



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Simi Valley Public Library Community Room

2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063

REVISED AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Agenda Review
3. Public Statements/Comments
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Community Projects Grant Review Committee. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
4. Informational Presentations
 - a. Overview of the Community Projects Grant Program and Role of the Review Committee
 - b. Overview of Public Meeting Procedures and the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees
 - c. Summary of FY 2018-19 Funding Requests
5. New Business
 - d. Discussion of Criteria to Evaluate FY 2018-19 Funding Requests
 - e. Selection of a Committee Chair
6. Community Projects Grant Review Committee Member Comments
This is the time allotted for Community Projects Grant Review Committee member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Community Projects Grant program or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
7. Adjournment: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Simi Valley Public Library

/s/

Mara Malch

Deputy Community Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact Community Services staff at (805) 583-6861. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2018

TO: Community Projects Grant Review Committee

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Community Services Director

SUBJECT: OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT PROGRAM ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Overview of the Program

In July 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Waste Management related to the expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center was executed. The executed MOU provides annual funding of up to \$150,000 for community projects and programs at the discretion of the City Council. For the first three years, funding was provided directly to organizations identified in the attached Community Projects Grant Award History. On December 1, 2014, the City Council established eligibility criteria and a selection process to allow for the applicants to self-identify and communicate the community's needs. As a result of the City Council's discussion during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 award process, staff was directed to assess the program and return with recommendations for program enhancements. Staff conducted extensive community outreach and presented recommendations for minor modifications to the program in February 2017. The outcome of the recommendations resulted in the City Council's revisions of the program to include lowering the minimum request amount to \$10,000 and to appoint a review committee comprised of four Neighborhood Council representatives, one Council On Aging representative, one Youth Council representative, and one Community at Large representative. Additionally, one alternate is appointed for each represented position should the appointed representative be unable to fulfill his/her obligation.

Role of the Review Committee

Appointed members of the Community Project Grant Review Committee (Review Committee) are responsible for reviewing all of the funding requests and making a recommendation to the City Council to discuss at a June meeting. A combined total of 22 eligible requests for approximately \$423,940 was submitted for the \$150,000 available. Please recognize in reviewing the applications that the number of organizations, community needs, and proposed projects substantially exceed the available funding. Consequently, several deserving organizations and worthwhile projects cannot be funded through the FY 2018-19 Community Projects Grant funding cycle. The Review Committee is responsible for assessing and recommending a limited number of funding requests to receive funds in an open and transparent forum. As discussed in another agenda item within this packet, there are rules and expectations placed upon the Review Committee to ensure that it develops recommendations that are in the best interest of the community.

The City greatly appreciates your involvement and dedication of time to participate in the Community Projects Grant program and your commitment to maintaining the integrity of the process.

Attachment: Community Projects Grant Award History

Prepared by: Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT AWARD HISTORY

2017-18

ACTION	\$10,000
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	\$10,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$15,000
Boys and Girls Club	\$20,000
Community Pregnancy Clinic	\$10,000
Conejo Valley Senior Concerns	\$10,000
Forever Found	\$10,000
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	\$20,000
Many Mansions	\$10,000
The ARC of Ventura County	\$10,000
The Samaritan Center	\$25,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

2016-2017

All It Takes	\$20,000
Coalition for Family Harmony	\$20,000
Conejo Valley Senior Concerns	\$10,000
Forever Found	\$20,000
Interface Children & Family Services	\$10,000
Not One More	\$10,000
Simi at the Garden	\$20,000
Simi Youth Baseball	\$20,000
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul	\$20,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

2015-2016

Boys & Girls Club	\$25,000
Chamber of Commerce Workforce Coalition	\$15,000
Conejo Valley Senior Concerns	\$25,000
Interface Children & Family Services	\$25,000
Simi Valley Cultural Association	\$20,000
Southeast Ventura County YMCA	\$20,000
Tiny Loving Canines	\$10,000
Ventura County Foster Parent Association	\$10,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

2014-2015

Free Clinic of Simi Valley	\$67,500
Simi Valley Education Foundation	\$67,500
The Samaritan Center	\$15,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

2013-2014

Free Clinic of Simi Valley	\$50,000
Simi Valley Community Foundation	\$100,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT AWARD HISTORY	
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2012-2013	
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Free Clinic of Simi Valley	\$50,000
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\$50,000

Simi Valley Community Foundation	\$100,000
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\$100,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

2011-2012	
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Simi Valley Community Foundation	\$75,000
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\$75,000

Under One Roof	\$75,000
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\$75,000

\$150,000 Total Awarded

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2018

TO: Community Projects Grant Review Committee

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Community Services Director

SUBJECT: **OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC MEETING PROCEDURES AND THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

The City of Simi Valley requires that all legislative and advisory bodies including the City Council, commissions, boards and committees comply with the Brown Act. The Brown Act, sometimes known as the California's open meeting law, was enacted to ensure all official business is conducted openly and transparently so all those who are interested can attend the meeting and participate in the decision-making process.

Committee meetings must be posted publicly a minimum of 72 hours in advance and no business may be conducted that is not on the agenda.

The Community Projects Grant Review Committee (Review Committee) members are also subject to the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees. The Code assures public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation. It provides guidance to appointed Committee members on how to properly and ethically conduct themselves as a representative of the City of Simi Valley. **Each Review Committee member is required to sign the Code's Statement of Commitment. Please read the enclosed Code of Ethics and Conduct and bring your signed Statement of Commitment with to the April 19, 2018, Review Committee meeting.**

The Community Project Grant Review Committee members are responsible for collectively developing a recommendation to award public funds in the best interest of the residents of our community. In accepting their appointments, Committee members have agreed to operate within the parameters of the Brown Act and the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct. This includes verbal, electronic or other communications. For example, common e-mail practices of forwarding or replying to messages can easily lead to a serial meeting, which is the discussion or sharing opinions within the Review Committee's purview that get shared with a majority of Review Committee members. This is expressly prohibited by the Brown Act. It would be the same situation with the phone. To limit any potential concerns with the Brown Act, Review Committee members are to refrain from discussing the grant applicants, the grant program or their individual opinions of services or projects needed outside of the Review Committee meetings to avoid even the appearance of impropriety or that City business is being

conducted outside of a public meeting. Negative or positive remarks could be misconstrued as affecting judgement and the integrity of the process.

Attachment

Prepared by: Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst

City of Simi Valley Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Statement of Purpose

The citizens and businesses of Simi Valley are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable local government which has earned the public's full confidence for integrity. The City of Simi Valley's strong desire to fulfill this mission therefore requires that:

- public officials, both elected and appointed, comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws and policies affecting the operations of government;
- public officials be independent, impartial and fair in their judgment and actions;
- public office be used for the public good, not for personal gain; and
- public deliberations and processes be conducted openly, unless legally confidential, in an atmosphere of respect and civility.

To this end, the Simi Valley City Council has adopted this Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected officials and members of appointed boards, commissions, and committees to assure public confidence in the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation.

1. Act in the Public Interest

Recognizing that stewardship of the public interest must be their primary concern, members will work for the common good of the people of Simi Valley and not for any private or personal interest, and they will assure fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims and transactions coming before the Simi Valley City Council, boards, commissions, and committees.

2. Comply with the Law

Members shall comply with the laws of the nation, the State of California, and the City of Simi Valley in the performance of their public duties. These laws include, but are not limited to: the United States and California constitutions; laws pertaining to conflicts of interest, election campaigns, financial disclosures, employer responsibilities, and open processes of government; and City ordinances and policies.

3. Conduct of Members

The professional and personal conduct of members must be above reproach and avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Members shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other members of Council, boards, commissions, and committees, the staff or public.

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4. Respect for Process

Members shall perform their duties in accordance with the processes and rules of order established by the City Council and boards, commissions, and committees governing the deliberation of public policy issues, meaningful involvement of the public, and implementation of policy decisions of the City Council by City staff.

5. Conduct of Public Meetings

Members shall prepare themselves for public issues; listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body; and focus on the business at hand. They shall refrain from interrupting other speakers, making personal comments not germane to the business of the body, or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of meetings.

6. Decisions Based on Merit

Members shall base their decisions on the merits and substance of the matter at hand.

7. Communication

Members shall publicly share substantive information that is relevant to a matter under consideration by the Council or boards, commissions, and committees which they may have received from sources outside the public decision-making process.

8. Conflict of Interest

In order to assure their independence and impartiality on behalf of the common good, members shall not use their official positions to influence government decisions in which they have a material financial interest or personal relationship which may give the appearance of a conflict of interest. In accordance with the law, members shall disclose investments, interests in real property, sources of income, and gifts; and they shall abstain from participating in deliberations and decision-making where conflicts may exist.

9. Gifts and Favors

Members shall comply with the requirements of the Political Reform Act relating to the acceptance and reporting of gifts.

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10. Confidential Information

Members shall respect the confidentiality of information concerning City property, personnel or proceedings of the City. They shall neither disclose confidential information without proper legal authorization, nor use such information to advance their personal interests.

11. Use of Public Resources

Members shall not use public resources not available to the public in general, such as City staff time, equipment, supplies or facilities, for private gain or personal purposes. Members shall not utilize the City's name or logo for the purpose of endorsing any political candidate or business.

12. Representation of Private Interests

In keeping with their role as stewards of the public interest, members of Council shall not appear on behalf of the private interests of third parties before the Council or any board, commission, committee, or proceeding of the City, nor shall members of boards, commissions, and committees appear before their own bodies or before the Council on behalf of the private interests of third parties on matters related to the areas of service of their bodies.

13. Advocacy

Members shall represent the official policies or positions of the City Council, board, commission, or committee to the best of their ability when designated as delegates for this purpose. When presenting their individual opinions and positions, members shall explicitly state they do not represent their body or the City of Simi Valley, nor will they allow the inference that they do.

14. Policy Role of Members

Members shall respect and adhere to the council-manager structure of Simi Valley city government as outlined in the City's policies and procedures and follow Simi Valley Municipal Code Section 2-6.208 with respect to the City Manager's relationship with the City Council. In this structure, the City Council determines the policies of the City with the advice, information and analysis provided by the public, boards, commissions, and committees and City staff. Except as provided by the City ordinance, members therefore shall not interfere with the administrative functions of the City or the professional duties of City staff; nor shall they impair the ability of staff to implement Council policy decisions.

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15. Independence of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Because of the value of the independent advice of boards, commissions, and committees to the public decision-making process, members of Council shall refrain from using their position to influence unduly the deliberations or outcomes of board, commission, and committee proceedings.

16. Positive Work Place Environment

Members shall support the maintenance of a positive and constructive work place environment for City employees and for citizens and businesses dealing with the City. Members shall recognize their special role in dealings with City employees and refrain from creating the perception of inappropriate direction to staff.

17. Implementation

As an expression of the standards of conduct for members expected by the City, the Simi Valley Code of Ethics and Conduct is intended to be self-enforcing. It therefore becomes most effective when members are thoroughly familiar with it and embrace its provisions. For this reason, ethical standards shall be included in the regular orientations for candidates for City Council, applicants to boards, commissions, and committees and newly elected and appointed officials. Members entering office shall sign a statement affirming they have read and understood the City of Simi Valley Code of Ethics and Conduct. In addition, the Code of Ethics and Conduct shall be reviewed bi-annually by the City Council, boards, commissions, and committees, and the City Council shall consider recommendations from boards, commissions, and committees and update it as necessary in November of even-numbered years.

18. Compliance and Enforcement

The Simi Valley Code of Ethics and Conduct expresses standards of ethical conduct expected for members of the Simi Valley City Council, boards, commissions, and committees. Members themselves have the primary responsibility to assure that ethical standards are understood and met, and that the public can continue to have full confidence in the integrity of government. The chairs of boards, commissions, and committees and the Mayor have the additional responsibility to intervene when members' actions appear to be in violation of the Code of Ethics and Conduct are brought to their attention. The City Council may impose sanctions on members whose conduct does not comply with the City's ethical standards, such as reprimand, formal censure, loss of seniority or committee assignment. The City Council also may act to remove members of boards, commissions, and committees from office.

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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

As a member of the Simi Valley City Council or of a Simi Valley board, commission, or committee, I agree to uphold the Code of Ethics and Conduct for elected and appointed officials adopted by the City Council and conduct myself by the following model of behavior. I will:

- Recognize the worth of individual members and appreciate their individual talents, perspectives and contributions;
- Help create an atmosphere of respect and civility where individual members, City staff and the public are free to express their ideas and work to their full potential;
- Conduct my personal and public affairs with honesty, integrity, fairness and respect for others;
- Respect the dignity and privacy of individuals and organizations;
- Keep the common good as my highest purpose and focus on achieving constructive solutions for the public benefit;
- Avoid and discourage conduct which is divisive or harmful to the best interests of Simi Valley;
- Treat all people with whom I come in contact in the way I wish to be treated.
- Before I speak or act I will ask myself the following four questions:
 1. Is it the truth?
 2. Is it fair to all concerned?
 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

I affirm that I have read and that I understand, accept and support the City of Simi Valley Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Board, Commission, Committee

Position

(Print Name)

Signature

Date

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2018
TO: Community Projects Grant Review Committee
FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Community Services Director
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF FY 2018-19 FUNDING REQUESTS

The City of Simi Valley initiated a call for projects for the Community Projects Grant on January 31, 2018, and accepted requests through February 21, 2018. A total of 23 funding requests were submitted. Upon review, 22 were deemed eligible pursuant to the eligibility criteria. A total of \$150,000 is available to be awarded to the 22 funding requests. The combined total requested from all applicants is \$423,940.

Attached is a summary of the requests followed by the detailed scopes of work in alphabetical order by organization name. Please review both the summary and detailed applications prior to the Review Committee meeting on April 19, 2018. This review will allow for meaningful discussion of the evaluation process and criteria the Review Committee will use to make its funding recommendation to the City Council at the conclusion of the review process.

Please note that some applicants were requested by staff to submit clarification of their requests to ensure eligibility. Those clarifications are included as addendums to the original submissions.

The discussions at the April 19, 2018 meeting will only focus on the Community Projects Grant program structure and funding request review process. The merits of individual applications will not be discussed until the May 3, 2018 meeting.

Attachments

Prepared by: Jennifer Santos, Management Analyst

Summary of FY 2018-19 Funding Requests

Organization	Category	Amount	Previously Funded	New	Expansion	Ongoing	Capital	Request Summary
99.1 The Ranch	Other	\$ 49,000	No	X			X	Replace aged equipment obtained during start up to eliminate/reduce broadcast drop outs, secure continuous power in cases of civic emergencies and enhance the broadcast.
ACTION (Area Christians Taking Initiative on Needs)	Other: Human Services, Seniors, Veterans, Disabled, Vulnerable Families, & At-Risk Youth	\$ 10,000	Yes		X			Invest into Simi Valley service projects to meet the needs of the vulnerable through three core programs, and establish an office presence to launch Simi Network of Care that involves 10-12 churches and organizations to meet needs of within the community.
Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura	Other: Affordable Housing Provider	\$ 20,000	No	X				Provide seniors and disabled residents at the Pepper Tree Court Apartments with case management assistance by contracting with Senior Concerns. Case manager will assist residents to reduce victimization, maintain self-sufficiency including food, housing, utility, and insurance programs.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County	Youth	\$ 15,000	Yes	X				Mentoring For Success : Peer-to-Peer Site Program will create a site-based program for high school Bigs with Middle School Littles to proactively address bullying, self-esteem, civic involvement, and academic improvement.
Conejo Valley Senior Concerns	Seniors	\$ 15,000	Yes				X	Provide Adult Day Program and Dial A Ride scholarships for Sim Valley low income seniors with cognitive or physical impairments to attend the Senior Concerns Adult Day Program in Thousand Oaks.
Free Clinic of Simi Valley	Medical	\$ 25,000	Yes		X			To hire an additional part-time assistant to work on the Medical Program.
Friends of Simi Valley Police Explorers	Youth	\$ 16,000	No				X	Develop new recruiting and support materials as well as fund the costs for uniforms and support services for 30 new Explorers.
Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.	Seniors	\$ 25,000	No				X	To support the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program to serve 1,100 clients at long term care facilities in Simi Valley and Adult Day Health Care by funding case manager with training volunteers and support, providing information, counseling, and support to families.
Many Mansions	Other: Affordable Housing & Supportive Services	\$ 10,000	Yes				X	To support the cost of case managers and staff who serve in the Simi Valley Supportive Services Program at the La Rahada, Peppertree, and Casa de Paz housing sites.
My Kaleidoscope Project	Youth	\$ 13,495	No				X	Provide classes, workshops, camps, and assemblies in Simi Valley support middle school girls, by equipping them with the emotional tools and skills they need to become their best self.

Summary of FY 2018-19 Funding Requests

Organization	Category	Amount	Previously Funded	New	Expansion	Ongoing	Capital	Request Summary
Ridone Inc.	Other: Support Services, Community Awareness, Health	\$ 10,043	No			X		Provide cosmetology services to low income, homeless and individuals with disabilities. This year's goal is to provide services at the Ashley Manor Senior Living, The Simi Valley Samaritan Center in the Summer of 2018, Simi Valley Senior Center in November 2018, and the Simi Valley Street Fair.
Simi at the Garden, Inc.	Other: Serves the Community in all Categories Provided	\$ 39,902	Yes		X		X	Continue projects for Community Garden's civic, educational, social, environmental and health programs including ADA facility upgrades, equipment, material, maintenance costs, support for Free Farmers Market, educational outreach, green technology education and training, expand agricultural space for weekly donated produce.
Simi Valley Cultural Association	Arts	\$ 25,000	Yes	X				Convert the Multi-Purpose room at Simi Elementary into a 104-seat black box theater in order to enhance a growing need in the community for additional smaller performance venues that will focus on new and original legitimate theatre works, Saturday morning children's programs, and numerous smaller and more intimate types of theatrical and musical presentation.
Simi Education Foundation	Education	\$ 17,500	Yes			X		To provide additional Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) resources, through an established enhancement grant process, to the teachers in the Simi Valley Unified School District's High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools.
Simi Valley Family YMCA	Other: Supporting Community Health	\$ 15,000	Yes			X	X	To purchase a new Dodge Grand Caravan to transport children enrolled in the afterschool program from different school sites.
Simi Valley Missing Pets	Animals	\$ 23,000	No			X		To provide a stipend for the Director of Search & Rescue, purchase associated equipment, and mileage reimbursement for team. Also stipend for the Director of Operations, who oversees administrative functions, including record keeping, the foster care program, adoptions, and medical care.
Simi Valley Vikings Youth Football & Cheer	Youth	\$ 10,000	No			X	X	Funding for the upcoming 2018 season to purchase approximately 60 new protective helmets and sponsor financially restricted families.
Still Waters Café at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Ch	Support Services	\$ 15,000	No			X		To buy food and supplies for the community meals, the food pantry, and items to participate in the Area Christians Taking Initiative On Needs' (ACTION) Community Christmas Shoppe.
The Arc of Ventura County	Support Services	\$ 20,000	Yes			X		To continue to support the salary of the agency's full-time Job Developer who is responsible for identifying and increasing competitive employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in Simi Valley.
The Samaritan Center	Support Services	\$ 20,000	Yes			X		Funding would be used to for rental assistance, rental security deposits, motel cost, auto repairs, and utility assistance to house the homeless and prevent homelessness.

Summary of FY 2018-19 Funding Requests

Organization	Category	Amount	Previously Funded	New	Expansion	Ongoing	Capital	Request Summary
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Support Services	\$ 20,000	Yes			X		To provide funding to rental payments, utilities, transportation, miscellaneous financial assistance to keep residents in their homes, and maintain employment or health.
Women of Substance & Men of Honor	Support Services	\$ 10,000	No		X			To expand leadership and support opportunities for the Alpha Leadership Program for youth housed in the Simi Valley Group Homes to equip youth with the cognitive tools necessary to function as productive citizens and reduce recidivism.
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$ 423,940						

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: 99.1 The Ranch

Address: 543 Country Club Dr # 7

City: Simi Valley , CA 93065

Contact Name: Thomas Herdering

Contact Title: Director of Community Outreach

Telephone Numbers: (805) 587-9716

Email: ThomasH@991TheRanch.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 95%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 77-0494520

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. NA

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply , please enter N/A. As a community based non-profit radio station, our support will cross multiple categories assisting Simi Valley based non-profits to drive awareness, attendance, and potential fund raising for their local events and activities.

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$49,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Steven E. Todd



Community Projects Grant Application City of Simi Valley

Background

99.1 The Ranch, [Strategic Communications Group, 501(c)(3)] Simi Valley’s own non-profit country radio station, is located at The Simi Valley Town Center. The Ranch went live on March 13, 2015 at “High Noon” and has since become an integral contributor and leader in connecting, building, and developing business and community relationships with live broadcasts and events throughout Simi Valley. As a FCC designated non-profit community radio station, our broadcast range extends through Simi Valley, Moorpark and beyond.

Mission Statement
As a non-profit community radio station, our goal is to connect the people of Simi Valley to each other through music, local events, artists, business, and government while building citywide relationships and participation.

Serving Simi Valley Non-Profit Organizations – Use-of-Funds:

Like most startups, 99.1 The Ranch pieced together aged, previously-owned equipment on a shoestring budget in order to go on the air. This equipment has served its initial purpose and is now needs to be replaced and updated. The use-of- grant funds will be two-fold:

- Replace existing aged equipment. New equipment will be purchased from Simi Valley providers, if possible. We will employ local broadcast engineering resources to complete this conversion.
- The value of the grant awarded will be applied dollar-for-dollar to advertise city-recognized Simi Valley non-profit organizations, their events and campaigns at no charge.

