

ATTACHMENT 1

Grant Applications

- Resolution of the agency's Board of Directors authorizing this grant application. The resolution must name the board's designee authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of the agency.

Submit questions to Ruth Peña at
Ruth.Pena@visalia.city by October 29, 2024

Submit either an electronic file or a printed application package **no later than November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM**

Late applications will not be reviewed.

Submit completed applications and required attachments to:
Ruth.Pena@visalia.city

Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: The Adapted Athlete

Phone: 559-308-5288

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Adaptive Sports, Fitness classes and social groups

Agency mailing address: 5211 W. Goshen Ave Box#131

City: Visalia

State: CA

Zip Code: 93291

E-Mail: theadaptedathlete@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Nikki Scholl, Executive Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of

The Adapted Athlete (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.

The Adapted Athlete (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and

The Adapted Athlete (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

☐ Name: Nicole Scholl Title: Executive Director
☐ Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/10/2024
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1. Amount requested in this application: \$6500

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025

☒ an ongoing program or activity
scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

To provide free access The Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night is an annual event serving over 250 youth, primarily ages 8-17, with disabilities and their families. This inclusive experience at a Visalia Rawhide baseball game promotes community connection, social confidence, and visibility in a welcoming public sports environment.

Additionally, The Adapted Athlete's integrated sports leagues bring together youth with and without disabilities for year-round inclusive sports programs, promoting physical health, social development, and mutual understanding. Funding would cover registration fees for approximately 5 youth per season, totaling support for 20 youth across 4 seasons. This support ensures that financial barriers do not prevent participation, fostering a community of inclusivity and active engagement.

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4. Provide at least one (1) planned outcome, the associated planned activities, and how you will measure success. If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship. Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	Annual social outings
<p>Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night: Youth participants experience increased social confidence and community integration, as they enjoy a supportive, inclusive event. The program enhances public visibility and fosters a greater</p>	

sense of belonging for youth with disabilities in the community.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Hosting an inclusive community event at a Visalia Rawhide game for over 250 youth with disabilities and their families.	Attendance records and participant feedback surveys assessing social enjoyment, confidence, and sense of belonging.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome: Integrated Sports Leagues	
<p><i>Integrated Sports Leagues:</i> Youth with and without disabilities build physical fitness, social skills, and mutual respect through inclusive, year-round sports activities. By providing accessible registration, the program reduces financial barriers and promotes a diverse, engaged community.</p>	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

Providing year-round sports leagues that integrate youth with and without disabilities. Offering financial support for registration fees for 20 youth annually.	Enrollment data, attendance tracking, and pre/post-season surveys evaluating physical health, social skills, and inclusivity experiences. Tracking financial aid recipients and participation rates to assess accessibility impact and reduced barriers.
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5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

- ☒ January through December
- ☐ July through June
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 0	\$ 6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	325	450

****Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024. **Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.***

- 7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.**

Mission Statement

Our mission is to build confidence and strength through fitness for every BODY impacted by physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges, empowering individuals to lead more independent and vibrant lives.

Program Alignment with Mission

The Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night and integrated sports leagues directly support our mission by creating inclusive opportunities for youth with disabilities to engage in physical activities and community events. These programs foster confidence, physical fitness, and social connection, helping participants improve their independence and quality of life. By providing accessible, supportive environments for youth of all abilities, these programs embody our commitment to inclusivity, strength-building, and personal growth, making fitness achievable for everyone.

- 8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.**

Since opening in July 2021, The Adapted Athlete has successfully provided a range of inclusive programs for Visalia youth, including integrated fitness classes, private training, social outings, and adaptive sports leagues and clinics. Our community-centered events, such as the Holiday of Inclusion and Trunk or Treat, bring together families and foster a welcoming environment. Supported by a \$185,000 grant from CVRC that was completed in 2023, we launched our sports programs, reaching over 350 youth to date. These efforts have allowed us to build a strong foundation in adaptive youth services, empowering local youth to grow in confidence, strength, and social connection.

- 9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).**

Our proposed programs, the Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night and integrated sports leagues, are specifically designed to serve youth with disabilities, including physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges. This population often faces limited access to inclusive sports and social activities, which can hinder their physical health, social development, and confidence.

Our programs address these unique needs by creating accessible, supportive environments where youth of all abilities can participate alongside their peers. Through our sports leagues, participants experience the physical benefits of regular exercise, while also developing social skills and building friendships in an inclusive setting. The Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night provides an opportunity for these youth to engage in a community event, promoting visibility and a sense of belonging in public spaces. Both programs are tailored to reduce barriers and foster independence, confidence, and social connection for youth with disabilities.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.
Ongoing programs

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).
The Adapted Athlete has no debts or loans.

Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

Yes, the program will have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded, although it may limit the program's reach and capacity. With partial funding, we would prioritize essential activities such as covering registration fees for a reduced number of youth in our sports leagues and securing necessary resources for the Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night event. However, fewer youth may receive financial assistance for registration fees, which could decrease overall participation.

