, in-depth programs at sites, specifically designed for each unique student population.

Due to Covid responsive funding shifts, SRCS leaders are prioritizing arts education as a way to address students' social emotional wellness during a lingering pandemic. As such, YIA is providing arts education to more school partners than in recent years. We are serving all five Title 1 elementary schools in SRCS - reaching nearly 3,000 students, 90 classrooms, and 100 educators with multi-disciplinary, in-school programs for the full school year.

The specific school statistics for all students served across 5 Title 1 SRCS elementary schools in the 2021-22 school year are as follows: total student population 2,479, of which 71.78% are designated as English Language Learners, 67.2% are eligible for free lunch, and 84.82% are categorized as socioeconomically disadvantaged.

In addition to the San Rafael students who are the centerpiece of the C Street Celebration, the event is also designed to engage our community at large. Offering free performances, immersive workshops, and family-focused, hands-on arts projects at the "C Street Celebration" will create community buy-in. It will empower local youth to share their stories and express their beliefs freely and effectively through visual and performing arts. It will promote an inclusive environment to help shift both school and community cultural practices. "C Street Celebration's" intentional community development will create momentum, depth, transparency, and impact in our deepening partnership SRCS. And most importantly it will provide an opportunity for Marin County residents to come together after a long period of isolation.

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	10000	San Rafael Social Justice Public Art
FY 2019-2020	9000	YIA Creates Technology Support

	Amount (\$)	Project
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	Community Service Fund	9500		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions	Individual Donors		5000	
Other Local Agencies	Kimball Foundation		10000	
In kind services				
Other				

Total Funding Requested \$9500

Total Funding Received \$15000

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

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Personnel Costs	4500		Teaching Artists
Services and Supplies	15500	2500	Stage, sounds, security, art supplies, permits, catering/food, t-shirts, marketing, equipment rental
Capital			

	Budgeted (\$)	Spent to Date(\$)	Notes
Other	4500		Indirect expense - admin, depreciation, insurance

Total Budgeted Expenses (public) \$24500

Total Spent to Date (public) \$2500

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)

For a small organization like Youth in Arts (YIA) that relies on its school partnerships in service to its mission, the seemingly indefinite closure of schools was a devastating blow. In Spring 2020, COVID-19 closures forced YIA programs online. We designed YIArts.COR (Creative Online Resource) with features essential to quality arts learning: sequential lessons taught by professional artists (pre-recorded or live online); curated links to related artworks (images and videos); and guided student reflections. COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted many of the young people directly served by our programs. However, our tenacious response enabled us to expand our reach to communities that need it most during a time of intense community loss. Rather than “returning to normal,” YIA will use new tools to bridge persistent opportunity gaps across class and race in Marin County. Created as a pandemic necessity, YIArts.COR can now be a tool for arts equity.

In addition, we had to reschedule our 50th Anniversary Gala (scheduled for May 16, 2020) multiple times, which impacted our fundraising efforts for the 2020 fiscal year dramatically. We pivoted and substituted the gala with a number of virtual events, which did not raise an equivalent amount of money. We were finally able to hold a paired-down version of the in-person celebration on a closed C Street in front of Youth in Arts in July of 2021. The event was so well received, that we used it as a template for this year’s expanded event, which focuses on community involvement and highlighting the creativity of local youth.

In total our budget (both in partner contracts and contributed

income) decreased by more than 35% year-over-year 2019 to 2020.

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)

In San Rafael, we focus on supporting socio-economically disadvantaged communities particularly those students classified as English Language Learners and/or newcomer families. These community members have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic in the areas of workforce disruption, mental health support, safety, and access to technology and education.

Youth in Arts plays a pivotal and specific role in the North Bay and surrounding communities with a complex understanding of the history and pervasive nature of equity gaps. This school year, we are serving nearly 14,000 students and individuals throughout the Bay Area with our community-focused programs. Approximately 70% of students reached are Latinx youth designated as English Language Learners. More than 60% of the students we reach are categorized as low or very low-income in Title I programs and have unequal levels of access to arts learning within their schools.

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)

Currently YIA has a Site-specific Safety Plan addressing safety, sanitization, and air turnover for our functioning as a public art gallery, youth program space, and office space. If prolonged, YIA will need to make investments in more permanent air filtration systems for these purposes. In addition, with Teaching Artists returning to IN-PERSON teaching in the schools, we are providing them with all the Personal Protective Equipment they request including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and more. This winter we also provide free antigen tests to all teaching artists and staff. This is an on-going and added cost to our programs.