For example, if a grant of \$ 49,000 is awarded, The Ranch will produce and air at **no charge, on-air announcements for non-profits until the value of the grant dollars have been exhausted.** These announcements are valuable to maximize awareness and attendance at local city events, building relationships, and a developing a greater sense of “community”.

In 2017 we were excited and proud to partner with the following local non-profit organizations:

Kiwanis • Chamber of Commerce • Samaritan Center of Simi Valley • Knights of Columbus • The Troop Community Foundation • Nottingham Productions • Rotary Clubs • Simi Valley Police Foundation • Soroptimist Int’l of Simi Valley • Salvation Army • Soaring Spirits, to name a few.

We also partner with the Simi Valley Unified School District. For the 3rd consecutive year will broadcast high school football games with our four local schools, Simi Valley, Royal, Grace Brethren, and Moorpark High Schools. “Ranch Friday Night Lights!” has developed into an exciting 11 week civic event building enthusiasm, esprit de corps, and community pride.

Our motto: "Country Proud, Simi Valley Strong."

Thank you very much for your genuine consideration.

Values

- We believe that Simi Valley is a great American city where patriotism and family are celebrated and its citizens valued.
- We believe in uniting through community service, support of our citizens, our businesses, service organizations, churches, schools and government.
- We believe in recognizing people for their success.
- We support our local talent and mentor appreciation in music and the art of radio.
- We appreciate our volunteers, interns and on-air team.
- We believe that our faith and moral values is the cornerstone of our success.

Use of Funds

The following equipment will be used to replace "used/aged" equipment obtained during start up and will eliminate/reduce broadcast drop outs, secure continuous power in cases of civic emergencies and enhance the broadcast quality.

Hardware	Description	Qty	\$/Unit	Total	Manf	Model
Orban Optimod 5500I	Optimod for Chatsworth Peak Booster	1	\$3,600	\$3,600	Orban	5500I
Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	UPS for Hummingbird Transmitter	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	APC	APC Smart-UPS X 3000VA
Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	UPS for Chatsworth Peak Booster	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	APC	APC Smart-UPS X 3000VA
Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	UPS for Studio 1	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	APC	APC Smart-UPS X 3000VA
Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)	UPS for Studio Audio	1	\$1,500	\$1,500	APC	APC Smart-UPS X 3000VA
Cooler for Hummingbird	Cooler to replace in wall Air Conditioner	1	\$450.00	\$450	ClimateRight	CR2500ACH
Portable Generator	Backup Generator for Studio Operations in case of magor emergency with power outage	1	\$2,600	\$2,600	Honda	7000W
Camera System	Security Cameras for Studio and remote sites.	1	\$3,000	\$3,000	TBD	
Comrex Access NX	Comrex for Remote Kit	1	\$3,200	\$3,200	Comrex	ACCESS NX
Audio Science Sound Cards	Multi-channel player audio sound cards for station playlist computers	2	\$1,995	\$3,990	Audio Science	ASI5744
Telos Talkshow Systems POTS - on-air telephones	for studio 2	1	\$2,559	\$2,559	TELOS	HX6
Telos Phone Set	for studio 2	1	\$679	\$679	TELOS	V-Set 6
VoxPro recording software	VoxPro digital audio editing system for live radio recording, editing and airing of clips. for studio 1 and 2	2	\$2,529	\$5,058	WHEATSTONE	VOXPRO 6
Eventide - On air delay	Profanity On-Air Delay - Studio 1 and 2	2	\$1,589	\$3,178	Eventide	BD960
Mic Processors	for studio 1 and 2	6	\$200	\$1,200	dbx	DBX 286S
Tascam Flash Recorder	for studio 2	1	\$499	\$499	TASCAM	SSR-100
Telos Studio Link connection	for studio 1 and remote	2	\$2,049	\$4,098	TELOS	Z-IP ONE IP Codec AES
Dell Computers for Studios	Studio 1 and 2 - Live Video streaming computer, Studio 2 - 2 pc's for recording and on air payout	4	\$600	\$2,400	DELL	INSPIRON 3650
Audio Processor for audio signal	for internet stream processing	1	\$1,589	\$1,589	Invonics	Invonics David IV FM HD Audio Processor

CD Player and Recorders	for Studio 1 and 2	4	\$349	\$1,396	TASCAM	CDRW 900 MK 11
Telestream Wirecast Pro - Video streaming software	for studio 1 and for live remote computer	2	\$995	\$1,990	Telestream	Wirecast Pro
Dell 15.6" XPS 15 9560 Multi-Touch Notebook	Laptop for video streaming	1	\$1,549	\$1,549	DELL	XPS 15 9560
				\$49,035		

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: ACTION

Address: 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Suite S **City:** Camarillo , CA 93012

Contact Name: Daniel Miller

Contact Title: Executive Director

Telephone Numbers: (805) 987-0300

Email: dan.miller@actionvc.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-3883656

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. Our Simi Network of Care office is scheduled to be operational by April of 2018. Location is still TBD.

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. Human Services: We serve seniors, veterans, disabled individuals, vulnerable families and at-risk youth. We tend to serve people who have fallen through the cracks of the larger agencies and don't know where to turn for assistance.

Additional Note:

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$10,000

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If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Daniel Miller



Simi Valley Community Projects Grant Application

ACTION is a movement in Ventura County composed of thousands of volunteers from churches, schools, city government, local businesses, organizations and other community groups who believe that we can do more for our cities by working together. We're all the people who have ever thought, "I wish I could do something." Throughout the year, we connect volunteers with local service projects where they can serve with their skills on their schedule. We believe that our community is full of faces and personalities that need care and support. We are all a vital part of our community, and by taking action together we make our community strong.

In the spring, we launch back to back community-wide service days designed to meet the needs of our community and our under-resourced neighbors. ACTION's **Serve Day** mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to beautify school grounds, build wheelchair ramps, meet accessibility needs, and more. In December, hundreds of at-risk families are served at **Community Christmas Shoppe** with food, clothing and Christmas toys for their children. And throughout the year our **Serve Every Day** program pairs volunteers with projects that meet tangible needs in our community. This broad spectrum of programming serves seniors, veterans, disabled individuals, vulnerable families and at-risk youth. We also partner with a number of schools in the community for beautification projects and student tutoring programs. The mobilization of hundreds of volunteers from the community means that individuals and families are investing themselves into their neighborhoods making Simi Valley a better place to live.

ACTION is seeking \$10,000 from the Simi Valley Community Project Grant in order to continue to invest tens of thousands of dollars in free volunteer labor into Simi Valley service projects, and meeting the needs of the vulnerable through our three core programs. In addition to our core programming, in the second half of 2018, ACTION will be launching a **Simi Network of Care** involving 10-12 churches and organizations postured to meet basic, tangible needs in the community. This will give us an office presence in the community and a more proactive ability to meet the needs of the vulnerable who so often fall through the cracks.

With a ready supply of volunteer labor and service, grant funds will be utilized to cover material costs for things like gas and store vouchers for homeless, auto repairs for a single mom, landscaping materials for beautification projects, and material supplies for wheelchair ramps and accessibility projects.

Thank you for your consideration. ACTION is proud of the service we have provided to the Simi Valley community and look forward to doing more in the weeks and months to come.



We're better together!

SIMI VALLEY VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Serving youth and seniors!

On Serve Day, ACTION volunteers help out at mobile home parks, schools, women's shelters and individual's homes in Simi Valley for a day of community service. Last year, one team gave manicures and spa treatments to the residents at Ashlee Manor Senior Homes.

263 volunteers serving 4,745 residents.



Serving under-resourced families!

Our Simi Valley Community Christmas Shoppe is held every year to help under-resourced families provide Christmas gifts for their children. We partner with Simi schools and social service agencies to invite families in need. On the day, they can shop for toys, enjoy a free lunch and take family portraits with Santa!

337 volunteers serving 250 families.



Serving those with disabilities!

Our skilled ramp teams complete various accessibility projects for Simi residents throughout the year. We build ramps, install grab bars, and make minor repairs to keep seniors and those with disabilities safe in their homes. This is part of our Serve Every Day program, which utilizes the skills of volunteer contractors, plumbers, and electricians to meet the everyday needs of the vulnerable in the Simi Valley community.

7 Simi ramps built in 2017.



Neighbor to neighbor, we bring acts of service to those in need.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is ACTION?

ACTION (Area Christians Taking Initiative On Needs) is a volunteer coordinating organization, serving people with immediate tangible needs since 2005.

ACTION service programs include: Serve Day, Serve Every Day and Community Christmas Shoppe.

What does ACTION do?

ACTION connects local volunteers with meaningful projects to serve seniors, foster children, veterans, disabled individuals and low income families.

Sample projects include: small home repairs, fixing leaky faucets, paint touch ups and yard work.

**Typical project length: 1-4 hours.*

Where does ACTION work?

ACTION volunteers serve across Ventura County as needs arise. Service projects take place at individual homes, local agencies, churches and schools.

When will the work be done?

ACTION volunteers create their own schedule of service. Some volunteers are retired, some are students, and others work full-time. Volunteers serve when they can, with respect for the personal schedules of those being served. Additionally, ACTION puts on annual county-wide service events called Serve Day and Christmas Shoppe.

**Many volunteers prefer to serve on Saturdays.*

How do we do it?

100% volunteer labor. With nearly 5,000 volunteers, ACTION serves over 20,000 people every year. Projects are funded through grants and the generosity of individual donors.

Why does ACTION serve?

ACTION exists to bring hope to people in need through tangible acts of service.

For more information, please call 805.987.0300 or visit ACTIONvc.org



The Serve Every Day program at ACTION specializes in projects that bring hope to people in need through tangible acts of service "every day." ACTION has installed hundreds of ADA compliant handicap ramps and accessibility devices; restoring independence to senior and disabled residents throughout Ventura County. Most older adults prefer to age at home. However, with many living on a fixed income, few can afford the financial emergency of a serious illness or injury.

Using 100% volunteer labor, ACTION installs custom handicap ramps in less time and at significantly lower cost than commercial construction services; saving as much as 70% per ramp.

ACTION receives daily requests for help. Availability of ramp materials and accessibility devices is entirely dependent upon donations received by ACTION. As such, residents receiving assistance are encouraged to make donations to give the gift of accessibility to others in need.

Here's what people are saying about ACTION...

"This is really something. It's just so beautiful!"- Maria

"This kind act has made my life so much more easy and accessible."- Sandra

"I love you all for the sacrificial help you have given my mom."- Greg

For more information, please call 805.987.0300 or visit ACTIONvc.org



**Supplemental Submittal
Scope of Work
ACTION
Submitted by Email on 4/10/18**

Subsequent to the submittal of the application and scope of work, ACTION submitted a budget breakdown to clarify the funding request for the different programs.

Our Grant Application was for \$10,000 which would be applied to our three Primary Programs in serving Simi Valley. The budget breakdown we plan for those programs is as follows:

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|-------------------------|---|
| Serve Day | \$2,500 most of this expense will take place in April/May in support of our community wide volunteer Service Day. |
| Serve Every Day | \$4,000 will be utilized throughout the year supporting service projects as they come up throughout the community. |
| Christmas Shoppe | \$3,500 will be spent Nov thru Jan in support of our annual Christmas toy drive and support program for under-resourced families. |

All the monies designated for these programs will be spent fully on our Simi Valley efforts.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura

Address: 1400 West Hillcrest Drive

City: Newbury Park , CA 91320

Contact Name: Carrie Sabatini

Contact Title: Director of Housing Programs

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Email: csabatini@ahacv.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-2775099

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. 1415 Patricia Ave., Simi Valley

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement	Medical
Military	Resource	Seniors		Substance	Support	
Sustainability		Youth		Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. Affordable housing provider

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$20,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Michael Nigh



Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura

1400 West Hillcrest Dr. Newbury Park, CA 91320-2721
www. ahacv.org • (805) 480-9991 • FAX (805) 480-1021

Serving Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, and the unincorporated areas of Ventura County

Background:

In late 2017, the Area Housing Authority was approached by a Simi Valley property owner regarding the purchase of their affordable senior and disabled housing units. The owner's goals were to ensure that those currently housed would remain housed and the units would remain affordable even after the affordability agreement with the City expired. To that end, the AHA was able to purchase Pepper Tree Court Apartments in late December.

Seniors and disabled individuals are an especially vulnerable population and many require assistance to navigate and understand important issues, such as Social Security, housing, health care, senior benefits, emergency assistance, retirement counseling, and elder abuse. Through our interviews and tenant orientations, Pepper Tree Court residents demonstrated a lack of knowledge about programs and resources available through government and community partners. Further investigation indicated that Pepper Tree Court residents are a vulnerable population and are frequently subjected to fraud, abuse, and coercion. The AHA was alerted that Adult Protective Services recognizes the property by the address due to the number of cases referred for intervention in the past. (Please note: The Area Housing Authority is simply an affordable housing provider, not qualified to provide social or case management services.)

Program Goal: Homelessness Prevention:

Homelessness prevention is the objective. The cost to serve a single homeless person's medical needs alone is estimated to be between \$18,000 and \$44,000 annually¹, depending on the individual's initial health and age. There are approximately 40 seniors and disabled individuals (along with formerly homeless households) residing at Pepper Tree Court apartments, of which a minimum of 12 individuals at any one time are at risk of homelessness and lack access to and knowledge about community and public resources. Many are not well, struggle with mild forms of mental illness, and/or have been homeless in the past.

Example:

The Area Housing Authority worked with the Sheriff's Department and Adult Protective Services to "rescue" a senior at Pepper Tree Court apartments who allowed an acquaintance in her unit to assist with paperwork and errands. Within a few weeks, the senior became a victim of financial abuse, possible identity theft, and coercion and causing the resident to be at risk of eviction. These three public agencies spent over 100 hours to un-wind the relationship, remove the acquaintance from the unit, re-establish the senior's control over her benefits and accounts, and, ultimately, save the resident from

¹ Journal of American Health and Drug Benefits, 2012 Jan-Feb; 5(1): 17-19; *The Business Case for Ending Homelessness: Having a Home Improves Health, Reduces Healthcare Utilization and Costs* by Daniel G. Garrett, RPH, FASH

loss of housing assistance and eviction. Had the senior understood her rights and known what community resources were available, not only would thousands of dollars of public monies have been saved, but her housing would not have been at risk. All of this was preventable. Ensuring that vulnerable populations have an understanding and access to community and public resources is key to preventing homelessness, especially in senior populations.

Scope of Work:

The AHA is an affordable housing provider and not qualified to provide social or case management services to assist these residents. Pepper Tree Court residents are in desperate need of this case management assistance to find solutions to daily living issues. To address the residents' essential needs, AHA will contract with Senior Concerns to provide on-site case management services. The case manager will speak with residents individually to understand their needs, concerns, and identify any gaps in "service." The case manager will work with individuals who may be in dire situations or having a difficult time with a transition. The case manager will work on behalf of the resident (not the Area Housing Authority) and act as an advocate for the residents. Essential to reducing the victimization of these residents is the ability to connect the residents with known, trusted resources. In addition, it is vital that Pepper Tree Court residents be connected to essential services and receive assistance to identify and apply for available resources.

Case management services will include:

- Assistance applying for essential programs to maintain their self-sufficiency including food, housing, utility, and insurance programs
- Communication with family members regarding specific needs, health concerns, and gaps in essential services
- Assistance coordinating local transportation services and education about the available local options
- Education and intervention to reduce residents' vulnerability to fraud, various forms of abuse, and coercion by those who seek to take advantage
- Assistance to ensure connections to appropriate mental health and medical services to promote long lasting health
- Pro-active involvement to address/resolve tenant issues to ensure that they become and remain a tenant in good standing thus reducing their risk of losing their housing
- Pro-active involvement to improve residents' ability to be self-sufficient and live independently such as registering a car, renewing a driver's license, paying a fine, getting a library card, or accessing public transportation
- Intervention and assistance for residents whose apartments are unhealthy due to hoarding, a lack of understanding of essential cleanliness norms, physical inability to maintain their unit, resistance to allowing a maintenance person repair/replace a fixture or appliance, or the lack of financial resources to purchase the appropriate supplies.
- Create plans for treatment or recovery
- Monitor and keep case notes on residents' progress
- If necessary, work with a mental health professionals to secure referrals, treatment, etc.

Without these essential services Pepper Tree Court residents will be unable to successfully maintain their housing units, remain self-sufficient, and are at considerable risk of being victimized and becoming homeless. The loss of housing would mean the loss of their ability to maintain their mental and physical

health, create the likelihood that they would become chronically homeless thus creating a greater community issue. Throughout the County, the focus is on preventing homelessness by providing essential case management services.

Senior Concerns’ advocates assist seniors living on their own to navigate and understand important issues, such as Social Security, housing, health care, senior benefits, emergency assistance, retirement, and elder abuse through one-on-one counseling programs and educational speakers.

Direct Cost:

Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura			
Direct Program Costs			
Items	Program Cost	Paid by AHA	Paid by Grant
Furnished office space, file cabinet, office supplies & equipment, utilities, and internet access	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Program Administration	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ -
Case Management	\$ 21,937	\$ 1,937	\$ 20,000
Totals	\$ 25,637	\$ 5,637	\$ 20,000

Community Benefit:

For every dollar invested in this program, the community will experience in **excess of 10 times** the value in cost savings due to the coordination of benefits, improved access to services, and overall reduction in emergency/urgent medical care. In addition, Simi Valley’s social burden will be reduced. Without this program, AHA believes that some residents will become homeless.

Table 1. Community Benefit of Case Management Services at Pepper Tree Court Apartments (Simi Valley)

	Immediate Risk of Homelessness (approx.)	Intermediate Risk of Homelessness (approx.)	Needs Immediate Resources or Assistance (approx.)	Totals
Current Residents	5	7	17	29
Estimated Cost to Community ²	\$90,000 ²	\$126,000 ²	\$ 20,884 ³	\$236,884
Community Benefit (Savings) with Case Management (approx.)				\$ 211,247

² Based on a min. of \$18,000/person to provide services to a homeless individual as provided in Journal of American Health and Drug Benefits, 2012 Jan-Feb; 5(1): 17–19; *The Business Case for Ending Homelessness: Having a Home Improves Health, Reduces Healthcare Utilization and Costs* by Daniel G. Garrett, RPH, FASH

³ Based on the estimated cost of a case manager to provide assistance over the course of a year for 17 individuals.

Ability to Complete the Project:

The AHA is non-profit affordable housing provider with over 35 years successful grant performance. To ensure all funds are expended within the expenditure period, pre-funding preparations are in place.

- Negotiations and contract discussions with Senior Concerns were completed in preparation for this application.
- Physical needs have been assessed and equipment and services are in the queue for immediate implementation/installation upon grant approval and/or funding.
- Resident needs continue to be identified and documented to foster “fast start” implementation.
- Resident communication needs along with languages spoken are currently being documented to ensure communication requirements can be met.
- Lease and household issues are being documented awaiting a case manager to assist with document completion, support during transitions, resources, and referrals to social services providers.
- Senior Concerns is identifying staffing to ensure adequate staffing capacity upon grant approval and/or funding.

In order to monitor and further ensure efficient and timely use of funds, AHA’s Accounting Department will provide management staff with quarterly expenditure reports. In addition, financial over site to ensure only direct program costs are charge to the grant will be provided by the Accounting Department.

The following proposed timeline will provide guidance for next steps to ensure a timely implementation. Upon approval on or about June 4, 2018, AHA will:

- Complete contract with Senior Concerns for July 1, 2018 implementation date, and finalize time commitments, service needs, and reporting requirements
- Clean and furnish on-site office space
- Secure and install office equipment and stock office supplies
- Host a tenant meeting to announce and explain the program, resources, and process for setting appointments with the case manager
- Confirm key dates with City and AHA staff:
 - July 1, 2018 Funding received & program begins
 - October 2018 First quarter reports due
 - January 2019 Second quarter reports due
 - April 2019 Third quarter reports due
 - July 2019 All funds expended; Prepare fourth quarter/final report

Thank you for considering our grant application and proposed use of Simi Valley Community Grant funds. Please do not hesitate to contact either of the following with questions:

Carrie Sabatini, Director of Housing Programs

csabatini@ahacv.org

805-480-9991, ext. 390

Linda Fisher-Helton, Community Relations Manager/Grants

Lfhelton@ahacv.org

805-480-9991, ext. 235

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County

Address: 4001 Mission Oaks Blvd Ste J

City: Camarillo , CA 93012-5157

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Contact Title: Vice President of Marketing & Recruitment

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Email: dselvaggio@bbsvc.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

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What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-3425568

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A.

Fillmore High School - High School Mentor Program and Peer-to-Peer Mentor Program

Santa Paula High School - High School Mentor Program

Lemonwood Elementary School (Oxnard) - High School Mentor Program

(Simi Valley satellite location at "Simi at the Garden" is in the process of being finalized)

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement	Medical
Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support	Sustainability	
Youth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Other				

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

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What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$15,000

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By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Danica Selvaggio



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Ventura County

Simi Valley Community Project Proposal 2018-2019

SCOPE OF WORK

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County (BBSVC) is respectfully requesting a Community Project Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the *Mentoring For Success: Peer-to-Peer Site Program*.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Helpful BBSVC definitions for this project

- **Big** - a high-school student who is a peer mentor to a middle-school student.
- **Little** - a middle-school student who is a mentee to a high-school Big.
- **Match** - a one-to-one mentoring partnership between a Big and Little.
- **Site** - the classroom location where Bigs and Littles will meet on a weekly basis.
- **Site-Based** - Describes a supervised program that is a group of Bigs and Littles who meet as a group at a common location, during a common time, but still engage in activities in a one-to-one mentoring approach within that dynamic.
- **Peer-to-Peer** - Describes a supervised program where the Bigs and the Littles are in a similar age group, and follow a curriculum based on education.