A partially funded award may result in slightly lower program outcomes, with fewer youth served and a potentially reduced ability to expand our reach within the Visalia community. Nonetheless, we remain committed to delivering impactful, inclusive experiences and would seek additional funding sources to supplement the program if needed.

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Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,500	P
Donations	6,000	P
Fundraising Events	5,000	P

County Funding (include grant names)	0	
State Funding (include grant names)	180,000	\$
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	0	
Program Fees	1,200	\$
Other:	0	
Total Program Revenue:	198,700	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	21,000
Employee Benefits		0
Payroll Taxes		5120
Mileage		0
Supplies		500
Printing and Copying		500
Office Expenses/Rent		1400
Utilities		0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		0
Ticket fees	\$2000	\$2000
Registration fees	\$4500	\$40,000
Total Program Expenses:	\$6500	70,520

Board of Directors' Authorization to Request Funds:

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Ruth.Pena@visalia.city

Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Assistance League of Visalia

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Operation School Bell

Agency mailing address: POBox 4108

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93278

Phone: (559)737-1984 (559)936-5988 E-Mail: assistanceleaguevisalia@alvisalia.org

Contact name & title: Bonnie Casale, Member Assistance League of Visalia

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Assistance League of Visalia, as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Assistance League of Visalia acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and Assistance League of Visalia agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Bonnie Casale Title: Member, ALV

Signature: Bonnie Casale Date: Nov. 14, 2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$6,500.00

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

- ☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
- ☒ an ongoing program or activity
- ☐ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

Funding will be used to purchase school clothes, shoes, and jackets for K-12th grade students attending classes in Visalia Unified School District. This year, we plan to clothe 1,000 deserving students 5-18 years old who will be referred by the VUSD Family Resource Center. Students will also receive a hygiene kit.

Provide at least one (1) planned outcome, the associated planned activities, and how you will measure success. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
The program outcome will be to clothe 1,000 at risk VUSD students	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Work with VUSD Family Resource Center to identify students in need.</p> <p>Schedule students to attend a large clothing event at JCPenney</p> <p>ALV volunteers meet students (and parents) at JCPenney to facilitate shopping and purchase appropriate selections.</p> <p>Improved school attendance from students.</p>	<p>Feedback from VUSD community liasons via a survey to be conducted at the end of the school year.</p> <p>Feedback from parents (verbal, survey, written communication)</p> <p>Reports or letters from teachers and administrators on students who receive services regarding attendance and behavior.</p> <p>Photos of students shopping with parents.</p> <p>Verified by VUSD family liasons.</p>

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

NA

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	NA	\$125,000.00
Number of Visalia Youth Served	NA	4,000

\$6500.

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.
 **Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.

6. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

- ☐ January through December
- ☐ July through June
- ☒ Other: June through May

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

Assistance League -Volunteers-Transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

Students who feel that they 'fit-in' with their peers are more likely to engage in school, be successful, and attend more regularly. Operation School Bell allows students to select clothes of their choice which boosts confidence.

Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

For over 25 years, Assistance League of Visalia has provided school clothing for local students. ALV has partnered with Visalia Unified School District and JCPenney to hold large clothing events where we are able to clothe 250+ students at a time as they shop with a parent or guardian. To date ALV has provided clothing for more than 10,000 deserving VUSD students. This year our budget for Operation School Bell is \$125,000.00.

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	0
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	
Supplies	0	
Printing and Copying	0	
Office Expenses/Rent	0	
Utilities	0	
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
JCPenney gift cards for Operation School Bell	\$125,000.00	
Total Program Expenses:	\$125,000.00	

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Central Valley Legends

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Legends Skills Camps

Agency mailing address: 5109 W Rialto Ct.

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93277

Phone: (559) 786-0351 E-Mail: jlgarcia6455@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Joe Garcia, President

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of **Central Valley Legends** (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. **Central Valley Legends** (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and **Central Valley Legends** (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Joe Garcia Title: President

Signature: _____ Date: 11/14/24

1. Amount requested in this application: \$1,500

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

☒ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025

☐ an ongoing program or activity

☐ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. *Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.*

The requested funding will be utilized to provide three (3) youth basketball skills events for youth residing in Visalia. The skills clinics will be hosted by the Central Valley Legends non-profit organization, will provide experienced coaches focused on skills development, youth confidence in the game of basketball, engagement of youth in team activities, and positive exercise enrichment opportunities for local youth. The skills clinics will offer additional technical skill development opportunities for local youth beyond what is available in existing programs.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Provide three (3) youth basketball skills events for Visalia youth to expand their technical skills in the game of basketball; each event will be a minimum of 2 hours and host at least 30 youth per event.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secure a facility for the event. ▪ Provide management and oversight, including insurance, registration, etc. ▪ Arrange for skill coaching staff to operate the events. ▪ Host clinics for a minimum of 2 hours each. ▪ Enroll a minimum of 30 youth attendees per event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ # of youth attending ▪ Post-event survey

5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	N/A	\$1,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	90

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.

**Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.

6. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☒ January through December

☐ July through June

☐ Other: _____

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

The mission of the Central Valley Legends is to teach youth sports and support healthy and active lifestyles through positive youth engagement opportunities. The Central Valley Legends (CVL) accomplish this goal through the implementation of a youth basketball program serving 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys. The program is available to any youth in the Central Valley of California. Practices occur in Visalia and tournaments are in Hanford and Fresno. CVL's coaches focus on creating a positive enrichment environment while teaching technical athletic skills. The proposed activities are a natural extension of CVL's work and offer additional opportunities to provide enrichment activities for Visalia youth interested in expanding their basketball and overall fitness skills.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

CVL has been providing youth sports engagement opportunities since 2022. The Central Valley Legends just launched the third season of youth sports. In 2023-24, the Legends provided youth engagement opportunities for 33 youth in Tulare County. The proposed skills clinics provide the opportunity to support local youth beyond the regular CVL teams and to continue to develop local energy and support for youth basketball and positive opportunities for youth engagement.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

The Central Valley Legends program is available to anyone interested in expanding their competitive skills with the game of basketball. The proposed skills clinics are an extension of that work and allow CVL to serve more youth in Visalia through three (3) basketball skills clinics. Registration will be free and made available to youth residing in Visalia.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

It is extremely challenging to offer free skills clinics because there is a cost to rent the facility, obtain insurance, and pay trained and experienced coaches to facilitate the skills training. This funding would provide the opportunity to offer focused training for area youth interested in expanding their skills with the game of basketball and offers a positive engagement opportunity to keep youth engaged.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

There have not been any budgetary problems in the last five (5) years. CVL has sufficient funding to run the travel program and are currently fundraising to add enrichment activities that all youth in Visalia can enjoy.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

The program will have sufficient funds to operate. Should the budget increase, CVL will fundraise to cover the costs. We are committed to delivering the impact stated in this application.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$1,500	P
Donations	\$500	P
Fundraising Events	\$500	P
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	\$2,500	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies	\$80	\$420
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent	\$450	
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Contracted Skills Coaches	\$970	\$500
Insurance		\$80
Total Program Expenses:	\$1,500	\$1,000

**Central Valley Legends has other revenue and expenses associated with the travel basketball season, which are a separate budget than the proposed activities under this grant.*

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc.

Phone: (559) 794-2701

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Youth Intervention Services

Agency Mailing Address: 311 N. Douty St.

City: Hanford State: CA ZIP Code: 93230

Email: frui@championsrecovery.org

Contact Name & Title: Frank Ruiz, Executive Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.

Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc. (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Frank Ruiz

Title: Executive Director

Signature: Francisco T. Ruiz

Date: 11/14/2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6,500

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025

☒ an ongoing program or activity

☐ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. *Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.*

Champions will be using the requested funds to provide a low-rider bike building workshop for 6 to 10 justice-involved middle and high school students attending Visalia Unified School District schools. Funding will be used to purchase customized bike kits and compensate a local contractor for working space, tools, and vocational training that teaches mechanical aptitude, automotive repair, design, and painting fundamentals.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned outcome, the associated planned activities, and how you will measure success. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome: Provide an opportunity for youth to express themselves as individuals through artistic expression while learning vocational skills.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Mentoring Participation in a supervised constructive activity involved in non-constructive activities Frame selection/modification Suspension System Installment Wheel Building 101 Painting/Chrome Schemes	Attendance and number of completed workshops Adolescent Social Functioning (SOCForm) Pre/Post surveys. Assessment domains address hostility, risk taking, social support and social desirability

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome: Provide youth with opportunities to develop positive relationships with others while teaching responsibility and new way of thinking.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Mentoring Guest speaker Volunteer activities	Number of workshops Number of students participated in workshops 1x1 mentoring session Number of community events attended Pre/post surveys

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

- ☐ January through December
☒ July through June
☐ Other: _____

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	N/A	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	10

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc (Champions) common goal and approach is embodied by our vision statement: **Renewing Hope. Restoring Lives.** Champions seeks to accomplish this mission through collaboration with community partners which enable us to provide compassionate supportive services that foster hope and healing for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders, mental illness, trauma, justice-involvement, homelessness, and related socioeconomic barriers. This project offers youth an opportunity to develop skills and interest within a safe environment that fosters trust, connection, skill growth, and deeper sense of community. This program will help youth develop and understand the importance of time management, communication, ability to work with others, team building, self-exploration, and self-confidence. Youth engaged in pro-social activities are less likely to participate in crime and delinquency.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

For the past 5 years Champions has expanded their work with youth, specifically in Visalia by through SUD treatment, drug testing, individual and group counseling, mental health therapy, family counseling, and case management services for probation youth throughout Tulare County. Champions also provides gang prevention, intervention and outreach within Visalia Unified School District (VUSD) school neighborhoods and boundaries during school and non-school hours, including evenings, weekends, holidays, and intercessions. More recently, we have been asked to provide workshops on a weekly basis for Accelerated Charter High School.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

This project is designed to serve juveniles that are justice involved that address anti-social behaviors. This project will provide an opportunity to develop skills and interest within a safe environment that fosters trust, connection, skill growth, and deeper sense of community. This program will help youth develop and understand the importance of time management, communication, ability to work with others, team building, self-exploration, and self-confidence. Youth engaged in pro-social activities are less likely to participate in crime and delinquency.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

