



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 30, 2016

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Youth Leadership Institute

Organization URL: www.yli.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

For 25 years the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) has sparked the leadership of 86,000 young where youth and their adult allies create social change. Youth utilize a strategy of youth-led action research to identify and influence policy on issues related to educational equity, health equity, and economic justice. Since YLI's founding, YLI has engaged nontraditional, low-income youth of color, with currently 90% of our youth participants identifying as people of color. YLI's organizational model creates a dynamic synergy between our multiple community-based programs implemented across four California and the capacity-building consulting services we deliver to communities nationwide. This approach allows the agency to regionally test out and pilot new initiatives, advance and capture fresh ideas out in the field, and people to solve pressing social issues and serve our communities.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Marin County Youth Commission: Convening of Commissions

Amount Requested Dollar: \$10,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$10,000.00

Description of the proposed project/program, including the proposed project's goal(s), and the nature of the costs in specific terms, i.e. materials, labor costs, etc. Specifics of how the requested County funds will be used.

YLI seeks funding for \$10,000 for a special project of the Marin County Youth Commission. This project is a 1 day cross-regional convening of youth commissioners from 4 counties to build their skills in the legislative advocacy realm and facilitate the building of a diverse network of youth leaders in the spring of 2017. Since 1995, YLI has staffed the MCYC, one of the oldest and most well regarded youth commissions in the United States. Made up of 15 diverse youth between the ages of 12 and 22, and representing every district in the county, MCYC's goal is to act as a political voice for young people by engaging with the Marin County Board of Supervisors and other policy makers. Currently, Commissioners work to improve access to educational opportunity, prevent underage substance use, and increase access to healthy and affordable foods. YLI staff in partnership with MCYC youth leaders will host a 1 day regional convening of 3-5 youth commissions across the state in Marin County. The objectives of this convening include: - Explore best practices, learning lessons and challenges Youth Commission's experience. - MCYC youth will share history of MCYC, commitment to addressing inequity and secure local Marin County experts and electeds to inspire youth leaders. - Training & Capacity building: provided by YLI staff in partnership with youth in advance of the one-day convening to support youth leaders to understand state legislative effort/process - Networking: Youth Commission leaders will have the ability to connect and build relationships across regions. This convening will be the first to formally connect Youth Commissions from across the state and showcase the commitment of Marin County to developing youth leaders - Target Commissions include: San Mateo, San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno - Media Coverage to highlight commitment to youth leaders from Marin County. Funds will be used for space, project materials, staffing time and stipends for speakers.

List of all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it:

The goals of this convening and the Marin County Youth Commission are consistent with the County of Marin's 5 Year Business Plan Focus Area 1: Create an Inclusive Organization, which which incorporates the Government Alliance on Racial Equity (GARE) commitment to address the power and influence within opportunities in government. The convening works to strengthen leadership skills of traditionally disenfranchised groups, including youth of color, and is part of a larger collaborative effort to build a pipeline for a diverse public interest workforce. Youth commissioners represent every district in Marin County, and nine schools overall. The leadership skills that Youth Commissioners will gain at the convening and throughout the year in MCYC will have resounding public benefit because of the Youth Commissioner's role in critical dialogue about race and equity in the community. For

example, in the past six months, youth commissioners led during a dialogue with First 5 Marin about differences in educational opportunities by race in the County, and also led in a county-wide community forum about how Marin County can positively address substance issues for teens in the County. MCYC youth will showcased their ability to connect with the community, most recently by presenting and facilitating conversations at the August 30th Youth Adult Alliance Town Hall Discussion, an inspiring event in which community came together in response to a party bus incident involving youth access to alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. MCYC youth have expressed the need to connect with other commissions on strategies to keep youth and adults healthy, safe and thriving in their communities. This event will serve as a catalyst for youth empowerment, as Marin County continues to lead innovative and effective strategies for youth development and community change.

This organization has never received Community Service funds.

List of County funding received for this project or others.

Yes, YLI currently is funded 40k to coordinate and staff MCYC. Commissioners identify and develop solutions to issues that affect young people in Marin by conducting community-based research in support of advocacy and social justice campaigns. They meet with their District supervisor twice during their term— once towards the beginning and again mid-term; which gives them an opportunity to share their priorities, ask for support and learn their supervisor’s perspective on issues they care about.

Project/program can be completed if amount received is less than requested amount of Community Service funds.

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.

Project Funding Sources	Funding Agency	Funding Requested	Received	Notes
County CSF	Youth Leadership Institute	\$10,000	\$0	<i>This application</i>
Federal Grant		\$0		
State Grant	Friday Night Live	\$5,000	\$0	<i>FNL Mini Grant due on 10/11/16</i>
Individual Contributions	YLI Fundraising	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Other Local Agencies	Marin Board of Sups.	\$40,000	\$40,000	<i>Staffing and coordination of 16-17 MCYC</i>
In kind services				
Other	San Mateo County Youth Commission	\$10,000	\$0	<i>Waiting for decision from funder</i>
Total Sources		\$75,000	\$50,000	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs		\$57,000	\$14,250	
Services and Supplies		\$30,000	\$7,500	
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$87,000	\$21,750	