Project Summary

BBSVC will create a site-based mentoring program where high-school Bigs are matched one-to-one with middle-school Littles for a minimum of one year. Our goal is to facilitate character and social development, and prepare middle-school youth for high school success. The program will assist in proactively addressing bullying, self-esteem, healthy behaviors, civic involvement, and academic improvement.

Matches participate in one-to-one mentoring in a group setting, for a minimum of one hour per week, with supervision from a professional program manager. High-school Bigs experience the joy and life-changing power of service, build college resumes, and may receive school credit. Littles have the opportunity to connect with a role model close to their own age whom they identify with strongly.

With the help of community partners such as VC STEM, BBSVC will provide a weekly curriculum of S.T.E.A.M.-based enrichment activities for participating Bigs and Littles that will nurture education-focused goals and help students develop grade-appropriate skills. Speakers from businesses and community programs will be introduced

throughout the year to offer special insight into different industries, current events, and other pressing topics.

Monthly workshops for high school-aged Bigs will help students with 21st century job preparedness by connecting them to training and education opportunities that will emphasize success in first-time employment. These will also provide alternative pathways and wrap-around services for those with significant barriers to ideal employment opportunities. By preparing our Bigs for meaningful post-high school employment and education opportunities, BBSVC's site program will also help build skilled and independent community members.

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Estimated plan completion date

The project funded through this grant will commence on July 1, 2018 with all funds expended by June 30, 2019. Service to families living in Simi Valley is ongoing.

Deliverables: Major milestone items and dates

Month	Action
July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present application to City CPG. • Develop and approve 2018-2019 site program curriculum.
Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify/schedule speakers, community partners for site activities. • Collect curriculum supplies, prepare classroom. • Recruit, screen, and train high-school Bigs; recruit and screen middle-school Littles (permission signed by parents/guardians).
Sept 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match high-school Bigs and middle-school Littles. • Begin program: matches visit program site on a weekly basis for activities (excluding school holidays).
Oct 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarter Report due. • Program Open-House for public to visit and learn about program opportunities.
Nov 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matches continue visiting program site on a weekly basis for activities (excluding school holidays).
Dec 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Holiday Party for Bigs and Littles.
Jan 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Quarter Report due.
Feb 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional Field Trip for Littles to tour Bigs' High School.
Mar 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matches continue visiting program site on a weekly basis for activities (excluding school holidays).
Apr 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Quarter Report due.
May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year Site Party for Bigs and Littles. • Annual Review of mentoring match by Match Support Specialist.
Jun 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report due.
<i>** All funds will be utilized by June 30, 2019</i>	

Major plan activities

- Monthly BBSVC participation at *Simi at the Garden's* Free Farmer's Market to provide volunteer opportunities for Bigs and Littles, as well as improving their own healthy food security.
- Quarterly "Bigs Night Out" teen night activities for peer sharing.
- Topical training opportunities for the community (social media safety, etc).
- Program Open House event.
- Optional field trip for Littles to visit Bigs' high school.
- Site Holiday Party and End of Year Party for Bigs and Littles.
- Ongoing professional support for participating matches.
- Ongoing outreach to local businesses for supplementary financial support.
- Marketing and PR outreach on the success of the program.
- Match participation in BBSVC's *Holiday Angels* Program (where local donors "adopt" a youth's holiday wish list).
- Case plans developed for each individual Little.
- Referrals to partner agencies are given to families who need extra support outside the scope of BBSVC's services.

Services to be delivered / numbers served / cost per number:

The average cost per match is \$1,200 per year. We anticipate identifying and serving at least 10 new one-to-one peer matches during the grant funding period.

Budget Item	Cost (\$)	Narrative
Case Management	12,000	Annual case management for 10 matches (20 youth)
Internet	600	\$50/mo for internet services to track caseload data
Supplies	2,000	Supplies for group curriculum activities
Mileage	400	BBSVC van to meet and transport youth to/from site
	\$15,000	

***General overhead (rent, supervision, payroll, insurance, etc) to be funded through supplemental contracts and donors.*

Other Partnerships and Activities that are critical to the success of the project:

BBSVC partners with VC STEM, Ventura County Behavioral Health, Ventura County Human Services Agency, Ventura County Probation Department, and numerous other non-profits that also serve Simi Valley. Through these partnerships we are able to leverage services that families need to help them overcome whatever obstacles they encounter.

We will also be working with the Simi Valley school counselors for referrals of children in need of our services. The site will be located in a classroom adjacent to *Simi at the Garden*, a nonprofit partner, who will assist in providing a safe space for youth as well as many health-related enrichment activities throughout the year.

HOW MUCH

DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE & SUPPORT
A MATCH BETWEEN A CHILD & MENTOR?



\$160
FAMILY ENROLLMENT

Inquiry, Interview,
Review & Approval

\$190
VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Partnerships, Advertising,
Events & Fairs



\$280
COSTS PER VOLUNTEER

Inquiry, Interview, Training,
Assessment, Background Checks,
Review & Approval



\$120
MAKING INTRODUCTIONS

Sharing Information, Facilitating 1st
Meeting Between Big, Little & Family



\$200
OPERATIONAL COSTS

Facilities, Liability Insurance,
Communication, Supplies &
Group Development



\$550
SUPPORTING THE MATCH

Match Support Specialists
Call, Email, Text and Track
Bigs, Littles, & Families

www.MakeABigMatch.org



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Ventura County

**What impact does BBSVC's mentoring program have on its matches?
Here's what Big Brother Eddy has to say...**



“On March 27, 2007, my life changed forever.

In 2006, I read about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County in a newspaper and it spoke to my heart; and I thought to myself, “If I only had the time, I would love to do that!” I was always in the back of my mind.

It is funny how certain things speak to you because on January 5th of 2007 the Simi Valley Acorn did an amazing article about the program. “This is a SIGN!” I told myself...I called and applied to become a Big Brother.

I was matched with Tony in 2007.

Tony's mom (an amazingly strong woman) enrolled him in the program because his father passed away before he was born. Tony was acting out in school, fighting, and not heading in the right direction. You would never think that because he was such a shy kid. We met every week for an hour and that time grew as the years passed by.

Some of these kids in the program have seen more “Real Problems” than most adults today. I know that I have made a difference in his life because Tony has told me many times throughout the years, and guess what? This tough-looking tattooed realtor has cried every single time he has told me.

Tony is still in my life today and the bond we have is unbreakable. I am so thankful because I could never picture my life without him.

This is just my story, and there are countless others in this organization.”

**Eddy Milanes, “The Tattooed Realtor”
Simi Valley Big Brother**



“My biggest accomplishment in life has been becoming a Big Brother to Tony!”

Eddy

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Conejo Valley Senior Concerns

Address: 401 Hodencamp Road

City: Thousand Oaks , CA 91360

Contact Name: Janet Young

Contact Title: Director of Development

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To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 20%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-2992927

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. Senior Concerns is based in Thousand Oaks at 401 Hodencamp Road. We provide services from the following satellite locations:

1. Simi Valley Senior Center (Simi Valley)
2. Goebel Active Adult Center (Thousand Oaks)
3. Agoura Hills Senior Center (Agoura Hills)

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$15,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Janet Young



SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT SCOPE OF WORK

Overview

Conejo Valley Senior Concerns (Senior Concerns) respectfully requests a grant of \$15,000 through the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Program. This grant will be allocated to provide Adult Day Program and Dial A Ride Scholarships for Simi Valley low income seniors with cognitive or physical impairments so they may attend and benefit from our Adult Day Program.

Senior Concerns' Adult Day Program offers seniors with cognitive or physical impairments increased social interaction, which is a protective factor to ill health, and provides a therapeutic environment with stimulation and meaningful activities, including exercise which is crucial for good health. Studies suggest that socialization may slow mental decline in those with dementia. In addition, the Adult Day Program allows seniors to maintain a sense of personal identity, dignity and independence. The program also benefits family (unpaid) caregivers by allowing them to maintain their social network, reducing stress and depression, reducing missed work days, and allowing caregivers to maintain their relationship with their loved one with dementia.

At present time, there are two medical model adult day programs in Simi Valley, but no social model adult day programs. The closest social model program is Senior Concerns' Adult Day Program, provided at our facility in Thousand Oaks. A social model adult day program does not require a physician's order and provides a focus on socialization and mental stimulation through therapeutic group activities, primarily for seniors with cognitive impairment such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Conversely, the medical model programs available in Simi Valley require a physician's order and are designed for those with medical challenges, such as stroke or broken hip, who require nursing care and physical or occupational therapy.

Estimates indicate there are approximately 2,182 seniors with dementia currently living within the City of Simi Valley. This number represents 15.4% of those throughout Ventura County with Alzheimer's disease. Current, approximately 14% of the participants in Senior Concerns' Adult Day Program reside in the City of Simi Valley.

While the distance between Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks is not significantly great (approximately 17 miles between Thousand Oaks and the western end of Simi Valley), there are limited transportation options for seniors with cognitive or physical impairments to get them from their homes in Simi Valley to Senior

Concerns' Adult Day Program. Many elder family caregivers face added stress when confronted with having to drive a loved one on busy freeways from Simi Valley to Thousand Oaks.

The intercity Dial A Ride program between Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks provides a viable option. While the daily fee is low (\$10 round trip), it still places a hardship on low income families. Scholarships make Dial A Ride accessible and help ensure low income Simi Valley seniors with cognitive or physical impairments are not faced with barriers to attend Senior Concerns' Adult Day Program.

A History of Partnership With the City of Simi Valley

Since 2006, Senior Concerns has worked in partnership with the City of Simi Valley to provide services to Simi Valley seniors. At present time, our case manager/senior advocate is on site in Simi Valley on a weekly basis (Wednesdays for eight hours).

Since we began this program, the number of clients we have served, as well as the complexity of the problems we are addressing, has grown each year.

From caring for a loved one with dementia, to struggling with paying the electric bill or gas bill, to needing help identifying Veteran's benefits, our Care Manager helps Simi Valley seniors and their families in a broad range of vital and important areas. Often these seniors have nowhere else to turn, and do not know how to find the support and information they so desperately need.

As an example of how this project benefits the residents of Simi Valley, our Care Manager met with an older gentleman who was having trouble obtaining a handicap placard. He has asthma and diabetes, which caused him shortness of breath from walking a long distance and foot pain due to complications from his diabetes. Thus, the handicap placard was vital.

He was first denied and after meeting with Senior Concerns' case manager and discussing making an appeal by email, he was then approved. He was very grateful for the guidance we were able to provide, as well as the ease of meeting with someone in Simi Valley, rather than having to come to Thousand Oaks

With Community Projects Grant funding this current year (FY 2017-18), we are providing Adult Day and Dial a Ride Scholarships to low income Simi Valley seniors, in addition to providing the one-on-one case management described above. The Case Management services are funded through a Community Development Block Grant.

A Growing Need

America is aging. The age 85+ group is growing the fastest. Those age 85+ are projected to more than triple from 5.9 million to 19.2 million, reaching 4.3 percent of the total population by 2030. According to the most recent census, more than 10% of Simi Valley's population is age 65+, many living in poverty and disabled. This group is challenged with chronic health conditions, dementia, limited financial resources, transportation issues, food insecurity and difficulty accessing trusted resources, often resulting in elder abuse.

One in two in the age 85+ group will experience some form of dementia. Most people with a dementing illness will be cared for at home by a family member, who themselves may experience a variety of physical, emotional, financial and social burdens associated with the caregiving role.

Further complicating the picture, the number of family caregivers will not keep pace with the growing number of frail, older people. The caregiver support ratio is calculated as the number of potential caregivers aged 45-64 for every person age 80+. In 2010, the ratio was 7 potential caregivers for every senior age 80+. By 2050, that number is expected to fall to 3:1.

The task of caregiving often falls to adult children who are raising families and holding down full time jobs. Many caregivers feel unprepared, unsupported, overburdened and stressed. As described in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, caregivers (particularly those caring for people with dementia) give up hobbies, have less time for other family members, and report more work-related difficulties.

Expanding on the services we offer in the City of Simi Valley, Senior Concerns has developed a comprehensive library of resources designed to help seniors and their family caregivers in a number of key areas, including managing stress, making ends meet, understanding dementia, legal and financial planning, and more. We continue to build upon this resource library, and make it available to the seniors and family caregivers we serve in Simi Valley. In addition, through our community lectures, we will address issues related to family caregiving and designed to help the family caregiver help themselves and the care receiver.

About Senior Concerns

For more than 40 years, Senior Concerns has been dedicated to serving seniors and family caregivers. Our mission is to provide programs and services for seniors and family caregivers which support and improve their quality of life. We recognize that by supporting not only the senior, but also the family caregivers, we are helping to ensure better emotional and physical health for the entire family. Our aim is to provide life-affirming resources that help seniors remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and enable families to avoid the premature placement of their loved ones into nursing home facilities by enhancing the quality of seniors' lives.

We have grown from a single program agency offering Meals On Wheels to one that operates numerous programs and serves several thousand seniors and family caregivers every year. Our programs, in addition to Meals On Wheels, include an Adult Day Program which provides a safe, nurturing environment for seniors with cognitive or physical impairments, as well as vital respite for stressed and overburdened family caregivers). Our pro bono Caregiver Support Center provides vital information and resources, support, family consultations, and education to family (unpaid) caregivers. Senior Concerns' Senior Advocates help seniors and caregivers navigate often complex challenges such as understand Medicare, and links seniors to support services in the community. We work with local attorneys and Certified Financial Planners to provide pro bono legal and financial counseling.

It is estimated that for every month a community-based program such as those we offer prevents premature placement of a senior into a long-term care facility there is a financial savings of over \$4,500 to the family/community.

To help ensure Senior Concerns can evolve to meet the changing needs of rapidly growing senior and family caregiver community, both in the programs we offer and in ensuring the organization's long term sustainability, we have embarked on a major strategic planning effort. Working with a volunteer team of community leaders and stakeholders, we are focused on four key pillars of need in the community – Health Security (our Adult Day and Nutritional programs), Financial Resilience (Senior Advocacy, Pro Bono Legal and Financial Concerns, Economic Check Up), Caregiver Support (Respite, Care Support and Information/Referral), and Education and Advocacy (Empowered Caregiver Series, Speakers Bureau).

Project Budget

<u>Expenses</u>		
Labor and Benefits	\$23,078	Salaries/benefits for care manager and Senior Advocate serving Simi Valley residents
Equipment and Supplies	\$2,936	Office supplies, postage, membership dues, subscriptions, photocopying, etc.
Scholarships	\$18,000	Adult Day Program and Dial A Ride scholarships for low income Simi Valley residents
Telephone	\$250	For telephone consultations with Simi Valley residents
Indirect Expenses	<u>\$1,500</u>	Payroll services, Communications, Insurances, Computer Support, Advertising/Marketing, etc.
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Total Expenses	\$45,764	
<u>Budgeted Revenue</u>		
Simi Valley Community Projects Grant	15,000	Request submitted

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Free Clinic of Simi Valley

Address: 2060 Tapo Street

City: Simi Valley , CA 93063

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Contact Title: Executive Director

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Email: fred@freeclinicsv.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 85%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 23-7108154

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance
Support		Sustainability		Youth	Other

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$25,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Fred Bauermeister

FREE CLINIC OF SIMI VALLEY

2018-19 SCOPE OF WORK

For 47 years the Free Clinic of Simi Valley has provided medical, dental, legal and counseling services to those in need through the generosity of volunteer professionals. The number physicians, dentists, attorneys and therapists in addition to nurses, medical assistants, hygienists, dental assistants counseling interns and trainees, total 138. There are also another 20 community volunteers that assist these professionals. The Free Clinic has a small paid staff of 5, three of which work in our Dental Program and one in our Medical Program.

Given the complexities of managing the medical program, including all the regulations around licensure, the administration of children's immunizations and the use of electronic health records that interface with labs and other services. The expectation that only one-person administers these procedures is unsafe and unrealistic.

The Free Clinic is requesting a grant to hire an additional part-time assistant to work in our Medical Program in the amount of \$25,000.

In 2017 the Free Clinic Medical Program 11,362 patient visits by 4,263 individuals in addition to countless phone calls and in person inquiries.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Friends of Simi Valley Police Explorers 2910

Address: 3901 Alamo

City: Simi Valley , CA 93063

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Contact Title: TREASURER

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Email: russmc@hotmail.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley? Yes

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 81-1620569

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$16,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application.

J RUSSELL McCLELLAN

SCOPE OF WORK

The Simi Valley Police Explorer Post was established in the 1970's and over the years has been a major force in the personal and career development of hundreds of Simi Valley youth aged 14-20.

The Program is an extraordinary opportunity for Simi Valley youth to take an active part in community service while learning and experiencing the dynamic field of law enforcement. In addition to providing immersive career experiences, the program provides mentorship and guidance by Department officers and volunteers who provide a guiding force in the character development of Simi Valley's youth during their critical adolescent years by promoting integrity, discipline, teamwork, leadership skills, physical fitness, community service, a respect for the rule of law and patriotism.

Whether an Explorer is interested in a potential career in law enforcement or simply wants to take a more active role in their community, the Simi Valley Police Explorer Post encourages and guides youth to step out of their comfort zone so they can be future leaders. Under the guidance of their Advisors, Explorers can take on leadership roles in the Explorer Post and learn firsthand leadership skills and challenges.

The impact of the experiences and skills these youths learn during the program helps build a solid foundation for a successful future as well as providing a positive influence on their families, friends, and the citizens of Simi Valley.

Attached are representative statements of the impact of the Explorer experience from some former and current Explorers.

Many of the members of the Post go on to pursue Law Enforcement careers, but many more use the skills and values acquired in the program to be successful in many other fields. The program has lifelong impact that makes it critically important to the future of the youth of Simi Valley.

Unfortunately, current financial resources limit our ability to bring more young men and women into the program.

We are requesting a Community Project grant to develop new recruiting and support materials as well as fund the costs for uniforms and support services for

30 new Explorers. This will allow us to reach more young men and women who could benefit from the program and increases our ability to provide more community services to the residents of Simi Valley.

BENEFIT TO SIMI VALLEY

The Simi Valley Explorer Program benefits the city and its residents in a variety of ways beyond the positive impact it has on the members of the Post. In 2017 the program provided over 5,000 hours of services to Simi Valley, its organizations and its residents while simultaneously teaching important leadership, community service, character, health and life skills to the young men and women in the program. Currently the Explorers, under the leadership and guidance of their Volunteer advisors, provide parking and traffic control, crowd management, and other support services to event organizers for over 20 major events sponsored by the City or organizations in the City including the Reagan Presidential Library (Partial list of organizations served attached). These functions give the Explorers a chance to work with event organizers to plan, staff and execute these assignments for major events, a unique opportunity for people their age and not available to most of Simi's youth.

The addition of 30 additional Explorers will significantly increase the amount of services and volunteer hours that can be contributed to support a wide range of activities and events in Simi Valley.

COMPLETION ABILITY

The Explorer program has served the residents and youth of Simi Valley since the 70's so it has a long history of successfully executing its plans and goals. The current Volunteer leadership and 501(c)(3) board have extensive law enforcement, business and Not for Profit board experience in planning and executing projects like the type planned for the grant funds.

MEETING THE NEEDS OF SIMI VALLEY

Jr. High and High School is a critical time when kids mature rapidly towards adulthood and learn the key skills that prepare them for college, careers and success in life. Yet it's also a time when they face many questions about who they are, where their life is going and what are the right choices they should be making. This is the population served by the Explorer program.

The program is a long-term relationship with the men and women who are part of the program so it creates an additional structure for support, guidance and learning of new skills and ways to deal with wide range of situations under the guidance of experienced Advisors, who are people that they would not normally have a chance to work alongside.

For example, all the Explorers go through a modified police academy training, participate in regular ride alongs with police officers, sit-alongs with police dispatchers and can observe and discuss their observations and interactions with the community with law enforcement personnel, their Advisors and each other. They train to participate in competitions with other Explorer Posts throughout the Region doing things similar to what would be expected of police officers in a wide variety of situations. To successfully perform in these competitions, they learn not only the skills necessary to perform well, but also the discipline, planning, team building and leadership skills that are necessary to be successful in those competitions and in life.

DIRECT COSTS

RECRUITMENT & INFORMATIONAL VIDEO	\$4,000
POST WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$2,000
UNIFORMS & ASSOCIATED COSTS FOR NEW EXPLORERS	\$8,000
TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER SUPPORT COSTS	<u>\$2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$16,000

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.