Not applicable

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

Champions has not had any financial or budgetary problems within the last 5 years. Champions only debt is from mortgages on our corporate office and apartment complex that was purchased in 2021.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

If partially funded, Champions would reduce the number of students that will participate in the project and reduce the number of weeks that students will have to customize their bikes.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6,500	P
Donations		
Fundraising Events		
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		

Other:		
Visalia Unified School District	\$399,927	S
Champions Contribution	\$20,000	S
Total Program Revenue:	\$426,427	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		\$262,939
Employee Benefits		\$40,784
Payroll Taxes		\$19,435
Mileage		\$5,705
Supplies	\$4,000	\$12,000
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		\$12,000
Utilities		\$3,600
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Trainers/Consultants	\$2,500	\$5,000
Field Trips		\$3,000
Telephone/Internet		\$3,300
Admin/Overhead		\$52,164
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	\$419,927

Submit completed applications and required attachments to:
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Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: CLIPArts (Christ Lutheran Institute of Performing Arts)
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: CLIPArts
Agency mailing address: 3830 W. Tulare Ave.
City: Visalia State: California Zip Code: 63277
Phone: 732-1851 (church office) E-Mail: pmerkel24@gmail.com
Contact name & title: Pamela Merkel, president, CLIPArts board of directors

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of
CLIPArts (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.
CLIPArts (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on
the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit
Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to
any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and
CLIPArts (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Pamela J. Merkel Title: President of the board of directors
Signature:  Date: 10-29-24

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6500.00

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

- ☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
☒ an ongoing program or activity
☐ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

CLIPArts plans to use the funds for costs associated with the performing arts program such as royalty fees and rights to produce a Broadway-type musical, costumes, sets, props, publicity, etc. each school semester. Our no-cost-to-families program serves community youth in grades 1-8 and we can accommodate up to 50 youth. We currently have 20 but plan to grow our program in the next 6-12 months. This will result in a need for more funding with increased costs.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
The first show we will produce is "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown", to be presented free of charge on May 21 and 22, 2025, on the campus of Christ Lutheran Church and will involve about 30 students.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CLIPArts will advertise the program through social media and print media. 2. Students will receive instruction in singing, dancing, and acting as well as improvisational skills and creative expression. 3. Students will audition for various roles after coaching from staff. All students will have at least one part to play. 4. At each program session, students will develop their skills in singing, dancing, and acting, eventually moving to memorization. 5. Tech and dress rehearsals will take place before the performance dates in which students will perform. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 30 students will enroll in the program. Daily attendance will be taken, with parents/guardians signing students in and out each day. 2. Instructors will assess students' skills each day, giving kind guidance for improvement. 3. By January 21, instructors will cast students in roles for "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." 4. Students will be provided scripts and online means to practice at home as well as during the program. 5. Staff will assess student readiness to perform and boost their confidence with encouragement.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
The second show, title to be determined, will be presented December 3-4, 2025, to involve 40-50 students, free of charge. If we raise enough money, we will rent a local theater to produce the show.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Same as #1-5 above.	<p>Same as #1-5 above except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We plan to grow the number of students enrolled, up to 50. 3. Auditions for the fall 2025 semester will take place before September 9, 2025 for a show to be selected June, 2025.

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☐ January through December

☐ July through June

☒ Other: June - May

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$ 6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	25	30-50

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

CLIPArts mission is to show the love of Jesus Christ to children through a no-cost after school performing arts program. CLIPArts is a safe place to learn to interact with others in a positive way by fostering creativity through the performing arts.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

CLIPArts has been offering this program to the community since 2011. We have served 20-50 students each year and produced shows of which children and their families are proud. There have been many "alumni" of the program who go on to participate in performing arts in high school and beyond.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

CLIPArts' target group has always been children who are at-risk and/or in low-income families. Post-pandemic, we realized that we need to open our registration to all children who need our services. We continue to focus on the need for children to feel safe and accepted along with a place to express themselves.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

Not applicable

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

None, not applicable

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

We will continue to operate no matter what the award is. The board will search for other sources of funding.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations	18,000	Partially secured
Fundraising Events	2000	
County Funding (Include grant names) Concessions at show	2500	S
State Funding (Include grant names) Step Up Youth grant		
Private Foundations (Include Foundation names) St. Mark's Endowment	1000	S
Program Fees		
Other:		
MPI MCWANE Plant and Industrial sponsorship	500	S
Bank of the Sierra Grant	3500	P
Total Program Revenue:	33,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		22,000
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		1385
Mileage		
Supplies	6500	
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent*		100
Utilities *		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Fingerprinting		300
Marketing/publicity		200
Community theater rental		2515
*CLIPArts receives in-kind facility expenses from Christ Lutheran Church as a donation.		
Total Program Expenses:	6500	26,500

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Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: ImagineU Children's Museum (Children's Museum of the Sequoias)

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Membership and Field Trip Scholarships

Agency mailing address: PO Box 688

City: Visalia State: California Zip Code: 93279

Phone: 559-733-5975 ext. 103 E-Mail: kyoung@imagineumuseum.org

Contact name & title: Katy Young, Executive Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of ImagineU Children's Museum (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. ImagineU Children's Museum (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and ImagineU Children's Museum (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Katy Young

Title: Executive Director

Signature: Katy Young

Date: 11/14/2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6,000

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025

☐ an ongoing program or activity

☒ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

The requested funds will be used to provide scholarships for schools and families in Visalia who would otherwise be unable to participate without financial assistance. These funds will support field trips for students in grades K-2 and provide family memberships for families with young children, typically under the age of 7 or 8. The grant will directly benefit five schools (up to 450 students) and ten families (up to 40 children).

