



**County of Marin
Community Service Fund Program
Application Form**

Application Date September 29, 2016

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Marin Professionals - Networking & Job Search Center

Organization URL: www.marinprofessionals.org

Mission/purpose of your organization:

For older workers, just four words - "We're letting you go" - put everything they've spent their entire life working for at risk. Age discrimination is illegal, but that's what they're facing. Despite the skill and judgment they offer employers, and their countless economic and personal contributions to our community, assistance to meet their unique needs is largely unavailable -- except for Marin Professionals. We began as a Chapter of the state's Experience Unlimited program. Despite decades of effectiveness, severe budget cuts caused a loss of funding in 2014. Our participants refused to let this valuable program die and reconstituted it as an all-volunteer run organization. Today, we're Marin's only no-fee program dedicated to helping older job-seeking professionals overcome age bias in employment through highly effective job-search training, networking assistance and peer support - a proven combination for these motivated, productive people to hear two other words: "You're hired."

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Marin Professionals Classroom Equipment

Amount Requested Dollar: \$1,251.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,851.00

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.

PROJECT: The location used for our job-search training classes and skills workshops lacks any basic classroom equipment or facilities, undermining the effectiveness of our volunteer teachers and wasting class time. To correct this, we need to acquire two pieces of classroom equipment: (1) A 6' mobile dry-erase Whiteboard, and (2) a wireless computer Projector. **GOALS:** Acquiring this equipment will enable our volunteer teachers to focus entirely on instruction since they will be able to communicate information and share materials easily. It will also enable all those taking our classes to interact with the lessons and fully participate in all lesson exercises, greatly enhancing the learning process. Specifically: 1) The selected whiteboard is big enough to accommodate large amounts of information used in our many lesson exercises and be clearly visible to everyone in the room; 2) The selected projector is wireless and designed to work with all computers models for lesson presentations. This will eliminate persistent computer compatibility problems, delays due to improper connections and other distracting malfunctions. **COSTS:** The requested funds will be used toward the purchase of: 1) Dura-Rite 6' x 4' Reversible Dry-Erase Mobile Whiteboard: \$975; 2) Epson EX9200 Pro Wireless WUXGA 3LCD Projector: \$875. **TOTAL COST:** \$1851.

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

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: The direct beneficiaries of this project will be the unemployed older workers participating in our classes and workshops. They are professional men and women in a broad range of occupations, mostly 50+ with families to support, from virtually every city in Marin and deeply traumatized by the sudden loss of their job. They are desperate for effective job-search guidance, updated skills to better compete in today's economy and strong, steady emotional support to rebuild and maintain their confidence. Acquiring the classroom equipment we seek will greatly enhance our ability to deliver on all of their needs. **COMMUNITY & PUBLIC BENEFICIARIES:** Since the classroom equipment we seek will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our training program, we fully expect it to enable our participants to secure new employment more quickly, which will benefit virtually everyone in Marin County. Employers will gain extremely motivated, highly skilled, mature workers sooner. Local businesses will benefit from the increased buying power of newly employed professionals. And of course, we all benefit from having recipients of public assistance more quickly transformed into tax-paying contributors to our community.

This organization has never received Community Service funds.

No County funding was received for this project or others.

Project/program cannot 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				
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions				
Other Local Agencies				
In kind services				
Other	Marin Professionals	\$600	\$600	
Total Sources		\$600	\$600	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs				
Services and Supplies				
Capital		\$1,851		
Other		\$0		
Total Expenses		\$1,851		