Address: 2021 Sperry Avenue Suite 35

City: Ventura , CA 93003

Contact Name: Sylvia Taylor-Stein

Contact Title: Executive Director

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Email: staylor@ombudsmanventura.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 12%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 77-0199665

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement	Medical
Military	Resource	Seniors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Substance	Support	
Sustainability		Youth	Other			

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Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

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What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$25,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Sylvia Taylor-Stein

LONG TERM CARE SERVICES OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM SERVICES AND WORK PLAN 2018-2019

Background and Overview:

Long Term Care Ombudsmen are federally mandated advocates who visit nursing homes and assisted living facilities on an unscheduled and unannounced basis to advocate for the disabled and frail elderly who live there. Long Term Care Services of Ventura County Inc., a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization that oversees the Ombudsman Program, has served this vulnerable population for 36 years. Seventy percent (70%) have some form of dementia; all are considered low income, and all have some debilitating or chronic condition that prevents them from living independently; 100% are receiving Medicare and/or MediCal. The Ombudsman helps ensure their concerns, complaints, and other issues are dealt with in a timely manner, and fights for their right to live in a safe and healthy environment free from fear of neglect and abuse. Sixty percent (60%) of those in nursing homes have no family or friends who ever visit or watch out for them. The Ombudsman may be their only extended family for the rest of their lives.

Although the Ombudsman program is federally mandated, it does not receive sufficient federal funds to deliver the services these elderly persons need.. For example the federal mandate that governs the program only requires one visit per year per facility. The founders of the Ventura County program, recognizing the ineffectiveness of such a mandate, set their own mandate that all nursing homes would be visited once a week and all assisted living and board and care homes once a month minimum. The Ventura County program still abides by this mandate today in delivering these much needed services across the county, including Simi Valley's 55 facilities, even though the Program receives no funding from the City of Simi Valley.

Last fiscal year the Ombudsman Program provided \$30,686 (1,087 hours) in-kind services to residents living in Simi Valley's long term care facilities and reimbursed the 12 SV volunteers for the 6,295 miles they drove providing these services. The Ombudsman visited Simi Valley facilities 745 times and investigated 68 serious complaints. The program provided 161 consultations to Simi Valley long term care facilities to help ensure problems and complaints were dealt with timely and effectively, provided pre-placement counseling for 19 SV families seeking placement for a loved one, and 542 consultations to individuals living in SV.

For the purposes of this grant request, we will only concentrate on the 1100 in Simi Valley's long term care facilities and Adult Day Health Care, even though we serve almost twice that number which includes their families, the Simi Valley community at large through workshops, pre-placement counseling, family caregiver support, and training of staff in long term care facilities. In total we served 2,158 Simi Valley residents last fiscal year.

All services provided by the program are confidential, free of charge, and are not duplicated by any other agency.

Ombudsman Services

1. FACILITY MONITORING & COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION/ ... State Certified Ombudsmen monitor nursing homes and other long term care facilities during unannounced and unscheduled visits; observe levels of care and conditions and advocate for those who may be experiencing sub-standard care and treatment, neglect and abuse..
2. ELDER ABUSE INVESTIGATION...mandated service in which Ombudsmen investigate and work to resolve complaints that include physical, psychological, fiduciary or verbal abuse.
3. ADVANCED DIRECTIVE FOR HEALTH CARE...mandated service requiring Certified Ombudsmen witness all Advanced Health Care Directives that are executed in nursing homes.
4. PRE-PLACEMENT COUNSELING informs, supports and educates those considering placement of a loved one in long term care.

5. CONSULTATIONS TO FACILITIES...Ombudsman staff and volunteers meet with facility owners and administrators to seek out resolutions to ongoing concerns and problems within the facility.
6. OMBUDSMAN TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION...mandated function in which Ombudsmen trainees complete 51 hours of intensive classroom and field training, pass FBI and DOJ background clearance prior to become state certified; Completion of 12 hours per year continuing education is required for maintaining certification.
7. FACILITY IN-SERVICES...mandated sessions that educate nursing home and assisted living facility staff on elder abuse, resident rights, medication concerns, and use of restraints.
8. INFORMATION AND REFERRAL/COMMUNITY EDUCATION...supplies the community at large with information on health care services, long-term care issues

Community Need:

Currently the elderly population is the fastest growing segment in Ventura County and the 85+ age group growing at the fastest rate at 163%. When the time comes that persons can no longer live at home they may need to live in some form of long term care. Without the Ombudsman program many elderly residents and disabled adults in long term care facilities would have no one to represent them and advocate for their well-being; and their complaints, and concerns would go unheeded and their lives would surely deteriorate. When vulnerable populations in a community are protected and cared for, the entire community benefits.

Under our current total operating budget Long Term Care Services of Ventura County provides 12 months of advocacy and support services to one (1) disabled and/or elderly long term care resident for \$52.22 per year countywide. (\$443,900/8500 residents in facilities countywide = \$52.22). Through the utilization of small ombudsman staff and trained state certified volunteers, we are able to keep our costs low. In Simi Valley the ratio of our Community Projects grants request of \$25,000 to leveraged funds is \$1 Community Projects funds for every \$2.90 Agency provided funds. Community Projects funds to serve 1,100 clients at \$22.73/client (\$25,000 Community Projects funds/ 1,100 S.V. clients = \$22.73)

Disaster Preparedness:

In the Thomas Fire, even though Simi Valley was not directly affected, the Ventura County Ombudsman Program was instrumental in helping ensure the safe evacuation of elderly and disabled residents. Almost 600 residents were evacuated from nursing homes, assisted living facilities and board and care homes in Ventura and Ojai. Half the Ombudsman staff was evacuated and two Ombudsman volunteers lost their homes. Other staff and volunteers had major damage to their homes.

With their very small remaining staff of three who were not evacuated, the Ventura County Ombudsman Program acted as early responders in the shelter delivering blankets and water purchased with their own agency resources. The Ombudsman maintained a presence in the shelters and stayed in connection with the facilities from the beginning of the fire until it was no longer a danger to the community. The Ombudsman office was in direct contact with all facilities, encouraging early evacuation to help ensure the residents were evacuated to safe shelters or other long term care facilities in Ventura County and Southern California. In some instances the facilities were reluctant to evacuate, but finally did with the encouragement of the ombudsman. Thankfully, 600 residents were evacuated without incident, which has not been the case in other disasters. Although three facilities burned to the ground, all residents were safe. The Ombudsman program will continue to be diligent in making sure we continue to educate facility owners and administrators on proper protocol in the event of a disaster such as the Thomas fire.

Time Line	PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES	MEASUREABLE OUTCOMES	Amount Expend ed
<p>July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019 (12 month period)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents have regular and consistent access to an advocate to whom they can share their concerns and issues 2. Residents have a confidential advocate to investigate complaints and work on their behalf for resolution 3. Residents in skilled nursing facilities have ombudsman to witness and ensure their end of life decisions are honored 4. Simi Valley families have support and pre-placement counseling in making long term care decisions 5. Consultations to owners and administrators of Simi Valley long term care facilities 6. Ombudsman volunteers receive mandated certification training/continuing education 7. Paid caregivers in long term care facilities receive training on residents rights, mandated reporting, dignity and elder abuse 8. Simi Valley community residents receive information and links to services; community education on long term care and aging issues 	<p>Elderly and/or disabled residents in 55 long term care facilities in Simi Valley have weekly and/or monthly visitation from their Ombudsman; Attendees at Adult Day Health Care have a resource to handle their complaints. 1100 served</p> <p>70 complaints of abuse/neglect/healthcare/safety/medications/dietary investigated and resolved on behalf of elderly residents</p> <p>As requested Advanced Directives for Health Care witnessed for elderly residents in skilled nursing facility in Simi Valley.</p> <p>20 Care Receivers/Care Givers in Simi Valley receive confidential pre-placement counseling and caregiver support</p> <p>161 consultations provided by Ombudsman staff and volunteers to Simi Valley facility owner/operators</p> <p>10 Ombudsman volunteers serving in Simi Valley receive 24 hours continuing education annually to maintain certification. New recruits receive 51 hours certification training to become certified;</p> <p>Per request paid caregivers in nursing homes and residential care homes received free inservice training from Ombudsman Staff</p> <p>Simi Valley community residents receive information; long term care education in workshops conducted throughout Ventura County by agency staff</p>	<p>\$25,000 over 12 month period</p>

**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY
COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDS
APPLICATION LINE ITEM BUDGET**

APPLICANT NAME:	Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.			
PROJECT NAME:	Long Term Care Ombudsman Program			
Budget Item Description	Project Budget	Simi Valley Community Project Funds	Leveraged Funds	Comments
Direct Service Expenses				
Program Manager:30 hrs/mo x12 mo x\$32.10/hr +8.7% payroll tax	\$12,561	\$11,168	\$1,393	Co-Trainer with ED in training new volunteers; schedule and help facilitate required mandated ongoing training. Oversee volunteers
Pre-Placement Volunteer Support: 25 hrs/mo x12 mo x\$27.10/hr +8.7% payroll tax	\$8,837	\$8,137	\$700	Pre-Placement Counseling, Volunteer Training & Support
Information & Assistance Coord:29.17 hrs/mo x12 mo x\$20/hr +8.7% payroll tax	\$7,610	\$5,695	\$1,915	Providing information, counseling, support to families; Providing volunteer support
In Kind Services - 57 volunteers 8,547hrs x \$28.23/hr =\$241,282 total In Kind	\$52,847	\$0	\$52,847	12 SV Volunteers @ 3.00 hrs/week @ \$28.23/hr x 52 weeks = \$52,847
Rent \$3,534; Other Operating Expenses \$12,033	\$15,567	\$0	\$15,567	
Direct Service Expenses Total	\$97,422	\$25,000	\$72,422	
Indirect Service Expenses				
Administrative Personnel 10.25 hr/mo x 12 mo x \$27.10/hr = 3,333 +8.7% = \$3,623	\$3,623	\$0	\$3,623	
Recognition for Volunteers	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	
Indirect Service Expenses Total	\$4,623	\$0	\$4,623	
Project Expenses Total	\$102,045	\$25,000	\$77,045	
Source of Leveraged Funds				
Description	Amount	Date Available	Source of Funds	
Fundraising	\$5,000	Fall 2018	Fall Fundraiser – Casino Night	
In-Kind Volunteer Time	\$52,847	7/2017-6/2018	Ombudsman Volunteer Services	
Additional Grants to be Written	\$19,198		Unknown at this time	
Total Leveraged Funds	\$77,045			

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Many Mansions

Address: 1259 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd

City: Thousand Oaks , CA 91362

Contact Name: Cheyenne Bingham

Contact Title: Grants Manager

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Email: cheyenne@manymansions.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-3424516

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A.

Peppertree: 4214 Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Casa de Paz: 1010 Ashland Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

La Rahada: 1036-1050 Ashland Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

Peppertree Community Building: 4260 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A.

Affordable Housing & Supportive Services

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$10,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Cheyenne Bingham



2018-2019 Supportive Services Program

Scope of Work

Project Overview

The Supportive Services Program offered at Many Mansions' Peppertree, Casa de Paz, and La Rahada Apartments provides wrap around services to 32 low-income, disabled, and formerly homeless households. Wrap around services include case management, job development, and residential support. The goals for the Supportive Services Program are to empower residents to: 1) remain housed, 2) maintain or increase their income, and 3) increase self-sufficiency by improving their life skills. Many Mansions' Case Managers work with residents to obtain or increase their income, enroll their children in school, utilize appropriate health and medical benefits, and learn important lifeskills that are necessary for self-sufficiency, including proper health and nutrition. Case management support is crucial to their successfully remaining housed and not falling back into homelessness, earning a stable income, and raising happy and healthy families.

Community Need

The need in Simi Valley for the type of housing and services Many Mansions provides is great. According to the 2017 Ventura County Homeless Count, there are 1,152 homeless individuals in Ventura County. 105 are in Simi Valley alone. Of the unsheltered individuals in Simi Valley, over 70% were chronically homeless. This presents considerable difficulties, as unstable living situations make it difficult to obtain and maintain housing, an income, or a positive quality of living.

Before moving to Peppertree Apartments, Casa de Paz and La Rahada, many of our Many Mansions families and individuals were chronically homeless themselves. Coming from such an extreme experience of poverty, these families are making a huge lifestyle change at our properties. However, we believe housing is not enough, which is why we pair these residents with a wide variety of supportive services. Having extensive support and guidance from case management is instrumental to their successful transition to healthy living. The attention and presence of Many Mansions' Case Managers assists residents to find and retain employment and appropriately use medical benefits to which they are entitled.

Benefit to Simi Valley

Providing family support services to assist residents to remain housed and raise families in Simi Valley is vitally important. Last year, over 50 Simi residents were provided resources, services, and opportunities through this program. Without the support and presence of case management, these families could very well slip back into homelessness and instability. Supportive Services assist families in their transition from homelessness into a stable, prosperous lifestyle so that they can become involved, contributing

members of the Simi Valley community. Furthermore, by supporting their children with after-school and summer programming, we can help support the youth in their education, create opportunities for learning and experience, and give them the tools to break their family’s cycle of poverty.

Request

Many Mansions is requesting \$10,000 in grant funding for the Simi Valley Supportive Services Program conducted at the sites La Rahada, Peppertree, and Casa de Paz. We are requesting this amount specifically to support the cost of our case managers and staff who serve the three sites.

Costs and Timeline

Any funding awarded will go towards direct personnel costs for our case managers and supportive services staff. Because we receive HUD Continuum of Care grants our case management, our staff and finance team are well versed in accounting for and documenting direct staff time and resources on a daily basis.

Budget Item	Cost	Grant Amount
Supportive Services		
Direct Personnel Costs	90,000	10,000
Indirect Personnel Costs	25,000	
Program Costs	40,000	
Children Services		
Direct Personnel Costs	30,000	
Indirect Personnel Costs	0	
Program Costs	5,000	
Other Operational Costs		
Peppertree Community Building Lease	18,000	
Other	5,000	
Total	\$213,000	10,000

The Supportive Services Program is an ongoing program. Funding will be expended during the expenditure period of July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 on approved direct personnel expenses.

Simi Valley Property Locations

Peppertree: 4214 Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063

Casa de Paz: 1010 Ashland Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

La Rahada: 1036-1050 Ashland Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

* Peppertree Community Building: 4260 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

* The Peppertree Community Building is home for our Children Services Program as well as some of our case management activities. It is within walking distance of our Peppertree property.

Ability To Complete Project

Many Mansions has promoted and provided safe, well-managed housing for limited income residents of Ventura County for almost 40 years. Furthermore, we have a rich, 18-year history of providing life-enriching services to this population, including services for those who are formerly homeless. In Simi Valley, the Supportive Services program offered to our Simi Valley residents has been operational since 2003 when Casa de Paz opened its doors. The program was expanded in 2009 and 2014 with the addition of La Rahada and Peppertree, respectively, and expanded again in 2017 to include a child programming component to the youth population at Peppertree.

Many Mansions has successfully funded and provided these kinds of services for many years. We provide services in addition to housing as part of our mission to break the cycle of poverty.

Non-Duplicative Effort

Simi Valley has many services for homeless individuals and families. However, once a family moves from a state of homelessness (in this case chronic homelessness) to being stably housed, these services either stop or become very limited. This is critical because these families are still in need of supportive services to help them transition away from the cycle of poverty. Furthermore, the services that are still available to these families may be out of reach. Our residents do not always have the means, resources, or the ability to seek them out.

Despite this need, the City of Simi Valley's 2017 Affordable Housing Guide identifies only four properties that pair housing with supportive services for formerly homeless and disabled residents. Three of these properties are owned and managed by Many Mansions.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: My Kaleidoscope Project

Address: 5737 Kanan Rd. #289

City: Agoura Hills , CA 91301

Contact Name: Amber Olsen

Contact Title: Founder and President

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Email: mykaleidoscopeproject@gmail.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 80%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 81-2837344

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A.

Simi Valley - Agoura Hills - Thousand Oaks Area

No offices, just where project has had classes and workshops.

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical		Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance
Support		Sustainability		Youth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$13,495

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Amber Olsen



“The idea behind a kaleidoscope is that it is a structure that’s filled with broken bits and pieces, and somehow if you can look through them, you still see something beautiful. And I feel like we are all that way a little bit” -Sara Bareilles

My Kaleidoscope Project is a 501© (3) non-profit organization that guides and supports middle school girls, by equipping them with the emotional tools and skills they need to become their best self. Teen girls are given an opportunity to dive into topics and issues at hand such as self-compassion, confidence, social media dilemmas, friendships, family dynamics, communication, and respect. What makes this project so unique and special is we give girls hands-on tangible ways to deal with their feelings and emotions in healthy and constructive ways. When confronted with body-image issues, cutting, bullying, low self-worth, peer pressure, girls then will have the means to make better choices. Teen girls can take classes at their local school and can host/take workshops at their school, community centers, Girl Scout troops, and in public and private forms. They are given a voice, and leave each class feeling valued, heard, respected, strong, and EMPOWERED.

Scope of Our Work:

Our project holds classes, workshops, camps, and assemblies in Simi Valley and surrounding areas, such as Agoura Hills, Westlake, and Thousand Oaks. We are backed by the Simi Valley Unified School District, Conejo School District, Simi Valley Parks and Recreation, and Agoura Hills Parks and Recreation. We are going into our 3rd school year at Valley View Middle School and Sinaloa Middle School.

***114 girls have taken classes at Valley View and Sinaloa Middle School**

***25 girls have gone through a workshop after school at Big Springs Elementary School**

***20 girls have taken a workshop through their local Girl Scout Troop**

***15 girls went through our first Summer Camp in 2017 at SV Parks and Recreation.**

***100 girls have had exposure to the project in lecture forum or by Parent Initiated Private Workshops**

***We are hopeful we will be able to implement our program into Boys and Girls Club of SV in 2018/2019**

Mission:

Simply put, we pursue our girls with passion and intention, trying our best to focus on quality, not quantity. We dive into girl's hearts so that they can discover their gifts and talents. Our projects and exercises give them a chance to explore that. When you are given an opportunity to work through hurts, struggles, insecurities, and challenges so much healing can come from that. You are then able to have an incredible amount of self-compassion so that you can care and love others well.

Curriculum:

Each topic we go over is designed to be very purposeful so that girls get the most out of what they are experiencing, so that it stays with them. Some Examples:

Hands-on projects- My Broken Heart (like taking a paper heart and ripping it into pieces, writing what has hurt them or what they are dealing with now and putting it back together again with tape. The heart represents who they are, broken or not, it can be a part of them and can be used for good one day)

Getting Out Their Feelings and Emotions: Unloading of My Heart (Saying out loud what they are feeling by tearing paper)

Group Bonding: Affirmation Circle (affirming each girl with compliments and hugs, the most emotional exercise.)

Experiencing Healing and Letting Go: Chair Exercise (Girls read a letter, touching on anger, disappointment, sadness, guilt, fear, and ultimately forgiveness. They write to someone who has hurt them deeply, the empty chair represents who they wrote it to, another emotional exercise)

Individual Attention in a Group Setting: Awareness (Girls find comfort in knowing they aren't the only one going through tough times)

Breaking Down Specific Words: Define and Explain (F.R.I.E.N.D.S. and B.U.L.L.Y. and K.I.N.D.)

Goal:

Our end goal for this project is for girls to come out of classes feeling more confident and proud of who they are, have obtained resources, tools, and skills they need to be more kind to themselves and to others. Every girl has the ability to be more compassionate, selfless, and non-judgmental. When girls have an awareness of others they can see past diversity issues, religion and handicap differences, and have the strength to face bullying issues.

Community Project Grant Request:

We are asking for a grant of \$13,495 so that we can continue to build on our solid foundation in Simi Valley. This project is being offered to schools and community centers at no cost. (Except Parks and Rec camps) We rely heavily on funding, so girls can take part in this project. Our project is currently writing a workbook which will be done in fall of 2018. This workbook will be given to girls after completing the classes.

Grant Budget (July 2018-June 2019)

\$6,600-6 (8-week classes) at Valley View and Sinaloa Middle School, potentially Boys and Girls Club in Simi.

Total of 66 [girls @ \\$100.00](#) a girl

\$516-4 Camp Scholarships to be available for girls that want to go to camp, but financially are unable.

\$129 for a week of camp, there will two camps that fall into budget timeline 1-Aug 2018 1 June 2019

\$600-2 Elementary 2-day workshops (Big Springs, Etc.)

\$300-2 Elementary Assemblies for 5th and 6th Graders Gearing Up for Middle School

\$700-Insurance and Liability Coverage

\$650-Continued work on Kaleidoscope Workbook, Trademarking Curriculum

\$1,500-Independent Contractors (accounting, media support, marketing)

\$2,500-Program development and research

Total: \$13,495

Thank you so much for considering My Kaleidoscope Project!

Much Kindness,

Amber Olsen

President and Founder

EIN# 81-2837344

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**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Ridone Inc.

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City: Simi Valley , CA 93063

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Contact Title: President

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To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95 444888-5

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical		Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance
Support		Sustainability		Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A.

Support services, community awareness, health

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$10,043

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Donald L. Knypstra



www.ridone.org

5932 E. Los Angeles Ave #38 Simi Valley CA, 93063

888 699-8879

Scope of Work (SOW)

Ridone Inc. a 501 (c) 3 Nonprofit for low income, homeless and people with disabilities.

Ridone Inc. providing free cosmetology services since 1993, that includes haircuts, hair styling, manicure and make-up.

Unaffordable services

Ridone Inc. is committed to providing cosmetology services to low income, homeless and individuals with disabilities. This very large community has been denied access to opportunity and mainstream cosmetology services due to many reasons, however the main reason is financial. **Ridone** goal is to heighten awareness of the public, area cosmetology schools and salon professionals as to why they should give back by way of volunteering services to all individuals that are financially challenged.

A simple hair service strengthens one's self-esteem, health while boosting their presence and productivity in society.