4. Provide at least one (1) planned outcome, the associated planned activities, and how you will measure success. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
To expand our outreach and offer additional scholarships to more schools and families in need.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Partner with other non-profit organizations to identify families who would benefit from an annual membership to ImagineU.	Success will be measured by the number of families referred by partner organizations and the number of membership scholarships awarded..
Family Membership Scholarships: Each family will receive an annual membership scholarship valued at approximately \$175-200 per family (depending on the specific needs and available funds).	Family Membership Scholarships Awarded: We will track the number of family memberships awarded, aiming to support at least 10 families (40 children).
Provide field trip scholarships to schools with students in grades K-2 who would otherwise be unable to attend.	Success will be measured by tracking the number of field trip scholarship applications received, approved, and awarded, based on the availability of funds.
Field Trip Scholarships: Each scholarship will cover the full cost (\$400 - \$900) of a field trip. Scholarships will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, with the total number of scholarships awarded depending on the amount of funds available.	Field Trip Scholarships Awarded: We will track the total number of field trip scholarships awarded, aiming to serve at least 450 students across five schools.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☒ January through December
☐ July through June
Other: _____

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	NA	\$ 6,000
Number of Visalia Youth Served		490

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

At ImagineU, our mission is clear: "Children's Imagination Comes First: Imagine, Explore, Learn." We believe that inspiring young minds is just as important as educating them, and we strive to foster creativity, curiosity, and growth in every child who walks through our doors. Imagine it. Be it. Through Immersive, hands-on activities, we expose children to a world of new possibilities, teaching them life skills, helping them understand their community, and offering opportunities for parents to connect with their children in meaningful ways.

Our proposed program directly aligns with our mission by making these enriching experiences accessible to all children, especially those who might otherwise lack the financial resources to participate. Through our scholarship program, we ensure that every child, regardless of background or financial situation, has the opportunity to engage with our interactive exhibits and educational offerings.

By supporting families and schools in need, we are able to expand our reach and help children from diverse backgrounds imagine, explore, and learn—just as our mission intends. This program allows us to fulfill our purpose of providing a nurturing environment where every child can thrive, build social skills, develop a love for learning, and grow into a confident, capable individual. Your support enables us to continue our work and make a lasting impact in the lives of children and families throughout our community.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

Since 2002, ImagineU Children's Museum has been a trusted provider of interactive learning opportunities for youth in Visalia. We have consistently served the community by offering fun, educational experiences that ignite creativity, curiosity, and growth in children. On average, we have impacted over 30,000 children each year, making a lasting difference in the lives of local young learners and their families. Our programs are designed to engage children from all backgrounds, and we take great pride in providing a space where they can explore, learn, and connect with their community in meaningful ways. This extensive history of service underscores

our deep commitment to the youth of Visalia and our continued success in fostering educational and developmental growth.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

ImagineU Children's Museum serves a diverse population of children, primarily those under the age of 8, as well as students up to second grade. While our programs are open to all children, it is important to us to stay focused on serving the youth in our community who may not have access to educational and recreational resources due to financial constraints, disability, or other socio-economic challenges.

Our museum offers a safe, welcoming space where children can engage in hands-on, interactive exhibits that foster curiosity, creativity, and social-emotional development. These experiences are designed to meet the unique needs of young learners, especially those from underserved populations, by providing opportunities for early childhood education in a fun and accessible environment. We also strive to offer programs that promote positive community engagement, strengthen family bonds, and help build foundational skills for academic success.

By addressing the developmental needs of children, particularly those who may face barriers to traditional educational experiences, ImagineU provides an invaluable resource that contributes to the overall well-being and future success of the children we serve.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

This is not a new program, but rather a vital one that has been a cornerstone of our efforts for many years. The need we aim to address is the gap in access to educational and interactive learning experiences for underserved children and students in our community. Many schools and families, particularly those with financial limitations, may not have the resources to engage in enriching activities like those offered at ImagineU Children's Museum.

Through our scholarship program, we are able to bridge this gap by providing access to our exhibits and educational resources, ensuring that every child, regardless of their financial situation, can experience the benefits of imaginative, hands-on learning. This program directly supports our mission to make our services accessible to all, allowing us to reach children who would otherwise miss out on these valuable developmental opportunities.

In essence, while the scholarship program itself is not new, its continued success is crucial to maintaining our ability to serve the underserved and fulfill our mission of fostering creativity, exploration, and learning for every child in our community.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

Over the past five years, ImagineU Children's Museum has maintained strong financial health, with no budgetary problems or debt. We have consistently operated within our means, and our reserves have allowed us to remain financially stable. This fiscal responsibility ensures that we are able to continue serving our community without disruption and provides us with the flexibility to grow and adapt to future needs.

- 12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?**

Yes, the program will have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded. We actively raise funds for scholarships through our annual fundraiser, which helps ensure the sustainability of the program. While a partially funded award may limit the number of scholarships we can offer, we are committed to making every effort to secure the remaining funding needed. Even with partial funding, we will continue to provide valuable educational experiences to as many children and families as possible, though the overall impact could be slightly reduced in terms of the total number of scholarships available. We will prioritize support for those who need it most, ensuring that our mission to serve underserved children remains at the forefront.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,000	P
Donations	0	
Fundraising Events	9,450	S
County Funding (include grant names)	0	
State Funding (include grant names)	0	
Private Foundations (include Foundation names):	0	
Program Fees	0	
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	15,450	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	0
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	0	0
Printing and Copying	0	0
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0
Utilities	0	0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Membership Fees	2,500	
Field Trip Fees	3,500	
Total Program Expenses:	6,000	

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Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Juventud Enriquecimiento Musica y Artes Foundation
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Youth Folk Dance Dance
Agency mailing address: Post Office Box 845
City: Visalia State: California Zip Code: 93279
Phone: 559-563-3035 E-Mail: raymondcmacareno@yahoo.com
Contact name & title: Raymond Macareno. Foundation Chair

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of
JEMA Foundation (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.
JEMA Foundation (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on
the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit
Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to
any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and
JEMA Foundation (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Raymond Macareno Title: Board Chair
Signature: Raymond C. Macareno Date: 11.11.24

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ \$6,500
2. The funding requested is for (select one):
 - ☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
 - ☒ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

Continued to support a sustainable performing arts after-school program for Visalia students, ages 5-18. Students who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for a four-week course to explore Mexican folk dance. Two courses will be offered each month for three age groups, serving 150+ students over a span of five months (not necessarily consecutive), with different dates and times available, with regional dance styles changing throughout the program.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Prepare youth, ages 5-18, for folklorico performances where they can demonstrate the following skills: technique, choreography, stage presence, stage projection, performing arts posture, stretching, ballet technique, improvisation. The goal in mind is to improve their life with interest in performing arts.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>The foundation will contract with dance instructors and host 40 sessions of ballet folklorico in the city of Visalia, preferably Anthony Community Center or at local school sites in the city of Visalia.</p> <p>Sample Schedule: April - Region: - Anthony Center Ages: 5-8 - Tuesday, 4:30 (50 minutes) Ages: 8-12 - Thursday, 5:30 (50 minutes) May - Region: Jalisco Ages: 12-18 - Wednesday, 4:30</p> <p>May - Region - Veracruz - Manuel H. Ages: 5-8 - Tuesday, 4:30 (50 minutes) June - Region - Veracruz Ages: 8-12 - Thursday, 5:30 (50 minutes)</p>	<p>Enrollment Totals is how activities will be measured: The goal will be to enroll a minimum of 150 Visalia students, with maximum of 20 students, per class, per session.</p> <p>At the end of the course, parents will be invited to showcase the selected region and perform learned dances to the audience.</p> <p>Note: After the 15 Visalia student minimum has been met per class, if the 20 student maximum has not been met, up to 5 Non-Visalia residents can enroll at a cost of \$10 per class, \$40 per month.</p>

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
To foster the enrichment of youth by encouraging awareness and appreciation of cultural music, education, visual and performing arts.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Students, specifically the younger students, will be engaged in 30 minutes of dance instruction, and 25 minutes of crafts. Example: crafts include, but not limited, creating maracas from plastic eggs and beans, to be able to make sounds. This allows students to hear beats, which will be matched and assist with footwork. Additionally, students will receive coloring pages to learn not only the dance steps, but the typical attire of the region when being performed.</p> <p>Additionally, at the end of the program, students will participate in a recital and be able to invite family and friends to their final performance. At the event, professional dancers will be performing to encourage them to continue to pursue dance.</p>	<p>Students will receive education in music, dance, and visual arts. Activity will be measured by their knowledge of the cultural arts being taught by the instructors.</p>

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☒ January through December

☐ July through June

☐ Other: _____

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6500	\$ 6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	180	150

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

MISSION: To enrich our youth through cultural music and arts. This grant will launch and extend the foundation's performing arts youth program to the City of Visalia.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

The performing arts program is currently offered in the city of Woodlake, for approximately the past 15 years and recently offered in Cutler-Orosi, since the spring of 2023, at four school sites as an after school program.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

The program is designed for student-age children and young adults of Visalia. As an after school program, students would not be in streets, but in a recreation center.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