Unaffordable services

A low-income family of 4 can save over 100 dollars by taking advantage of free cosmetology services. The money they save can go for medicine, food, shoes, clothing or for school supplies. Many of our senior are alone and low-income. Many of our seniors do not have money for a simple haircut. A haircut builds self-esteem and provides the human touch that many never get. The money they save that can be spent on food or medication.

Unemployed or homeless individuals who receive free cosmetology services may get that job they have been seeking and with the money they save they can buy food.

Through donations Ridone has been able to provide thousands of services to thousands of low-income, homeless and people with disabilities for over 7 years in the Simi Valley area.

This year's goal is to provide services at the

Ashley Manor Senior living.

Samaritan Center in the summer of 2018.

Simi Valley Senior center in November 21, 2018.

Simi Valley Street Fair.

Ridone is a completely volunteer organization with no employees. Cost to our operations for a single event includes:

Scope of work expenses

Office supply	\$400.
Transportation (beneficiaries)	\$750.
Equipment rental	\$800.
Cosmetology equipment & supplies	\$300.
Gas	\$540.
Event Insurance	\$1,600.
Food provided for beneficiaries	\$1,053.
Beauty supply's giveaway to beneficiaries	\$2,400.
Banners	\$300.
Marketing /research	\$600.
Community Education	\$1,300.
Total	\$10,043.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Simi at the Garden, Inc.

Address: 1636 Sinaloa Road

City: Simi Valley , CA 93065

Contact Name: Robbie Hidalgo

Contact Title: Vice President

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Email: robbie@simiatthegarden.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 45-2624846

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. The Simi Valley Community Garden's purpose serves the majority of available categories in the selection drop down menu.

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$39,902

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

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By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Robbie Hidalgo



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CITY OF SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION (2018)

FOR THE SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

VERSION 1.0

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

EMAIL: ROBBIE@SIMIATTHEGARDEN.ORG

PHONE: (805) 416-8300 X702



Garden of Dreams
COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND

Simi at the Garden is an all-volunteer local community 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which founded and operates Simi Valley's first and only Community Garden. **Simi at the Garden** is also a massive ongoing community service/building/action project which provides unlimited civic, social, educational and health benefits for all of the residents of Simi Valley.

Some of the most prominent and innovative community projects provided by the garden are the **Sharity Garden**, a ½ acre community farm project, which grows and harvests healthy organic produce which is donated weekly to charities such as the Simi Valley Samaritan Center, providing fresh food for the city's homeless and indigent population. The Garden also founded the ground-breaking **SocialFeed** city-wide growing project, as well as the nationally acclaimed **Free Farmers Market** - both projects which have been formally recognized this year by the California State Assembly for their pioneering impact on community well-being.

As a local Simi Valley all-volunteer community non-profit organization, funding resources for the many critical and continuing projects at the Community Garden are extremely limited. Simi at the Garden thus seeks consideration for a 2018 City of Simi Valley Community Projects Grant (CPG) in order to continue several vital projects which will both sustain and enhance the Community Garden's civic, educational, social, environmental and health benefits to the entire population of our community.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Although a comprehensive, multi-category Community Needs Assessment for the city is beyond the scope of a single application, these needs have been defined in the charters of the many worthy non-profit organizations serving our community. We have nevertheless included a detailed and referenced research summary as Appendix "A" of this application.

What is unique to **Simi at the Garden's** community service initiative however, is that this initiative serves and meets the needs of so many different community-needs categories, and provides an innovative, vibrant and evidence-based resource to meet the needs of many other of our community's non-profit organizations objectives as well, with whom we partner extensively. This allows a Community Project Grant allocation for this initiative to impact a breadth of community needs concurrently, through a single Grant expenditure.

Community-needs categories which this project will provide services for include:

- Education
- Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Military Support
- Seniors
- Substance Abuse
- Supportive Services
- Sustainability
- Youth
- Homeless/Impoverished

THE PROJECT – STATEMENT OF WORK

Beginning in 2016, Simi at the Garden launched a multi-phase community initiative which has effectively redefined the role of Community Gardens nationwide, by maximizing the civic, educational and supportive services benefits provided by the Garden for all of the residents of our community. This project is called the **Garden of Dreams** Community Service Initiative.



By researching and integrating the “best-practices” of leading community gardens throughout the US, the **Garden of Dreams** project redefines, expands and cultivates the breadth of benefits and services the garden delivers to the entire community, by providing educational, therapeutic, job training, intervention and a variety of support services to youths, seniors,

The Garden of Dreams project sows the seeds of healing, renewal, growth and brighter futures for all of the citizens and humanitarian initiatives within our community.

recovery, trauma and mental health populations, veterans, SVUSD, Behavioral Health, disabled and other disadvantaged community members, as well as the populations of so many of our community’s other non-profit organizations.

Vibrant education and engagement programs for adults, seniors, families, youths, the disabled and the entire community blend formal, experiential and service-oriented learning and experiences.

Recovery, trauma, senior, youth, physical and mental health populations all benefit from a “strengthened” community in a natural setting, a resource which studies consistently illustrate break-down the profound sense of isolation

experienced by so many populations in need of supportive services, and thus maximize the opportunities for lasting recovery, healing and growth, for individuals and for our community.

The **Garden of Dreams** project provides the framework for extensive evidence-based benefits to community members in recovery from substance abuse, victims and the families of domestic violence and other trauma experiences, students and the most recent curricular & career education objectives of the Simi Valley Unified School District, adult and youth diversion populations, mentally and physically impaired, indigent and other under and unemployed populations, senior citizens, veterans, families, children, and many more.

Together, we work towards common goals that impact individuals as well as other regional agencies and services by providing innovative support directly at the point-of-need. The **Garden of Dreams** project will sow the seeds of healing, renewal, growth and brighter futures for all of the citizens and humanitarian initiatives within our community.

THE PROJECT – STATEMENT OF WORK (*CONTINUED*)

The current phase (Phase 2) of the **Garden of Dreams** Community Support Initiative will achieve the following vital objectives:

- Augmentation and expansion of existing programs and program facilities
 - a. Completion of ADA mandated facility upgrades to maintain program services for senior, youth, veteran, disabled and mobility-impaired populations.
 - b. Expansion and augmentation of current programs and program facilities to accommodate increased demand for services to other non-profit organizations serving our community, and new regional program development demand.
 - c. Acquisition of supplementary tools/equipment for expanded community use.
 - d. Equipment, Material, Rental and Service Expenses for community program services, ADA compliance requirements, site operations and community outreach, engagement, support and educational activities.
 - e. Preservation of the pioneering FREE FARMERS MARKET which provides tens of thousands of pounds of fresh produce at no charge to local residents. This innovative program has served 15,000 citizens county-wide since Oct. 2017.
 - f. Development expenses for outreach, partnerships, financial augmentation activities and educational program development throughout the region.
 - g. Completion of the youth, STEM Education and Community Service spaces.
 - h. Development of green technology space in alignment with the City of Simi Valley's LIVE GREEN initiative, where solar, wind and water power technologies are implemented, demonstrated and utilized by the community, schools, colleges and other non-profits in STEM educational and job training initiatives.
 - i. General Maintenance
 - j. Expansion of the Sharity Garden facilities, an all-volunteer agricultural space which provides fresh organic produce weekly to indigent, homeless and other disadvantaged populations in our community.

Participants in the Garden of Dreams initiative:

- Participate in programs which meet the needs of community engagement as well as provide innovative intervention strategies for youth and adult diversion populations, community service participants and substance abuse diversion and recovery.
- Give back to the community by growing and distributing food for programs that serve homeless, indigent and needy populations throughout Ventura County.
- Symbiotically interact, educate and learn from other groups who use the garden, and create diverse cultural connections which promote growth, healing and well-being.
- Are given job training opportunities with woodworking, landscaping, masonry, general labor, green technologies, administrative tasks and more.



THE PROJECT – STATEMENT OF WORK (CONTINUED)

- Benefit from a living Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics lab within the city to pursue engaging and interactive STEM-oriented curriculum within a “green” and sustainable framework.
- Take advantage of transitional employment in the safety of a structured environment.
- Learn basic and adaptive life skills required for employment and quality of life.

PROJECTED BUDGET – PHASE 2

The **Garden of Dreams** community support initiative is a multi-phase project which is being implemented in three sequential phases - foundation, augmentation and renewal. The current Phase will enhance, extend and expand program outreach and evolution in order for program resources to meet broadening community needs. Should demand and application for services continue to evolve and expand over time as has been demonstrated in Phase 1, consideration for development of additional site(s) to meet those needs continues to be reviewed as part of the **Garden of Dreams** extended mid-range planning forecast.

Item Description	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost
Industrial Equipment, Rental			\$ 5,680.00
Materials, Construction and Service Expenses			\$ 8,240.00
Expanded Community Accommodation Components			\$ 2,900.00
ADA Mandated Facility Modifications			\$ 3,160.00
Tools & Equipment (Expanded Program Use)			\$ 1,120.00
Supplies & Expendables (Facility)			\$ 1,570.00
Regional Fiscal Development Outreach			\$ 2,650.00
Technology Infrastructure			\$ 4,750.00
Program Development Expenses			\$ 2,870.00
General Maintenance			\$ 1,850.00
Fees, Misc. Program Expenses (Print Costs etc.)			\$ 2,462.00
Community Outreach & Events			\$ 2,650.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 39,902.00

PROJECT TIME FRAME

Because the community garden’s many ongoing projects must, by nature, consistently be executed in coordination with unwavering seasonal milestones, the Phase 2 project timeline has been forecast with the same strictness as our annual garden deadlines must be, and - pending funding - is projected for completion well within the allowable project time frame.



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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION & APPENDICES TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION (2017)

FOR THE SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDEN

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APPENDIX “A” – COMMUNITY NEEDS RESEARCH & ASSESSMENT

The humanitarian and social support needs of the community of Simi Valley are extensive and diverse. The innumerable benefits of local Community Gardens towards meeting diverse community needs such as ours have been comprehensively researched in recent years, just some of the findings of which are noted in the appendix below.

CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Food in the United States travels an average of 1,300 miles from farm to fork, changes hands half a dozen times, and consumes 10 calories of fossil-fuel energy to produce a single calorie of modern supermarket food (Kloppenborg, Hendrickson and Stevenson, 1996, p. 33, 42; Pollan, 2008). Promoting the production of food locally greatly reduces the greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation of food.
- Fruits and vegetables sold in supermarkets spend as many as 7 to 14 days in transit. During this time, almost 50% of the transported food is lost to spoilage. Locally grown food reduces or eliminates this transit time, helping to greatly reduce waste (Community Food Security Coalition, 2003, p. 4).

MUNICIPAL BENEFITS

Community Gardens are an economic benefit to local governments:

- Community gardens have been shown to increase property values in the immediate vicinity where they are located. In Milwaukee, properties near community gardens experienced an increase of \$24.77 with every foot and the average garden was estimated to add approximately \$9,000 a year to the city tax revenue (Bremer et al, 2003, p. 20; Chicago, 2003, p. 10; Sherer, 2006).
- Been and Voicu in The Effect of Community Gardens on Neighboring Property Values, estimate that New York’s “gross tax benefit generated by all community gardens over a 20-year period amounts to about \$563 million. Under the scenario in which the local government would have fully subsidized the garden provision [which is rarely the case], the city’s total investment would have amounted to about \$83.5 million. Thus, the estimated net tax benefit would be, in the aggregate, about \$480 million or, per garden over \$750,000” (2006, p. 28).
- Developing and maintaining garden space is less expensive than parkland area, in part because gardens require little land and 80% of their cost is in labor (Saylor, 2005).
- Community gardens provide a place to retreat from the noise and commotion of urban environments, and have been shown to attract small businesses looking to relocate (Sherer, 2006).

- Community garden programs provide employment, education, and entrepreneurship opportunities for a wide variety of people, including students, recent immigrants, and homeless people (Community Food Security Coalition, 2003),
- While vacant lots can be magnets for litter and criminal activity, community gardens are observed and managed by the gardeners, resulting in a cleaner space and more active local community. All of this often comes at little or no cost to the city (Schmelzkopf, 1995).

FOOD PRODUCTION

Community gardens allow families and individuals without land of their own the opportunity to produce food, and provide a place for gardeners to share knowledge and skills.

- Gardeners save significant amounts of money on produce. One project estimated that community gardeners saved between \$75 and \$380 in food costs every season (adjusted for inflation from 1994 to 2011) (Hlubik et al. 1994; Armstrong, 2000).
- Local agriculture conserves resources by shortening the commodity chain, saving on fuel-demanding transportation and packaging (Bremer et al, 2003, p.23)
- From 1978-1989, \$8.9 million worth of produce was grown in Milwaukee community gardens (Bremer et al, 2003, p.22, 56).
- In 1999, the fifteen New York gardens organized as the City Farms program of the organization "Just Food" grew close to 11,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and fruits. Nearly 50 percent was donated to nearby soup kitchens and food pantries (Just Food 1999 Summary Report, as cited by Englander, 2001, p. 14).

HEALTH BENEFITS

- Community gardens provide access to fresh, traditional produce and nutritionally rich foods in low-income neighborhoods, where nutritious food is much less available than in other areas. "A study of all food stores in three low-income zip codes in Detroit found that only 19%, or fewer than one in five stores, carried a minimal 'healthy food basket' [of] products based on the food pyramid" (Pothukuchi, 2003).
- Studies (like the one conducted by Lackey and Associates) have shown that community gardeners and their children eat healthier, more nutrient rich diets than do non-gardening families (Bremer et al, 2003, p.54).
- People who garden (or who live with someone who gardens) tend to eat more fruits and vegetables on a daily basis. In a survey in Flint, Michigan, while only 17.8% of respondents from non-gardening households ate fruits and vegetables at least 5 times a day, that number rose to 32.4% in households with a gardener. The same study showed that gardeners also

tend to eat one more serving of fruits or vegetables per day than non-gardeners (Alaimo et al., 2008).

- Increasing the consumption of organic local produce reduces exposure to chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Local food can also “be eaten fresh, without the preservatives that are typically added to produce that is shipped long distances” (Bremer et al, 2003, p. 54).
- Multiple studies have shown that natural areas such as community gardens grant a variety of mental health benefits. Being in natural places fosters recovery from mental fatigue, improves outlook and life satisfaction, helps us to cope with and recover from stress, improves our ability to recover from illness and injury, restores concentration, and improves productivity (Maller et al., 2005).
- Simply viewing plants has been shown to reduce fear, anger, blood pressure, and muscle tension (Relf, 1992 p. 161; Ulrich, 1979; Ulrich, 1986).

EXERCISE

- Gardens can be areas for recreation and exercise. According to the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the “creation of or enhanced access to places for physical activity combined with informational outreach” produced a 48.4% increase in frequency of physical activity in addition to a 5.1 percent median increase in aerobic capacity, reduced body fat, weight loss, improved flexibility and an increase in perceived energy (as referenced in Sherer, 2006).
- Gardening is considered a moderate to heavy intensity physical activity, and has been linked to significant beneficial changes in total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, and systolic blood pressure (Armstrong, 2000).
- Besides being a great way to exercise, gardening motivates people to stay active longer than other activities. In one study, participants spent significantly more time gardening (225 minutes/week) than doing other leading forms of exercise, such as walking (160 minutes/week) and biking (170 minutes/week) (Caspersen et al., 1991).

CRIME PREVENTION

Community gardens offer a focal point for community organizing, and can lead to community-based efforts to deal with other social concerns.

- Community gardens give youth a safe place to interact with peers and can involve them in beneficial activities (Sherer, 2006).
- Community gardens increase neighborhood surveillance or “eyes on the street”, often deterring crime (Kuo & Sullivan, 2001b).

- In a study of violent and property crimes around public housing buildings in Chicago, buildings with a high level of vegetation that doesn't obscure view (such as most garden plants) had 52% fewer crimes than those with no landscaping. Buildings with medium levels of this type of vegetation had 42% fewer crimes (Kuo & Sullivan, 2001).
- Scientific studies show that crime decreases in neighborhoods as the amount of green space increases, and that vegetation has been seen to alleviate mental fatigue, one of the precursors to violent behavior (Kuo and Sullivan, 2001).
- Community gardening is recognized by many police departments as an effective community crime prevention strategy. In Philadelphia, burglaries and thefts in one precinct dropped by 90 percent after police helped residents clean up vacant lots and plant gardens. ("Healing America's cities" p. 5-6, as cited in Englander, 2001).

THE URBAN ECOSYSTEM

Gardens help to improve the health of the city ecosystem in several ways:

- Community gardens add beauty to the community and heighten people's awareness and appreciation for living things. In a Chicago survey, this was the #1 reason given for the importance of community gardens, mentioned by 14.3% of respondents, while 83% of respondents felt that the garden has enhanced the beauty of the community (Chicago, 2003, p. 34).
- A 1995 Regional Plan Association poll of individuals nationwide found that the major components of a satisfactory quality of life are safe streets and access to greenery and open spaces. In another survey, owners of small companies ranked recreation, parks, and open space as their highest priority in choosing a new location for a business (Sherer, 2006, p.5).
- Urban green spaces are unevenly distributed and access is extremely limited near low-income neighborhoods populated by minorities, including recent immigrants. For example, in "Los Angeles, white neighborhoods enjoy 31.8 acres of park space for every 1,000 people, compared with 1.7 acres in African-America neighborhoods and 0.6 in Latino neighborhoods" (Sherer, 2006, p.6).
- Filter rainwater and help to keep lakes, rivers, and groundwater clean ("Plants and the micro-organisms with which they symbiotically coexist help to clean and filter water as it percolates through the soil") (Bremer et al, 2003, p. 50).
- Reduce soil erosion and runoff, which lessens flooding and saves the city money (Bremer et al, 2003, p. 50, 56; Sherer, 2006; tpl, 2004).
- Restore oxygen to the air and help reduce air pollution through the gas exchange systems of leaves and soils (Chicago, 2003 p. 14; Sherer, 2006).

YOUTH EDUCATION

Community gardens can serve as a highly-engaging outdoor classroom where youth can learn valuable skills, like those involving practical math, communication, responsibility and cooperation. They also provide the opportunity to learn about the importance of community, stewardship and environmental responsibility.

- When combined with science education, gardening can be a form of experiential learning that is more effective than traditional classroom learning. In a study of Hispanic and African American middle school students in Los Angeles, students who participated in a science class with a garden project showed dramatically improved science-processing skills when compared to those in a traditional science class (Blair, 2009 p. 19).
- In California, the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners has a program in Alemany, a community with an unemployment rate of 84%, which employs 20-25 local youth during the school year and about 60 during the summer. They are trained in gardening, landscaping, habitat restoration, work skills and leadership development (Feenstra et al, 1999 p.40).

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Community gardens offer unique opportunities to establish relationships within and across physical and social barriers. (Bremer et al, 2003; Tranel & Handlin, 2004). In places like the Twin Cities, where there are large communities of first and second generation immigrants, community gardens have provided a space for: inter-generational exposure to cultural traditions; cultural exchange with other gardeners; access to non-English speaking communities; cultural collaboration between ages groups (seniors and youths)
- In gardens across New York that are supported by the city's community garden association, GreenThumb, there are gardeners from 45 different countries and many regions of the U.S.
- A recent study found that, compared to residents living near barren areas, those closer to green common spaces are more likely to use them and more likely to interact with neighbors and the community as a result (Kuo et al, 1998, p.26).
- Community gardens are great places to host social and cultural events for a variety of isolated populations, helping to strengthen communities (Krasny & Saldivar-Tanaka, 2004).

MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BENEFITS

- Exposure to green space reduces stress and increases a sense of wellness and belonging (Bremer et al, 2003, p. 55).

- “A ten percent increase in nearby greenspace was found to decrease a person’s health complaints in an amount equivalent to a five-year reduction in that person’s age” (Sherer, 2006, p. 16).
- In Brentwood California, the Vets Garden employs 35 patients, many of whom have not been able to hold down a job since the Vietnam War. Since the garden program started, inpatient stays have been significantly reduced and the gardeners have been making progress at faster rates and are better able to “participate more fully in the world and move on to jobs outside the hospital”. Employment opportunities such as gardening and landscaping throughout the city have become available to Vet gardeners and several program participants have even gone back to school. (Feenstra et al, 1999, p. 52).

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APPENDIX "B"

2016 CPG FUNDING - COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

The **Garden of Dreams** Community Service Initiative received a Community Project Grant allocation in the 2016-17 CPG funding cycle for Phase 1 of a three phase multi-year project. The initial grant allocation amounted to 53.9% of the itemized Phase 1 budget plan. As a result, several central components of the Phase 1 Community Project were consequently modified and/or eliminated from the Phase 1 plan, due to funding limitation.

Alternative funding resources were also solicited to supplement the project budget, which yielded an additional 6.74% of funding for Phase 1 of the Community Project.

As a 100% locally-based all-volunteer nonprofit organization which directly serves the city of Simi Valley and its citizens, funding resources for the type of comprehensive and impactful Community Projects necessary to sustain and enhance our community are inherently limited. By comparison, regional and nationally founded organizations, for whom Simi Valley citizens represent merely a fragment of their populations served, are able to draw upon a substantially broader funding pool than grassroots community organizations such as ours.

Providentially, Phase 2 and 3 of the **Garden of Dreams** initiative do begin to dynamically address this limitation by implementing a broadening outreach development component based on the regional extensibility of the Project's innovative community program initiatives (such as the Free Farmers Market program), thereby providing increased fiscal augmentation from new regional, state and national funding resources, both public and private, by FY2019.