Gaining lifelong skills in performing arts is a multi-year activity. Additional funding will allow JEMA Foundation to build interest in the program, to be sustainable for years to come. Grant funding would allow offering a introductory course, free of charge or minimum cost program. Future grant requests would support keeping enrollment fees low, or zero for income challenged students, which courses would not normally be available to.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

No financial or budgetary problems in the last five years.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

The program will consider additional funding sources, or if needed, reduce the amount of classes conducts and students served

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	Pending
Donations	1000	Pending
Fundraising Events		
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:		

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies	\$500	
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent	2000 (City Rental)	Use of community centers
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category) instruction/instructors	\$5000	
Instruction/Instructors		
Total Program Expenses:	\$7500	

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Deadline –November 14, 2024 12:00PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Neighborhood Degree

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Neighborhood Degree: LAUNCH

Agency mailing address: 5505 W. Riggan Avenue

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559-786-0665 E-Mail: stephanie@neighborhooddegree.org

Contact name & title: Stephanie Benthin, CEO

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Neighborhood Degree (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Neighborhood Degree (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and Neighborhood Degree (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Stephanie Benthin Title: CEO

Signature: Stephanie Benthin Date: 10/28/2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$6 500

2. The funding requested is for (select one):

☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025

☒ an ongoing program or activity

☐ scholarships

3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

Neighborhood Degree: LAUNCH helps students get to and through a college/career degree program after high school. All the students in our program are former Houston School students, teen parents or students in the "Champions" gang intervention program. We have 65 students in our program; 20 high school students and 45 college students. The funds will be used to buy laptops for our 13 graduating seniors entering a degree program. The website for our program is www.neighborhooddegree.org

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Students will graduate from high school and enter a degree program (college or technical school) in the fall of 2025.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Each student is paired with a 1-on-1 adult mentor from Neighborhood Church.</p> <p>Students attend meetings 2x/month to research college/career programs, interview career professionals, and complete career interest tests to determine their desired path.</p> <p>Mentors coach the students through the college/technical school application process, essay writing, financial aid, and scholarship applications.</p>	Students will be accepted into a degree program and begin in the fall of 2025.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$6500	\$6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	33	20

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

6. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☐ January through December

☒ July through June

☐ Other: _____

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

In 2006, Neighborhood Church "adopted" Houston Elementary School. We have partnered with school staff and parents to make life better for kids through mentoring programs, community service projects, building a neighborhood park, and hosting fun family events. We asked parents what they wanted most for their kids and they said they wanted to help them go to college. We started Neighborhood Degree to help our former Houston School kids achieve that dream. We believe helping them get to and through a degree program will create better opportunities for them in life. In 2022, our 17-year partnership became its own public charity called Neighborhood Degree. Neighborhood Degree's mission is "Connecting neighbors to learn together and expand networks to end poverty."

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

We have 18 years of experience providing positive and enriching experiences for thousands of Houston students and families. Some of our programs include a youth soccer league for over 100 students, weekly 1-on-1 mentoring for 5th and 6th grade students, a student leadership club at Green Acres Middle School, monthly free family events, field trips for students and parents, a community service club for kids & parents (about 200 people), and partnering with kids and parents to fundraise and build a park in 2015. Annually, over 500 parents and community volunteers provide over 4,000 hours of service investing in our youth.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

Our program is focused on former Houston School students, many of whom live below the federal poverty line, are English- learners, are the children of immigrants and are the first in their families to attend college. In addition, we have partnered with "YoungLives" to include teen parents and with "Champions" to include gang impacted youth as well.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

There are countless resources available to help students from poverty enter college/technical school but not all students know about these resources or how to access them. Our program bridges that gap. Each student has a 1-on-1 mentor that walks them through the process of discovering their career interests, helps them apply for degree programs and financial aid, and then coaches them through the program until they complete their degree.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

As a new nonprofit in 2022, Neighborhood Degree has not incurred any debt or budget deficits.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

Our LAUNCH program is primarily funded by private donors, ensuring the program can continue operating, even if only a portion of the requested grant amount is awarded. The grant funding does not pay for program costs but it does allow us to provide an incentive for students. The new laptops are a significant incentive for student recruitment, encouraging them to enroll in and complete the program. In addition, the laptops equip our graduates with essential technology that directly supports their success in their degree programs.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations	10,000	S
Fundraising Events	1,500	P
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)	17,000	S
• California Community Schools Partnership Program Cohort II Implementation Grant		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	35,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	10,000
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	0	2000
Printing and Copying	0	500
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0
Utilities		0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
College Tour Trip	0	6,000
Laptops for graduates	6500	10,000
Total Program Expenses:	6500	28,500

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Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Proteus, Inc.
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Scholarship Funding
Agency mailing address: 1830 N. Dinuba Blvd.
City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291
Phone: (559) 733-5423 E-Mail: msilva@proteusinc.org
Contact name & title: Michelle Engel-Silva, Chief Executive Officer

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Proteus, Inc.
(Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Proteus, Inc. (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and Proteus, Inc. (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Michelle Engel-Silva Title: Chief Executive Officer
Signature:  Date: 11-13-2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ \$3,000
2. The funding requested is for (select one):
 - ☒ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
 - ☐ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