Despite the challenges in funding through Phase 1 of the Project, the following abbreviated abstract of the initial funding effectiveness demonstrates the community benefit from, as well as community demand for, the wide-ranging services provided by the **Garden of Dreams** initiative, which has already notably exceeded expectations, even at this early stage.

2016-17 COMMUNITY PROJECT RESULTS

During and subsequent to the 2016 Community Project Grant funding cycle, the **Garden of Dreams** Community Service Initiative has initiated and is now providing innovative, essential services not only for all of our citizens, but for the many Community Needs categories which this initiative addresses, as well as the following sample of populations whom we serve:

SENIORS: Development of the wheelchair/walker accessible Community Use and Educational Commons. Construction of preliminary "accessible" raised planting stations to accommodate ambulatory limitations in bending, mobility etc. Preliminary engagement outreach to **Assisted Living** facilities and the **Senior Center** to enhance coordinated senior group-programming, and provision of monthly produce donations.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED: Initiation of Community Integration, Skills Development and therapeutic programs for such prominent nonprofit partner organizations as **PATHPOINT** and **Villa Esperanza Services**, as well as local **Group Homes** and

individuals. Preliminary development of facility accessibility solutions for our growing mobility impaired populations.

AT-RISK YOUTH/LAW ENFORCEMENT: As a direct result of the 2016 funding cycle, **Simi at the Garden** has become the primary resource for **Ventura County Probation**, the **Ventura County Juvenile Courts**, **SVPD** as well as at-risk youth **Group Home Programs** such as **Guiding Our Youth** in Simi Valley, for intervention, risk mitigation and support services provided via our at-risk youth Community Service program, which has grown beyond expectation in Phase 1. In particular, the **Garden of Dreams** initiative was reported by **Ventura County agencies** to be the only regional program providing at-risk youth community service program access which does not conflict with ordinary educational schedules. Additionally, the implicit influence of the Garden's unique setting, mission and community on our at-risk program population has yielded uniquely positive and adaptive outcomes for even the most challenged at-risk and intervention participants. Our current program development includes a growth-path to provide incoming participant mentoring by our prior at-risk youth graduates who, after completing their requirements, have continued to return to the Garden voluntarily as a result of their experience. Additional mentoring and pioneering program development to address East County youth diversion populations is currently being realized in partnership with **Big Brothers Big Sisters Ventura County** in collaboration with the **Ventura County Probation Agency**. The effectiveness of this facet of the **Garden of Dreams** initiative has thrived so swiftly, and filled such a vital unmet need for our community, it has become one of the projects proudest achievements since the 2016-17 CPG funding year.

EDUCATION/YOUTH: Development of preliminary K-12 STEM-oriented resources to accommodate the educational needs of **SVUSD**, in collaboration with district stakeholders. Initiation of youth-focused outreach to provide service opportunities, cross-cultural and intergenerational community participation and engagement, and volunteer opportunities to meet **SVUSD** graduation service requirements via the **Garden of Dreams** and **SocialFeed** initiatives. Preliminary development of the **"Children's Garden"**, a unique dedicated resource for our city's elementary-aged children, offering a living and creative "makerspace" environment for K-6 exploration and development in a green and sustainable framework. Ongoing engagement with the **City of Simi Valley Youth Council** to provide vision, guidance and leadership in developing additional youth-centered services and solutions to meet evolving community needs with innovative, community driven solutions.

VETERANS: Foundational development of the **"Ground Operations"** veteran-centered community agricultural project, providing both job-training and innovative therapeutic and healing supports to our community's veterans and their families. Coordination for additional comprehensive veteran program partnership with **U.S. Congressional Rep. Steve Knight**, whose staff has contributed both vision and support for the **Garden of Dreams'** continuing veteran-focused program development.

RECOVERY, TRAUMA, MENTAL HEALTH: Development and implementation of multiple innovative programs to support both the intervention/recovery and survivor/trauma populations of non-profit organizations such as **NOT ONE MORE**. Preliminary collaboration with **Ventura County Behavioral Health** to expand innovative therapeutic initiatives capitalizing on horticultural therapeutic research and the attending populations of the Free Farmers Market to innovatively address unmet needs and underserved communities in Simi Valley in a destigmatized way. Development of the Under One Tent program to provide a pioneering public venue to support all members of our community's underserved therapeutic, wellness and health related needs. Collaboration with local nonprofit **Victory Outreach** to support their residential, recovery and community integration objectives by providing work experience, job training, and financial development opportunities through a variety of **Garden of Dreams** program initiatives.

IMPOVERISHED, HOMELESS & INDIGENT: 2016-17 CPG funding for the **Garden of Dreams** community service initiative facilitated a 128.7% INCREASE in the output of the all-volunteer, community run **Sharity Garden** program, which was able to increase its donation volume of healthy, locally grown organic produce to help feed our less-fortunate citizens, to nearly 2,000lbs. of donated fruit and vegetables in 2017. 100% of the produce grown on the **Sharity Garden** community farm is donated to local community food banks, such as the **Simi Valley Samaritan Center**. Additionally, the **Garden of Dreams** initiative launched a first-of-its-kind city-wide municipal action project dubbed **@SocialFeed**, utilizing a groundbreaking strategy to sharply reduce food insecurity amongst our city's communities-in-need, by engaging broad public, private and civic activation in a novel "food-mob" initiative to collectively grow and provide >5,000lbs of produce for our community's food insecure population. Additionally, the Garden founded the now nationally acclaimed **Free Farmers Market**, a program which in its initial three months of operation, served approximately 15,000 individuals county-wide with the free distribution of fresh produce.

SUSTAINABILITY: Development of the community-scale compost system/facility plan, and preliminary engagement in the recurrent community-requested "compost drop station" program plan. Primary completion of the **City of Simi Valley California Friendly** landscape and "water-wise" demonstration space in coordination with the city's **Live Green** initiatives. Development of the rainwater capture system plan. Partnership engagement with **Moorpark Community College** Compost Project and Biology Departments to pursue symbiotic educational outreach, advanced research project development, living-lab space and regional compilation of cutting-edge best-practice green/sustainability programs. Engagement with the Calleguas and Metropolitan Water districts, to coordinate sustainable water efficiency workshops in partnership with the Garden of Dreams community service initiative programs and outreach.

APPENDIX "C" –COMMUNITY PROGRAM INITIATIVE SAMPLE

Attached herein is a current Community Action Project abstract for the **Garden of Dreams** Community Service Initiative. This is intended to serve as reference for the types of ongoing innovative community service initiatives the Community Project Grant funds support.

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**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

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To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 90%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 23-7125047

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. ARTS Cultural Enrichment Center is located on site at Simi Elementary School, 2956 School St., Simi Valley, CA 93065.

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement	Medical
Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support	Sustainability	
Youth	Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A.

ARTS and SVCA's programs are all encompassing and promote arts, education and culture.

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization. ARTS and SVCA

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$25,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Jan Glasband



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Organization: SVCA and Actors' Repertory Theatre of Simi

Project: Conversion of the Multi-Purpose Room at Simi Elementary School into a 104-Seat Black Box theatre

For nearly three decades ARTS (Actors' Repertory Theatre of Simi) has been developing self sustaining educational arts programs in the city of Simi Valley under the non profit umbrella of the Simi Valley Cultural Association (Fed tax ID 23-7125047). In addition to presenting a season of musical theatre at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center ARTS has also created the popular Simi Valley Historical Ghost Tour (formerly Ghost Tour in Strathearn Park), the Nottingham Festival renaissance faire and Tumbleweed Township, an historical reenactment of a nineteenth century American western town and marketplace. Recent outreach programs include Time Travelers, Inc. which partnered in 2017 with the Reagan Library's Discovery Center's "Growing Leaders" program for third and fourth grade Simi Valley students, and the Simi Valley Public Library with public living history presentations. ARTS also offers over a dozen performing arts classes for all ages and two musical theatre summer camps for kids ages 8-18.

Throughout the years ARTS has relied on a series of temporary spaces in order to hold rehearsals and teach performance art classes and workshops. These have included empty storefronts, churches, and the multi-purpose room at the Cultural Arts Center (for our two summer musical theatre workshops for kids) and until last year, two buildings on site at Belwood Elementary School (sold to a development company last year) through a quid pro quo agreement with the Simi Valley Unified School District.

In August of 2017 ARTS and SVCA entered into a partnership with SVUSD in order to occupy and manage three buildings on site at Simi Elementary School for the purpose of creating ARTS Cultural Enrichment Center, which now houses all programs and associated workshop/design spaces under one permanent roof. In exchange, ARTS and SVCA have agreed to provide an equitable, accountable exchange in free programs and services to Simi Valley students. Having a permanent location will enable us to further expand our programs in the community and reach more children, families and local residents than in past years. In addition to four classrooms that are currently used for costume and set design, two classrooms provide space for a half dozen or more performing arts classes and workshops which are taught year-round. These classrooms are located in the two buildings south of the large Multi-Purpose Room on campus, which is situated on the corner of School St. and Deodora.

It is our goal to convert the Multi-Purpose room at Simi Elementary into a 104-seat black box theater in order to satisfy a growing need in the community for an additional smaller performance venue that will focus on new and original legitimate theatre works, Saturday morning children's programs, and numerous smaller and more intimate types of theatrical and musical presentation. To this end we are requesting a one-time allocation in the amount of \$25,000 from the City of Simi's CDBG Non Profit Grant Program for the 2018/2019 period. The CDBG grant will help to defray the hard costs of materials and non volunteer labor, the remainder of which will be acquired through revenue from ticket sales, tuitions, donations both in-kind and cash, and fund raising.

Benefits to the City include:

More diverse programming that will include a broader spectrum of residents, focused on youth, and original works by local performance artists. We also are hoping to include more culturally diverse programs that address the needs of our bi-lingual residents and pay tribute to local cultural heritage, inclusive of indigenous peoples and Latino culture. Our long term plans are to focus on performance for low income families and at risk youth.

Bringing a positive perspective to our community is of primary interest to us and we look forward to partnering with the City in order to raise cultural awareness and enrich the lives of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Glasband

DIV	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	COSTS
01	GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	
	Temporary Lifts & Equipment	\$ 1,200.00
	Mobilization	\$ 500.00
	Waste Management / Disposal / Cleaning	\$ 720.00
05	METALS	
	Lighting Pipe & Rigging	
	(15) 21' Schedule 40 Pipe	\$ 400.00
	(30) Cheeseboro Clamps	\$ 442.00
	Hanging Hardware	\$ 350.00
	Labor	\$ 240.00
	Audience Platforms	
	Inclusive of 6 Stages with Legs, Chair & Audience Railings	\$ 6,400.00
	Labor	\$ 1,200.00
06	WOODS AND PLASTICS	
	Audience Portal Walls	
	Lumber / Sheetrock	\$ 750.00
	Hardware	\$ 150.00
	Labor	\$ 960.00
	Tech Booth Carpentry	
	Plywood & Lumber Materials	\$ 550.00
	Hardware	\$ 100.00
	Labor	\$ 480.00
09	FINISHES	
	Flooring	
	Stage Flooring: Vapor Barrier / OSB / Ply / Masonite	\$ 1,200.00
	Tech Booth Flooring: Carpet	\$ 450.00
	Installation	\$ 480.00
	Painting Throughout	
	Flat Black Paint	\$ 405.00
	Labor	\$ 240.00
10	SPECIALITIES	
	Cyclorama Curtain & Stand	\$ 1,600.00
	Curtain Blacks (100 Yards)	\$ 5,700.00
	Curtain Installation	\$ 240.00

DIV	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	COSTS
11	EQUIPMENT	
	(20) Source 4 Lekos Lights	\$ 7,000.00
	Sound & Light Board	\$ 6,500.00
	6K Projector	\$ 2,600.00
	Lighting Controls / Hardware	
	(10) Elation Dimmer Packs	\$ 1,400.00
	(10) 10' DMX Control Cables	\$ 250.00
	(1) 15' DMX Control Cables	\$ 35.00
	Enttek Ethernet Controller	\$ 400.00
	Apple Airport	\$ 95.00
	300' Extension Cords - Various	\$ 350.00
	Labor for Hook Up / Installation	\$ 480.00
16	ELECTRICAL	
	Electrical Scope: Run & Hook Up	\$ 5,200.00
	Project Management	\$ 1,000.00
	Sub Total	\$ 50,067.00
	Contractor Fees & Overhead	\$ -
	Grand Total	\$ 50,067.00

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Simi Valley Education Foundation

Address: 2551 Galena Avenue, #1439

City: Simi Valley , CA 93062-1439

Contact Name: Cindy Jacoby

Contact Title: Executive Director

Telephone Numbers: (877) 746-4543

Email: cindyjacoby@svef.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 77-0299495

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical		Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance
Support		Sustainability		Youth	Other

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$17,500

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Cindy Jacoby

Applicant: Simi Valley Education Foundation
Project Details: STEM Enhancement Grants
Amount Requested: \$17,500

Who is The Simi Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)?

Our mission is to bring together community and business entities that will provide additional resources to students in Simi Valley's public schools. Through collaboration, the Foundation seeks to strengthen our public schools and the education they provide to our children. Research has shown that economic growth is directly related to the skills of its workforce. And the skills of the workforce are heavily dependent on the school's in their community. **By providing additional resources to our schools we truly believe we are benefitting the City of Simi Valley in the future.**

Since its inception in 1989, SVEF has worked to improve the educational experience for all students in our community. Operating independently from the school district, each year our private, non-profit organization provides thousands of dollars and resources directly to the Simi Valley schools, teachers and students, through classroom and department/grade level grants, student scholarships, and programs such as Every 15 Minutes and PTA Reflections. Although it operates independently, the Superintendent and a School Board member are members of the Foundation's Board, thereby providing insight and direction into decision making processes.

While the district provides the state and federal mandated materials to our schools, it has become SVEF's goals to enhance the education platform's curriculum through the purchase of various instructional resources. Our foundation goes above and beyond what is already provided to our schools and deliver additional assistance that will elevate our district's education above the standards that already exist. By doing this we are not only enhancing public education, which is a critical part of the fabric of our community, but creating future assets that will benefit our community. **In the end it is also our belief that we are helping to create more engaging and appealing schools, which will draw new students to our district bringing additional resources to our schools.**

Now more than ever, Simi Valley's public schools need our help. Drastic state budget cuts place a heavy burden on the resources that our schools use to create a rich, educational environment in which our children can learn. Teachers -- perhaps our greatest resource -- face unparalleled challenges in the classroom as they strive to motivate and educate their students. It is critical that our teachers and schools are provided with the tools they need to design lessons that successfully deliver core content curricula to all students while inspiring them to continue learning beyond the classroom.

One such tool is the Foundation's Enhancement Grant program, which emphasizes academic achievement. The Enhancement Grant program provides greatly needed resources directly to teachers, departments and entire schools. Last year SVEF provided nearly \$50,000 in enhancement

grants to our schools, which was in addition to our student scholarship programs and PTA support we provide on an ongoing basis.

SVEF works hard to raise money to support educational projects and programs. Our Board of Directors has committed to providing budgeted that same Enhancement Grant award amount for the 2018-2019 school year, but **we would like to increase the STEM allotment at our schools through a Community Projects Grant.**

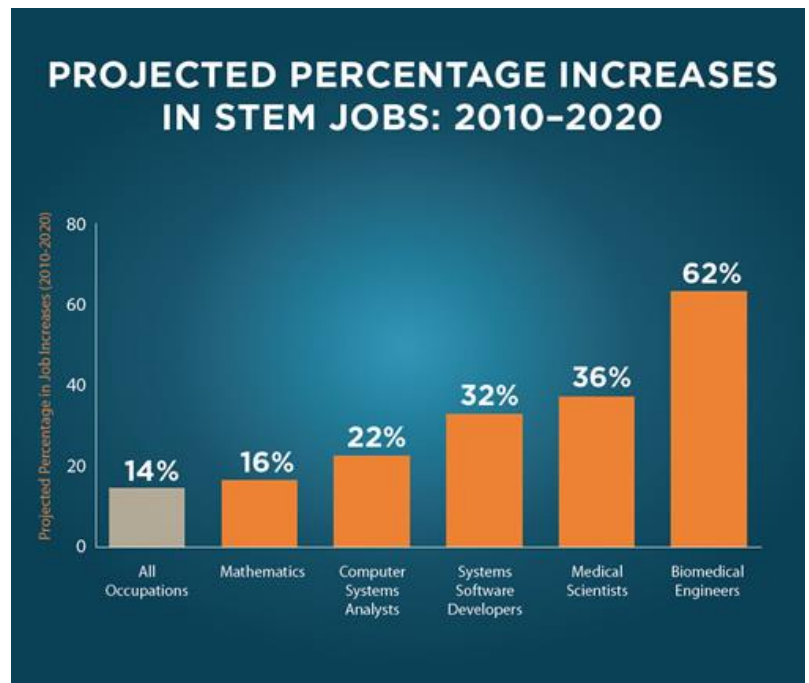
Proposed Project Request: STEM Enhancement at SVUSD High Schools

1. Understanding the Need

In a world that's becoming increasingly complex, where success is driven not only by *what* you know, but by what you *can do* with what you know, it's more important than ever for our youth to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to solve tough problems, gather and evaluate evidence, and make sense of information. These are the types of skills that students learn by studying science, technology, engineering, and math—subjects collectively known as STEM.

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.

Though the United States has historically been a leader in these fields, fewer students have been focusing on these topics recently. According to the U.S. Department of Education, only 16 percent of high school students are interested in a STEM career and have proven a proficiency in mathematics. Currently, nearly 28 percent of high school freshmen declare an interest in a STEM-related field, but 57 percent of these students will lose interest by the time they graduate from high school. The United States is falling behind internationally, ranking 29th in math and 22nd in science among industrialized nations. What's more, a recent survey revealed that only 29 percent of Americans rated this country's K-12 education in STEM subjects as above average or the best in the world. **In our competitive global economy, this situation is unacceptable.**



All young people should be prepared to think deeply and to think well so that they have the chance to become the innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing our nation and our world, both today and tomorrow. But, right now, not enough of our youth have access to quality STEM learning opportunities and too few students see these disciplines as springboards for their careers.

Innovation leads to new products and processes that sustain our economy. This innovation and science literacy depends on a solid knowledge base in the STEM areas. Most jobs of the future will

require a basic understanding of math and science. Despite these compelling facts, mathematics and science scores on average among U.S. students are lagging other developing countries.

2. Amount Requested: \$17,500 (to be divided as indicated below):

- a. \$10,000 for High schools (Including Apollo and Simi Institute)
- b. \$5,000 for Middle schools
- c. \$2,500 for Elementary schools

This request seeks funding to provide additional STEM resources, through our established enhancement grant process, to the teachers in the Simi Valley Unified School District's high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. Each year we receive numerous requests for STEM projects, but can only fund a limited amount.

In the past we have funded the following STEM grants/supplies:

- **Lab Balances & Scales for High School Science Lab**
Lab equipment is a priority for the schools in Simi Valley. With so little resources, students must share equipment and learning is slowed. The high school chemistry lab should be equipped with enough equipment for students to perform all necessary exercises in the curriculum. Imagine students having to wait in line to conduct their experiments. STEM grants help provide the equipment needed for students to perform laboratory tasks in the time allotted.
- **Science Projects at Middle Schools**
We funded a buoyancy and surface tension project. This hands-on project included all areas of STEM and would not have happened without our support.
- **LEGO® MINDSTORMS® at Elementary Schools**
LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Robotics can be used as a tool for teaching engineering, science, math, critical thinking, and most of all, creative problem solving. It features many activities designed to develop students' computational thinking and engineering design skills through the presentation of open-ended problems. But the costs of these kits are not covered in the SVUSD budget and SVEF has stepped up to assist in the purchase.

We believe additional STEM Enhancement Grants will truly make a difference in our student's lives and in their future, while benefiting the City of Simi Valley in the future.

3. Project Goals

1. Ensure all students have access to high-quality learning opportunities in STEM subjects. We hope the City of Simi Valley and the Community Projects Grant Review Committee share is vision for our children's future.
2. Help Students experience the a-ha moment that...
 - a. **Science** is everywhere in the world around us.
 - b. **Technology** is continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives.
 - c. **Engineering** is the basic designs of roads and bridges, but also tackles the challenges of changing global weather and environmentally-friendly changes to our home.
 - d. **Mathematics** is in every occupation, every activity we do in our lives.
3. Provide opportunities for SVUSD students at all levels to explore STEM-related concepts, and hopefully they will develop a passion and pursue a job in a STEM field.
 - a. A curriculum that is enhanced with STEM-based hands-on activities provides real-life situations to help our students learn.
4. Provide Support material that help integrate multiple classes to provide opportunities to see how concepts relate to life to hopefully spark a passion for a future career in a STEM field.
 - a. STEM activities provide hands-on and minds-on lessons for the student. Making math and science both fun and interesting helps the student to do much more than just learn.
5. Finally, STEM education helps to bridge the ethnic and gender gaps sometimes found in math and science fields. STEM education breaks the traditional gender roles. To compete in a global economy, STEM education and careers must be a priority. Each decision made uses an aspect of STEM to understand the implications.

There are very few people who would argue about the importance of excellence in education. An education is a valuable and necessary tool, and we must do everything we can to get our students to value and excel in their education and an enhanced STEM education is one of the most important steps. Though problems exist in education, there are always positive solutions to bring hope and success.

Our local public education system is widely supported by the community, which was evident when our constituents passed a \$239 million in bonds to modernize and upgrade school facilities. While these funds will go to enhance our buildings and infrastructure, the work of the SVEF is a vital component to support the SVUSD in enhancing classroom curriculum, which increases practical learning and greatly assists in student retention.

Timeline

1. Distribute Grant Applications:

Applications will be available online at the Foundation's website August 2018. Each board member is assigned a school and they will be attending the first staff meeting of the school year to discuss the grant process. A press release will also be sent announcing the grant period is now open

2. Grant Applications Deadline:

Grants will be online applications only and must be received by October 5, 2018. The grant applications will be altered to indicate that there are additional resources provided through the Community Projects Grant for high schools who apply for STEM-related grants.

3. Application Reviews:

The SVEF Board of Directors has already approved the distribution of \$50,000 in enhancement grant awards for the 2018-2019 school year. Any additional money received through the Community Projects Grant will be awarded SOLELY to those schools requesting STEM related program grants.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of board members.

4. Recipient Notification:

Grant applicants are notified via email and mail as to whether their grant will be funded along with their award check. This will occur at the end of October 2018.

5. Evaluation Forms Returned**

As the grant recipient completes the program they are required to return an evaluation form. This can occur throughout the year but must be completed by June 2019.

**Any grants that have been awarded with the Community Projects Grant resources will be required to submit updates (i.e. grant supplies purchased) and final completion status with results upon conclusion of the grant

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Simi Valley Family YMCA

Address: 3200 Cochran Street

City: Simi Valley , CA 93065

Contact Name: Ryan Fowler

Contact Title: Senior Program Director

Telephone Numbers: (805) 583-5338

Email: rfowler@sevymca.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-2305501

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. Arroyo Elementary

Atherwood Elementary

Berylwood Elementary

Big Springs Elementary

Hollow Hills Elementary

Justin Early Learners Academy

Katherine Elementary

Santa Susana Elementary

Sycamore Elementary

White Oak Elementary

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals

Arts

Cultural

Education

Emergency

Law Enforcement

Medical

Military

Resource

Seniors

Substance

Support

Sustainability

Youth

Other

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. Community. The YMCA serves community members of all ages, from youth to seniors, focusing on improving healthy living, youth development and social responsibility.

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$15,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

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By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Ryan Fowler

Scope of Work

The Simi Valley Family YMCA would like to use any funds awarded from the Community Projects Grant to help purchase a Dodge Grand Caravan. This new van would replace a 2003 Chevy Astro Van, currently in service. This 15 year old van is past its repair and replace lifespan and a new van would increase the safety and reliability of our transportation program. We are asking for \$15,000 to help complete this purchase and better serve the youth of Simi Valley.

The YMCA would use this van to help transport children enrolled in our after school program, giving youth a place to learn, grow and thrive afterschool while their parents have a safe, structured, affordable child care program for their children while at work. Transporting children from school sites allows us to serve more members of the community who may not otherwise have access to high quality, affordable child care. The van would also be used in the summer as part of our day camp program, again giving children and parents the opportunity to take part in a well-known, highly regard program that helps children grow and develop socially and academically, giving them opportunities they may not have without the YMCA.

The total cost of a new Dodge Grand Caravan ranges from \$23,000 to \$24,000. With an award of \$15,000 the YMCA would be able to cover the eight to nine thousand dollar difference. We have already earmarked \$10,000 in our upcoming budget year for this expense to cover the difference in price that would not be met by the grant award money. This would enable us to complete the purchase sometime after July 1st 2018 (and before June 2019), the start of our new fiscal year.

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2018 Dodge Grand Caravan SE

Engine:	3.6L V6 24V VVT	MSRP:	\$28,775
Transmission:	6-Speed Automatic	Dealer Discount:	-\$1,908
Exterior Color:	Granite	Sale Price:	\$26,867
Interior Color:	Black/Light Graystone	Rebates:	\$4,000
Stock #:	32529	Net Cost:	\$22,867
Model Code:	RTKH53		
VIN:	2C4RDGBGXJR161316		

Manufacturer Offers:
[0% on select Dodge models, \\$4,000 on select Dodge models](#)

2018 Dodge Grand Caravan SE

Engine:	3.6L V6 24V VVT	MSRP:	\$28,035
Transmission:	6-Speed Automatic	Sale Price:	\$28,035
Exterior Color:	White	Rebates:	\$4,000
Interior Color:	Black/Light Graystone	Net Cost:	\$24,035
Stock #:	32715		
Model Code:	RTKH53		
VIN:	2C4RDGBGXJR181071		

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**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Simi Valley Missing Pets

Address: 1307 Rincon St.

City: Simi Valley, , CA 93065

Contact Name: Susan Friedman

Contact Title: Funds Development Volunteer

Telephone Numbers: (805) 390-0400

Email: susanfriedman17920@outlook.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 46-2031562

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. n/a

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. n/a

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$23,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

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Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Susan Friedman

SIMI VALLEY MISSING PETS

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SIMIMISSINGPETS

Scope of Work: SVMP was founded in 2011 by Jennifer Diello, a long-time Simi Valley resident, when she realized there was a desperate need in the community to reunite lost pets with their owners. Social media became a valuable vehicle to post information about lost and found animals, and today, SVMP has over 40,000 Face Book followers. It was one of the first organizations to do this, and now there are “Missing Pet” sites throughout the United States using our model. **SVMP operates entirely on donations and in-kind services.** Volunteer Search and Rescue teams are trained to assist in rescuing dogs, many who have been abandoned and/or were too frightened or wild to be easily captured and made safe. In 2017, approximately ninety dogs a month were reunited with their owners by SVMP. **In January of 2018, eighty six dogs were reunited with their owners, all residents of Simi Valley through SVMP.** Cats and various other animals are referred to those appropriate organizations. Our volunteer Search & Rescue Team is on call 24/7, using their own vehicles, gas and equipment order to bring these animals to safety. When someone calls with a lost or found sighting, we respond immediately, unlike the shelter, which often takes hours, or is unavailable to capture dogs that are running wild and that can mean life or death for some animals. During the July 4th period of 2017, the entire team worked three days with very little sleep, and rescued fifty-two very frightened dogs. Sadly, one Labrador Retriever was hit by a car and did not survive, and the volunteers were able to contact and comfort the owners.

It began as a lost and found, and then evolved into a means to find forever homes for many dogs in need. SVMP developed a volunteer foster care program, so that dogs could be cared for in loving homes, by families, until permanent homes were found. In 2014 SVMP applied and was granted 501 (c)3 status. SVMP has made a huge impact on the community and it's perception of it's companion animals.

The organization has grown at an alarming rate, as the community and community officials have come to depend upon it to rescue pets from unfortunate situations, assist with abuse issues and assist people in need so that they could keep their beloved pets. SVMP works with local businesses, veterinarians, spay/neuter clinics and members of the community to provide funding and in-kind services. A local pet store holds adoption events when needed and donates food and other items. All foster families receive food, veterinary care and supplies provided by SVMP. All animals that are placed for adoption have been spayed/neutered, chipped, vaccinated and are in good health. All prospective adopters are required to fill out an application and are carefully screened. Many of the rescued dogs need medical care, often on an emergency basis. Even with reduced rates, our veterinary and medication bills are constant and often put us in the red. Many of these medications are needed to prevent the spread of disease to other animals in the community. SVMP also works to keep pets in their homes when hardships occur, with donations of food and supplies and veterinary care. Our senior animals are provided with “forever fosters” if their owners are unable to care for them, and hospice care is provided when needed so that these special animals are loved and spoiled for however long they live.

We are requesting funding in order to provide a stipend for the Director of our Search & Rescue, and to purchase equipment needed for this purpose as well as gas purchased by the team. We are also requesting funding to provide a stipend for the Director of Operations, who oversees all other aspects of SVMP functions, including record keeping, the foster care program, adoptions, and medical care.

Budget:

Director of Search & Rescue stipend,	\$6,000
Director of Operations stipend,	\$6,000
Search & Rescue Equipment,	\$2,000
Net guns & catch loops	
Gloves	
Traps	
Chip Reader	
Gas allocation for Search & Rescue	\$4,000
Medication/veterinary bills	\$5,000
Total requested,	\$23,000

We hope you will consider our request, and help Simi Valley Missing Pets continue to provide this much needed service to the community, and it's companion animals.

Thank you.

You can find out more about us on our website:www.simimissingpets.com, and www.simivalleymissingpets.org. Also, friend us on Facebook!

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Simi Valley Vikings Youth Football & Cheer

Address: 3150 School St

City: Simi Valley , CA 93062

Contact Name: Michael Sereno

Contact Title: Ways & Means

Telephone Numbers: (805) 587-6213

Email: serenofamily1@yahoo.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 1

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 20-8612622

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support
Sustainability		Youth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$10,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Michael Sereno

Name Michael Sereno
Contact Information 843 Holbrook Avenue
Simi Valley, CA 93065
(805) 587-6213
serenofamily1@yahoo.com

Proposed Start Date: May/June 2018

Proposal Summary

Simi Valley Vikings Youth Football and Cheer humbly request a \$10,000 grant to be used for the upcoming 2018 season. These funds will go towards purchasing approximately 60 new protective helmets. The remainder of the grant money will be used to sponsor financially restricted families.

Organizational Description and History

For 55 years, the Simi Valley Viking organization has been dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of football and cheerleading. The program has always been led by community volunteers, which includes a 10 person board as well as coaches and their staff. Due to its 55 year tenure, Simi Valley Vikings has become multigenerational within the community and strives to continue that tradition. The league's mission is to have the next generation stay active and healthy. By instilling the disciplines the sport of football brings, we hope to not only make great teammates, but eventually great leaders and community members.

Historically, the Simi Valley Vikings have been a great representation of the city of Simi Valley. The program awards children for their academic achievements, provides support and mentorship to the children who participate, as well as the parents/guardians who may also be in need and focuses on teaching proper technique in order to minimize injuries.

Our biggest accomplishments in 2017 included the athletes volunteering in neighborhood events such as the annual Gator Run and the annual Simi Valley Street Fair, as well as the development of the organization's first annual Stars & Stripes charity event. This special event raised awareness around our military and the local non-profit organizations that support them. In addition, funds were raised during the event for the Military Collaborative which is a non-profit organization that supports military needs in the Ventura County. The Stars & Stripes event gave the athletes the opportunity to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed for our freedoms, both veterans and active duty personnel. Lastly, the organization was able to sponsor the league fees for 10 children whose families saw unforeseen circumstances or hardships that would not have allowed their children to play otherwise.

Project Scope of Work

Receiving the grant monies will allow our football league to purchase new protective helmets, which will ensure proper safety is in place prior to the start of the season in July 2018, as well as player sponsorships to families who may need this financial support to be able to allow their children to play.

Grant will be used to fund:

\$6,600/\$109.99 = 60 Riddell Victor Youth Helmets

\$3,400/\$350 = 10 children sponsorships

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Still Waters Café at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Address: 4191 Cochran Street

City: Simi Valley , CA 93063

Contact Name: Claudia Gordon

Contact Title: Volunteer Grant Coordinator

Telephone Numbers: (805) 527-1481

Email: cgordon46@gmail.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-264 9424

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement	Medical
Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	
Youth	Other					

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$15,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City. Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Claudia Gordon

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Scope of Work

Still Waters Café at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church is a dining service for those who are suffering economic hardship, homelessness or who are lonely and wish to have a dining companion. We offer a free, nutritious community meal every Thursday. Our fresh, home-cooked meals are served in a family atmosphere with home style table settings. We offer to-go snacks and operate a food pantry to help our patrons feed themselves and their families during the remainder of the week. Each winter, we collect gently used jackets and coats as well as new warm socks and distribute this clothing to those in need. Every year, we also participate in the ACTION Community Christmas Shoppe by donating bags of groceries and grocery store gift cards for a holiday meal.

Still Waters Café was established in 2009 by Founding Directors Sally and Ray Valderrama, who were named Community Volunteers of the Year by the City of Simi Valley in 2013. Since then, we have served almost 40,000 meals and have distributed more than 12,000 bags of groceries to the needy of Simi Valley. We are open 51 weeks out of the year and currently serve about 100 meals per week. In this way, Still Waters Café helps alleviate the effects of the economic downturn on the citizens of Simi Valley, especially on the most vulnerable members of our society, such as families with young children, and citizens who are un- or underemployed and/or homeless. Still Waters Café is committed to play its part in Simi Valley's collective effort to solve homelessness.

In addition, we provide a place for fellowship for seniors, citizens with special needs, and others affected by social isolation. For those who express an interest, we offer the opportunity to become part of our Still Waters Team and help with small tasks, instilling an increased sense of self-worth. Our volunteers also include students from Simi Valley middle and high schools, giving them a chance to become better citizens and leaders of tomorrow while helping to bridge the gap between generations. While Still Waters Café is an outreach ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, the invitation to join us for the community meal is extended to all citizens of Simi Valley, regardless of their faith, ethnicity or background.

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During the last eight years, Still Waters Café has established itself as a place for citizens of Simi Valley to get together and help their neighbors to get back on their feet after suffering economic hardship and to find a way out of social isolation. By serving them in a family atmosphere with tasteful table settings, we strive to give our patrons a sense of dignity many have lost in a society that seems focused on economic success and often demonstrates a lack of respect for the elderly or the physically and mentally disabled.

Operations at Still Waters Café have been running smoothly for almost 9 years, and we have a sufficient number of volunteers to keep the program going for many years to come. We know that many people in our city have come to depend on this program. During most of the year, we operate the dining service and food pantry only. In October, we collect the coats and jackets to distribute, and in November, we gather and assemble the grocery bags and gifts cards for the Christmas Shoppe. The number of families we can serve through Christmas Shoppe is directly dependent on the funds we are able to secure each year. This year, our goals is to provide grocery bags and \$25-grocery store gift cards for 300 families, as well as secure donations that allows us to purchase toys for the children in these families for toys.

Budget

Still Waters Café is run entirely by volunteers, who pick up food donations from Food Share, do additional necessary shopping, set-up, cook, serve, and clean up. The use of our facilities (dining hall and commercial kitchen) is granted to us by Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church free of charge. As a result, due to the generosity of our volunteers and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, there are no overhead or administrative costs associated with this program.

Each and any donation or grant received by Still Waters Café goes directly towards buying food and supplies for the community meals, the pantry, and the ACTION Community Christmas Shoppe; every dollar contributed will directly benefit the citizens of Simi Valley .

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Proposed 2018/2019 Budget

A. INCOME	
This grant request	\$15,000.00
Corporate grants	\$1,000.00
Shepherd of the Valley Endowment Fund	\$1,500.00
Individual donations	\$2,310.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,810.00

B. EXPENSES	
1. Still Waters Café	
Facility rental	\$0.00
Staff costs	\$0.00
Community meals (100 meals/51 weeks a year)	\$5,610.00
Food Pantry (\$20 x 51 weeks)	\$1,020.00
Supplies (cleaning products, paper goods)	\$1,530.00
Kitchen supplies	\$500.00
Kitchen repairs	\$250.00
Professional kitchen cleaning	\$400.00
1. Subtotal	\$9,310.00
2. ACTION Community Christmas Shoppe	
Gift cards (\$25 x 300)	\$7,500.00
Grocery bags (\$5 x 300)	\$1,500.00
Toys (\$5 x 300)	\$1,500.00
2. Subtotal	\$10,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,810.00

Still Waters Café at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
 4191 Cochran Street
 Simi Valley, California 93063

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: The Arc of Ventura County

Address: 5103 Walker Street

City: Ventura , CA 93003

Contact Name: Julie Duran

Contact Title: Director of Development

Telephone Numbers: (805) 650-8611, Ext. 1020

Email: jduran@arcvc.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 15%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 95-2266987

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. The Arc of Ventura County provides a variety of services in Simi Valley through our two Community Integration Day Programs located at:

5143 Cochran Street, Simi Valley

3340 E. Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability		Youth	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$20,000

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If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

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Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Julie A. Duran



**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY
COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

SCOPE OF WORK

ORGANIZATION MISSION AND BACKGROUND

The Arc of Ventura County (The Arc) is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting and protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) through services that actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community.

The Arc proudly provides 755 individuals throughout Ventura County with a variety of opportunities that lead to greater independence and self-determined lives. With the support of 260 dedicated employees, the agency offers Community Employment Services, Community Integration Day Programs, and Community Living Services. The Arc’s services benefit 120 individuals with I/DD who reside in the City of Simi Valley.

Gender		Age		Ethnicity		Length in Program	
Male	63	20-29	39	Caucasian	81	Under 1 Year	12
Female	57	30-39	33	Hispanic	26	1-5 Years	35
		40-49	17	Asian	5	6-15 Years	49
		50-59	17	African-American	1	16-20 Years	8
		60+	8	Two or more races	1	20+ Years	13

Our programs bring individuals together to develop friendships, express creativity and further independence. This includes providing valued volunteer service to community organizations, gaining skills that will lead to competitive employment, taking courses to further education, improving health and wellness, and honing daily living skills.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Arc of Ventura County’s Community Projects Grant request of \$20,000 will be utilized to continue to support the salary of the agency’s full-time Job Developer. This vital position is responsible for identifying and increasing competitive employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in Simi Valley. The Arc is greatly appreciative of the Community Partners Grant of \$10,000 awarded in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 in support of this position.

The Arc’s philosophy is that all people, regardless of their disability, are entitled to the opportunity of employment and equal pay for a job well done. Our Community Employment Services assist individuals to discover their employment goals, interests and strengths, and receive job development and successful placement assistance with satisfied business partners throughout Ventura County.

California’s Employment First Policy requires opportunities for integrated, competitive employment to be given the highest priority for working-age individuals with I/DD, regardless of the severity of their disabilities. Integrated, competitive employment is a job at a workplace among individuals with and without disabilities. Placements will be a full or part-time position at or above minimum wage.

The Job Developer will continue to introduce our services and workforce to local businesses in Simi Valley; resulting in opportunities for people with I/DD to obtain meaningful employment alongside people without disabilities. Currently, 12 individuals (10% of our constituents) are successfully employed at partnering businesses in Simi Valley. These partners in employment include:

- Albertsons
- Carl’s Jr.
- Home Depot
- Home Goods
- Pavilions
- Ralphs
- Smart & Final
- Stater Brothers
- Sunrise Senior Living Center
- TJ Maxx
- Vons

The Job Developer is vital to The Arc’s efforts to establish relationships with additional businesses that lead to increased employment placements for individuals served in Simi Valley. The Job Developer is responsible for educating local businesses and community organizations on the many benefits and tax credits of hiring individuals with disabilities, as well as preparing the individual for successful job placement.

To ensure successful job assistance and placement, the Job Developer will continue to provide the following services to improve employment opportunities for individuals with I/DD who reside in Simi Valley:

Goal: INDIVIDUALS SERVED WILL OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY:	Goal: IDENTIFY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY OF SIMI VALLEY:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with individuals and their circle of support to identify employment goals and objectives and develop appropriate plan to achieve success. • Work closely with the Department of Rehabilitation and Tri-Counties Regional Center for referrals, job coach funding, transportation needs and clothing needs for the individuals seeking employment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make business contacts throughout Simi Valley to discuss the positive impact and benefits of hiring a person with I/DD. • Survey the Simi Valley community labor market to identify types of jobs which appear to be within the employment capacity of potential referrals. • Identify and track local labor trends utilizing the Internet, EDD, newspaper, and library as

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with participants to complete applications, review applications filed electronically and assist individual with transportation to a potential employer. • Provide review of job requirements and assess training needs. • Develop and place referred individuals seeking employment in part-time and full-time paid employment with local businesses, private or governmental agencies. • Develop Job Task Analysis for participants for each work site including specific skill training, safety awareness and assistive technology needs. 	<p>sources for future job leads.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make regular contact with local employers in Simi Valley to develop job opportunities and maintain a contact list of employers. • Inform and work with families, care providers, case managers, and funding agencies on issues/changes affecting employment. • Survey and develop community job sites meeting the employment needs in Simi Valley. • Be an active member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Simi Valley.
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BUDGET – JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019	
Job Developer Position (Simi Valley) – Full Time	Cost
Wages	\$44,084.00
Benefits	\$15,077.00
Mileage	\$2,722.00
Total Cost	\$61,833.00

The Arc of Ventura County’s request of \$20,000 represents 33% of the total cost of \$61,833 to support the Job Developer position during 2018-2019 Fiscal Year. 100% of grant funds will benefit residents of Simi Valley and will be expended within the required expenditure period of July 2018 – June 2019.

BENEFIT TO SIMI VALLEY

The Arc of Ventura County offers Community Employment Services, Community Living Services, as well as Community Integration Programs at two locations in Simi Valley. People receiving services at The Arc are respected as individuals, celebrated for their talents and supported toward achieving their personal best. Our services are highly desired and valued by the individuals we serve and their families, and are of great benefit to the city of Simi Valley.

The Arc of Ventura County is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of 15-members that includes community and business leaders, individuals receiving services, as well as parents of individuals served. The agency is one of 700 chapters throughout the country affiliated with The Arc, the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with I/DD and their families. As evidence of our commitment to service delivery excellence, The Arc of Ventura County is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), and continues to receive their highest accreditation rating.

The Arc of Ventura County greatly values the City's longstanding support and partnership of our mission and efforts to improve the quality of life for individuals with I/DD in Simi Valley. Your collaboration will continue to empower those we serve to obtain successful and meaningful employment they can be proud of, achieve their goals towards independence, as well as provide a reliable workforce solution that benefits businesses in Simi Valley. On behalf of everyone at The Arc of Ventura County, thank you for achieving with us.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: The Samaritan Center

Address: 280 Royal Ave

City: Simi Valley , CA 93065

Contact Name: Betty Eskey

Contact Title: Executive Director

Telephone Numbers: (805) 579-9166

Email: betty@samcentersv.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley?

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 77-0321181

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability		Youth	Other		

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Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$20,000

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If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?
Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.
Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Betty Eskey

The Samaritan Center

Scope of Work

Simi Valley Projects Grant Application 2018-2019

Overview of Scope

The Samaritan Center – Simi Valley was established out of a very small need in our community in 1993. Four business men decided to make use of an empty church building and parking lot to give a few homeless folks that were down on their luck a place to shower, get food to eat and to rest for a couple of hours. These founding men had no idea that there were 25-30 homeless individuals in the city that would be at their door within a week for help. For 13 years, the center continued to offer these basic humanitarian services and the people and the community appreciated that the homeless and poor had a place to get help.

In 2006, the Executive Board of Directors decided to move away from this model as they and the rest of the country realized that these services without wrap around case management and resources was just creating chronically homeless individuals and families. After this decision, the board hired staff that could manage the services but also develop a case management model that includes an Action Plan and Housing component that is attached to the basic services. These services are only offered to those that have a connection with the Simi Valley community. This is verified through previous address, human services, bank records, birth certificates, employment, passports, schooling, family, IRS records, criminal records, etc.

“To end and prevent homelessness by supporting those in need in becoming housed and self sustained.”

The Samaritan Center Mission Statement

Our housing program was developed after the Housing First Model that is recognized throughout our country as the most successful program to meet the homeless client and the at risk of becoming homeless wherever he or she is to become self sufficient and housed or to remain in their housing.

- **One time, emergency rental payment assistance** within a 12 month period for the “at risk” family or individual.
- **Rental Assistance** to financially help the homeless client to move into his/her own room or apartment.
- **Security deposit assistance** for the individual moving into his/her own room or apartment.
- Financial assistance for the very low income/poor for **utility assistance, auto repair or transportation** (fuel costs, registration, drivers license to maintain their employment.
- Emergency funds for a **motel voucher** with the period of time determined by the situation. **Domestic violence, elderly or children** would be a factor in the decision.

The Samaritan Center only serves Simi Valley folks in need. These services are not available to any person that is actively committing crimes in our city and/or has police activity. Clients may not panhandle in our community or anywhere else and expect services at The Samaritan Center. We believe that we offer the complete service needed for clients to move out of their dire situation and into independent living without panhandling or breaking the law. We also believe that if a person is involved in this type of criminal behavior, they are not using the panhandling money that is donated to them in order to move forward but most likely to sustain a habit or an unproductive lifestyle. This brings blight to our community at large as well as a security issue and harm to those that are striving to move out of homelessness or those housed that are reaching out for help. All individuals that seek services are drug and alcohol tested upon being accepted into the program and are randomly tested throughout their use of services.

Community Need

Currently, The Samaritan Center is serving over 190 individual clients since July, 2017, that are homeless and over 150 housed very low income families. There is a number that is an estimated three to four times this 190 in our community that are homeless or very near to becoming homeless. These are those that are working at very low wage jobs, some with mental or behavioral challenges, other individuals with catastrophic situations, addictions and many other situations that are too many to name.

The lack of finances is a definite issue and the lack of affordable housing is a huge barrier. The majority of The Samaritan Center clients rent rooms from \$500 to \$700 per month. The average low income/poor makes from \$800-\$1100 per month. There is no wiggle room for savings or auto repair if a car breaks down or a person missing a week of work because a child is sick or the parent gets sick. We work with local homeowners and apartment management to communicate our services and to offer help where it is needed the most. All money is paid to the verified legal owner thru the County of Ventura and a W-9 IRS form is required from each person that receives funds for a tenant.

We, along with the Simi Valley Police Department, estimate that of the 400 to 500 homeless folks, only 10% (60-80) individuals choose to live the homeless life style rather than do what is necessary to move forward and upward. That small population is maintained directly through the strong Homeless Liaison Program that is headed up by Sgt. Steve Shorts of Simi Valley Police Department.

Population to benefit and project budget

The homeless and the “at risk” of becoming homeless will positively benefit from this assistance program. All of the applicants will be vetted through our 21 page Intake Application that has been approved by the City of Simi Valley Community Services Department Audit Staff and HUD. The entire community always benefits when we are able to assist someone into housing. This benefit comes in the form of revenue, citizen and street safety, less hospital and emergency calls, less crime and nuisance calls.

Most importantly, dignity, comfort and self worth are restored to the individual receiving this financial help to get back on track or move out of homelessness.

Projected program costs

- **70% - Rental Assistance - \$14,000**
- **15% - Security Deposit - \$3,000**
- **5% - Motel Costs - \$1,000**
- **5% - Auto Repairs - \$1,000**
- **5% - Utility Assistance - \$1,000**

THE TOTAL FUNDS BEING REQUESTED FROM SIMI VALLEY COMMUNITY PROJECTS GRANT IS \$20,000.

100% of the grant funds will be used to house the homeless and to keep the housed in their homes.

Homelessness is a community issue. It is about broken relationships within families, neighbors, businesses, faith based groups and city leaders. Healthy relationships make us all feel visible and worthy. The manner in which a community approaches homelessness will dictate the successful pathway to home for an individual. This Simi Valley Projects Grant is an important component for these services and our community at large.

Thank you for this opportunity for fund resources to enhance our ability to reduce homelessness in our community.

**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Address: 5649 Pittman St.

City: Simi Valley , CA 93063

Contact Name: Rick Lepore

Contact Title: President

Telephone Numbers: (805) 218-5703

Email: rick.lepore@yahoo.com

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 81-0782229

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. SVDP is an international organization with offices (conferences) all over the world.

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals	Arts	Cultural	Education	Emergency	Law Enforcement
Medical	Military	Resource	Seniors	Substance	Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability		Youth	Other		

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

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By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. Rick Lepore

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Organization's Purpose

Request amount = \$ 20,000

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international organization of volunteers whose main purpose is helping the poor and the disadvantaged, of local communities, through practical works of charity. These works include the most basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and a feeling of someone caring. Founded in 1833 in Paris by a Catholic college student to confront the city's devastating poverty, and inspired by St. Vincent de Paul, a 17th century French priest with an untiring commitment to serving the poor, the Society's mission is to help the needy on a one-to-one basis. SVDP Conferences are generally organized around Catholic parishes in a given community throughout the world. Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Peter Claver Conference was founded in October 2015 by St. Peter Claver parishioners in Simi Valley. Our SVDP Conference is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit entity. We are governed by our own By-Laws and are financially autonomous. Our Conference is operated 100% by volunteers. No one receives monetary compensation.

At SVDP, we ease an individual or family's initial emergency with guidance and financial assistance. Then, if needed, we educate and refer them into community or governmental programs that can better help empower the individual or family to become more self-sufficient. Neighbors needing assistance learn of SVDP by word-of-mouth, from a variety of sources, and contact us through the church office or through our dedicated **HELP line** 805-404-3178. A principle component of our undertaking is the **home visitation program** that occurs following the initial phone call. Our volunteers, always go out in pairs to visit the homes of those in distress to determine all of their emergency and on-going needs and evaluate the need for budget counseling. **ALL** of our support goes to Simi Valley individuals/families.

A movement, started almost two hundred years ago in the slums of Paris, continues to this day through SVDP local Conferences. The principles, formulated so long ago, are still applied to affect an organized way for neighbors to **discreetly** work together to hear the cry of those in need, relieve their immediate distress and guide them to effective problem solving. Simply put, we are **neighbors helping neighbors**.

Scope of Organization

Overview of Scope. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St Peter Claver Conference (SVDP) intent is to serve the Simi Valley community in the same way Conferences throughout the country provide client services. We strive to become a vital component of Simi Valley community services, offering a venue for discrete financial aid on short notice. What distinguishes our organization from others is our **home visitation** program. Our **main scope at this time** is to:

- **Keep Families in their Homes** by providing rental payments to prevent evictions. Families are eligible for rental or deposit assistance once annually.
- **Help the Working Poor** by providing emergency payments for utilities, transportation, car repair or other needs to maintain employment and stability. Expected expenditure per family or individual is between \$250 and \$1,500 and recipients are usually only eligible for assistance once annually depending on their circumstances.

Our organization will serve our Simi Valley neighbors in need, regardless of ethnicity, age or religious affiliation. When difficult situations arise--a lost job, an illness or unexpected expense--the most basic necessities like food, shelter, medicine, clothing, and transportation can become impossible for the family to fund. Although our city, state and federal governments have programs, those generally require much more time to unfold. Most people in need require help **as soon as possible**.

With SVDP, one of our biggest assets is that we can act quickly, and with minimal red tape to help those in need.

Community need. Simi Valley’s breadwinners work hard to support their families; but, despite their determination and effort, some are mired in low wage jobs that provide inadequate benefits and offer few opportunities for advancement. They simply don’t earn enough money to pay for basic living expenses. For those that do manage to make ends meet, they are only a paycheck away from financial ruin should they encounter an illness, car breakdown, reduction in hours worked or loss of a job. The burden of maintaining housing is particularly difficult for the working poor.

Population to be Served. All of the assistance for our SVDP Simi Valley Conference goes to Simi Valley residents. Since 50% of those in low-income families are children, **a huge part of our endeavor** to help families stay in their homes is **to provide a stable environment for children, whose health and educational outcomes are largely dependent upon their living conditions**.

Project Objectives. The mission of our project is to give **“quick response”** for rental, utility, transportation, food or other critical short-term financial assistance to our Simi Valley neighbors so that they can either stay in their homes, maintain their employment or health, or to keep the utilities on. Our **home visit assessment** helps us ascertain how best to advise the individuals/families for best chance at long term success.

Funding

We receive no local, state or federal government money. We receive no subsidy from general Church funds; however, we do solicit donations from individual parishioners. Through our own fundraising efforts in 2017 we were able to raise enough to pay out approximately \$ 23,000 in assistance to Simi Valley residents. We estimate that this money helped over 150 individuals. Our total operating costs were only \$ 332 for the entire year showing that **over 98% of the money raised went towards those in need**. Should we be fortunate enough to receive these grant funds then we would be able to assist many more Simi Valley residents to a much greater extent.

Grant request amount = \$ 20,000

Anticipated project costs

- Phone Line service cost \$ 180
- Office Supplies \$ 120
- LABOR \$ 00.00**
- Total Costs (1.5%) \$ 300**

Client Services

- Rental Payments to Landlords (80%) \$ 16,000
- Utility Payments (11%) \$ 2,200
- Transportation (4%) \$ 800
- Misc. Aid (3.5%) \$ 700

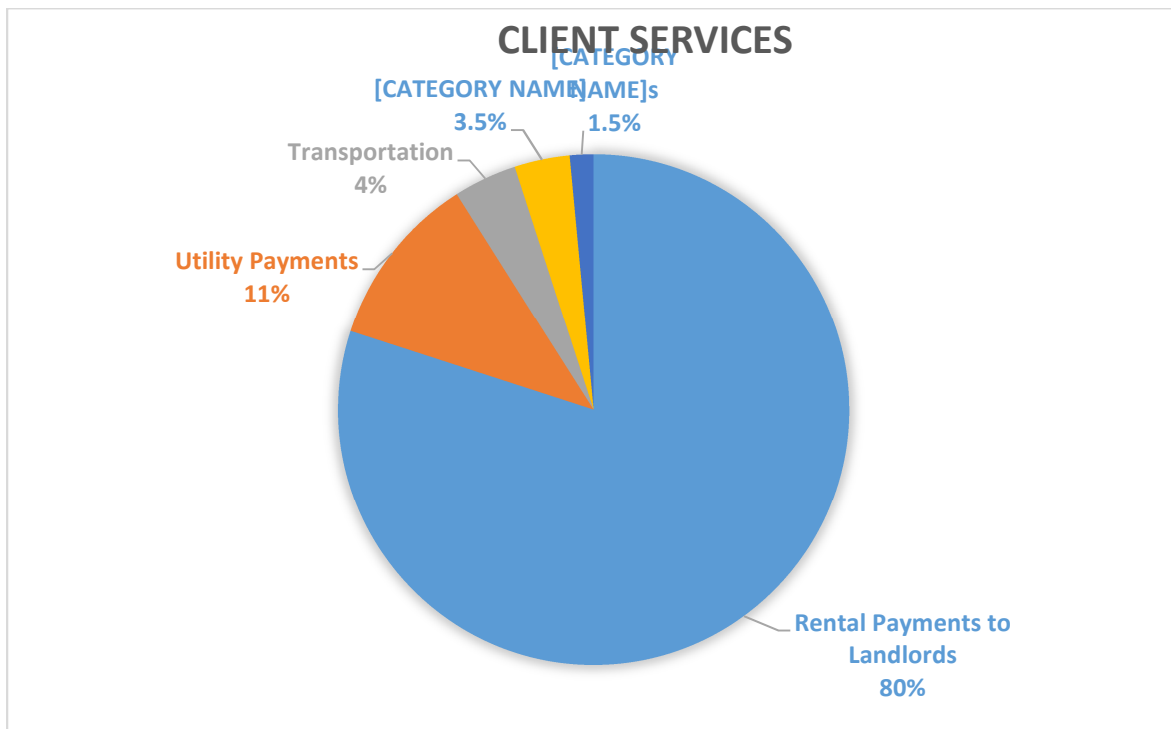
Project Budget Total: \$20,000

Benefit to Simi Valley:

We offer hope—a Basic Need—to the working poor of Simi Valley. Giving families HOPE allows them a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. Hope says, “hang in there, you aren’t alone.” Helping to maintain a roof over their heads, food in the pantry, and other basic needs helps provide a sense of security. With a little money, a lot can be accomplished if spent where it is most needed. Hope decreases anxiety and acts of desperation. The whole community of Simi Valley will benefit.

Summary

SVDP would use the grants funds to assist the working poor in Simi Valley who find themselves in financial crisis. Our greatest asset is that we can respond quickly, often within days, to those in need.



**Community Projects Grant Application
FY 2018-19 Funding Cycle**

Name: Women of Substance & Men of Honor

Address: 3475 Old Conejo Road, Suite C4

City: Newbury Park , CA 91320

Contact Name: Rosalinda P. Vint

Contact Title: President

Telephone Numbers: (805) 376-0472

Email: rpvint@wosmoh.org

To demonstrate eligibility, please check the boxes that apply:

100% of grant funds will be used to serve Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization is located in Simi Valley?

50% of individuals served by the organization are Simi Valley residents?

Non-profit organization has satellite locations in Simi Valley?

What percentage of clients served are in Simi Valley? 100%

Is the organization a 501 (c) (3)? Yes: No:

Federal Tax Identification Number: 84-1642746

Satellite Locations, if none, please answer N/A. N/A

Please choose a category that best suits your organization's purpose:

Animals

Arts

Cultural

Education

Emergency

Law Enforcement

Medical

Military

Resource

Seniors

Substance

Support

Sustainability

Youth

Other

If other", please explain. If this does not apply, please enter N/A. N/A

Is this a joint application? Yes: No:

If yes, provide name of co-applicant organization.

What dollar amount are you requesting? Minimum grant award - \$10,000. Maximum grant award - \$150,000. \$10,000

If awarded less than requested, can your organization tailor the scope of work to utilize the smaller award by June 30, 2019? Yes: No:

If funded, can your organization complete the project and expend all funds by June 30, 2019?

Yes: No:

I understand that any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2019, must be returned to the City.

Yes: No:

By checking the box and entering my name below, I am acknowledging that I have the authority of the aforementioned organization to submit this application. rpv

WOSMOH-Scope of Work

Connecting incarcerated and/or probation foster youth to resources in our community.

Women of Substance & Men of Honor is a Non-profit community service organization dedicated to providing support to young men and women that may have been incarcerated and/or in the Foster Care System.

Our Mission is to provide resources to young men and women in need who are ready to change the course of their lives and/or who may have never been given an opportunity.

Our Vision is to establish a network in California with individuals and companies that share the same passion to address the needs of guidance and support of today's less fortunate and/or at risk youth.

Women of Substance & Men of Honor currently provides Transitional Living programs, Re-Entry Programs, training and mentoring to the incarcerated youth at the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility prior and post release. They also provide Mentoring services to youth in Foster Group Homes and/or Transitioning from the group homes. WOSMOH has three housing resident programs both in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Lastly, they work with the youth in Los Angeles County and Ventura County Juvenile Halls.

Our program provides these youth with structure, with objectives, goals and the tools to improve their day-to-day lives both while still incarcerated and/or in placement, and most importantly upon release.

Most of these young people when released are poorly prepared to face the challenges of independent living. Without intervention in the form of training, support and individual mentoring, these youth do not possess the skills to support themselves, do not have the positive role models, do not have the personal strength and tools to make life's tough decisions in some of the toughest environments. Without intervention these youth can quickly become victims of predators, and/or fall back into the same cycles of failure that seem so avoidable, yet predictable.

We are requesting funds to expand a project, specifically connecting services to these youth. This Project expands leadership and support opportunities specifically our Alpha Leadership Program for the youth that are housed in the Simi Valley Group Homes. The goal of this program is to provide foster youth with the cognitive tools necessary to function as productive citizens, which will also translate to recidivism reduction.

WOSMOH is an organization providing consistent and recurring structured training classes, group and one-one mentoring, activities in the local group homes. WOSMOH has received broad and growing community support having more than doubled our funding in the past year, in our growing number of volunteers, public recognition, and in-kind support. Our Board of Directors is primarily comprised of Ventura and Los Angeles County residents who are active in this community and have made a commitment to improve the futures of these at-risk youths.

Most of these young people have come from broken homes, have been abused by predators, have been direct or indirect victims of domestic and sexual violence, have not graduated from high school, have had limited exposure to positive role models and have been incarcerated or in foster care for the majority of their adolescent years. This experience, without intervention, leaves them poorly prepared to assimilate, to avoid predators, abusers, to compete in the workplace and likely to continue the cycles of abuse, violence and failure that seem so avoidable, yet become so predictable.

Without the funding it limits our ability to reach as many youth as we would like in terms of being able to ask volunteers to take on additional classes without any sort of stipend including fuel reimbursement, and asking our already limited work staff to work additional hours to be available for the youth. It limits our ability to participate in strategic planning with the volunteers at regular training meetings, development workshops, and/or following up with the various Counties to ensure we find those much-needed services when the youth are released.

With this funding we would also have an opportunity to actually hire system impacted youth that were in Foster Care and/or on Probation to provide these much needed services to these youth in these group homes while ensure they are transitioning successfully.

**Supplemental Submittal
Scope of Work
WOSMOH
Submitted by Email on 4/6/18**

Subsequent to the submittal of the application and scope of work, Women of Substance and Men of Honor (WOSMOH) submitted a budget breakdown to clarify the funding request for the programming.

Women of Substance & Men of Honor Group Home Leadership Training Ventura County –Simi Valley	
2018-2019 Fiscal Year	
Equipment	
None	\$0.00
Sub-Total	\$0.00
Learning Resources	
Healthy Lifestyles Curriculum	\$1,000.00
Notebooks, Pens, Learning Resources	\$200.00
Supplies for Training Volunteers	\$0
Sub-Total	\$1,200.00
Food/Travel	
Quarterly Meetings with Mentors to debrief and provide hands on training and follow-up.	\$1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	\$500.00
Snacks for youth from group home when out with mentor on development outings.	\$500.00
Sub-Total	\$2,000.00
Personnel & Consultants	
Project Leader to oversee various group homes, mentors, and case manager.	\$1,500.00
Case Manager for Project-track mentors; provide weekly reports to county liaison, Project manager and group home staff.	\$1,500.00
Stipends for mentors conducting group home training, one on mentoring, follow up on resources for employment, housing and educational.	\$5,000.00
Sub-Total	\$8,000.00
Group Home Leadership Training Project Total	\$11,200.00

CITY OF SIMI VALLEY • MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2018

TO: Community Projects Grant Review Committee

FROM: Mara Malch, Deputy Community Services Director

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA TO EVALUATE FY 2018-19 FUNDING REQUESTS

The FY 2018-19 funding requests, including the scopes of work detailing the projects and programs, are included in the agenda packet for the Community Projects Grant Review Committee's (Review Committee) review. This advance review is intended to allow the Review Committee, not only additional time to review the 22 funding requests thoroughly, but also to familiarize the Review Committee with the broad and varied requests in advance of establishing the evaluation criteria.

The evaluation of the funding requests will occur during the Review Committee meeting on May 3, 2018. It is suggested that each applicant be provided with 3 minutes to make a brief presentation on its request to the Review Committee and members of the public will be able to make comments as well. The Review Committee will be able to ask questions of the applicants prior to discussing the merits of the funding requests and conducting its evaluation.

In order to assist the Review Committee with its evaluation, staff has provided several areas that the Committee may want to use as scoring criteria and will facilitate the Review Committee's discussion to establish the final evaluation criteria. The final criteria as decided on by the Review Committee will be used to formulate the funding recommendation to the City Council.

Evaluation Criteria Suggestions

- Community need
- Community benefit/impact
- # of people served
- Type of program/project (new, existing, capital project)
- New or previous recipient
- % of grant benefitting Simi Valley residents
- Sustainability or future benefit of program/project
- Ability to complete project/program within the grant period

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