The requested funds will be directly used to provide City of Visalia area youth who are migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs) or dependents of MSFWs with a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. MSFW youth services to be provided will consist of 3 scholarships for youth ages 17-24 who are entering or attending an accredited institution for the respective academic year in order to assist with costs/fees associated with their education and/or training.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Proteus, Inc. will provide a one-time scholarship to City of Visalia youth who are migrant and seasonal farmworkers or are dependents of migrant and seasonal farmworkers to assist with costs/fees associated with their post-secondary education and/or training.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Provide a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to local Visalia Unified School District Students.	<p>The metrics and approaches that will be used to effectively measure our scholarship program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking System: the number of scholarship applications received will be recorded, including the number awarded. • Demographic Data: demographic information from applicants (e.g. age, ethnicity) will be collected to assess the diversity and inclusivity of our applicant pool. • Application Completion Rate: Ratings to measure the applicants who completed the entire application process will provide insight to quantitative and qualitative data to understand potential barriers or issues applicants face with the application process. • Interview/Selection Rate: The number of applicants who are selected for interview will be tracked to understand the success rate of applicants at different stages of the selection process. • Awarded Scholarships: Measure the number of scholarships awarded against the total number of applications received to evaluate the impact of the program.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$3,000
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	3

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.

**Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.

6. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☐ January through December

☒ July through June

☐ Other: _____

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

The City of Visalia's Non-Profit Grant Program will allow Proteus to continue to advance our fundamental mission "to provide education, workplace training, job placement, and other support services to farm working families and diverse program participants to empower them to achieve self-sufficiency." Self-sufficiency of our customers is a core value shared by all parties involved

in our service process, including our organization, partner agencies, and our staff members. Through this proposed scholarship program for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs) youth and dependents of MSFWs would provide an additional resource while they pursue their postsecondary and/or training goals that will eventually lead to long-term stable employment and potential self-sufficiency.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

Proteus' current and previous youth programs have primarily provided services for underserved youth, providing them with employment training, counseling, mentoring, gang intervention/mediation, and teenage pregnancy prevention. Proteus, Inc. administers youth programs that include Substance Abuse Prevention Programs funded through the Health and Human Services Agency that provides information, resources, and referrals relating to mental health. In addition, Proteus, Inc. provides Title I-B Youth In and Out of School programs funded through various Local Workforce Development Boards and youth employment and training programs funded by the Department of Labor's National Farmworker Jobs Program. Furthermore, Proteus, Inc. operates and creates special programs such as those referenced that include Summer Night Lights funded through the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency and the Successful Readers Book Program and Employment and Safety Net Resources Program funded via United Way. The years of experience working with underserved at-risk youth from rural impoverished communities gives us particular strength in addressing the needs of the youth population.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

This proposed program is designed to provide services in the form of scholarships to migrant and seasonal farmworker youth as well as youth dependents of migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs). MSFWs that include youth, continue to suffer socioeconomic disparities are one of the most economically disadvantaged groups due to barriers that include high unemployment rates, poverty, limited education, limited English proficiency, and lack of transportation. Proteus' overall goals for low-income and MSFW youth programs are to minimize dropout rates in school, reduce the attachment to gangs and through engagement in alternative activities, and providing employment and training services.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

Proteus is not seeking seed funding to start a new program or activity. Proteus is requesting Non-Profit Grant Program funding to provide a one-time scholarship to City of Visalia youth who are migrant and seasonal farmworkers or are dependents of migrant and seasonal farmworkers to assist with costs/fees associated with their post-secondary education and/or training. This additional economic support will assist youth with additional support to continue to attend and complete their educational and/or training goals that can lead to a career or stable employment.

N/A.

Proteus would still be able to provide scholarships to City of Visalia area youth on a smaller scale should the proposed scholarship program be partially funded. The total amount of scholarships for youth as well as the monetary amount per scholarship would be reduced depending on funding available. Proteus, fundraises via different methods throughout the year that include an annual golf tournament as well as raffles during our annual event and other Proteus, Inc. functions in order to increase additional unrestricted resources to provide services and scholarships to migrant and seasonal farmworker and other low-income youth. Dependent on funding raised or available at the time of scholarship applications would determine scholarship program outcomes.

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$3,000.00	P
Donations	\$500.00	P
Fundraising Events	\$6,500.00	P
County Funding (include grant names)	N/A	N/A
State Funding (include grant names)	N/A	N/A
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	N/A	N/A
Program Fees	N/A	N/A
Other:	N/A	N/A
Total Program Revenue:	\$10,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	\$0.00	N/A – Volunteer Time
Employee Benefits	\$0.00	N/A
Payroll Taxes	\$0.00	N/A
Mileage	\$0.00	N/A
Supplies	\$0.00	N/A
Printing and Copying	\$0.00	N/A

Office Expenses/Rent	\$0.00	N/A
Utilities	\$0.00	N/A
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)	\$3,000 - Scholarships	\$7,000 - Scholarships
Total Program Expenses:		

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: South Valley Aquatics

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Learn to Swim - Splashball - Recreational Aquatics

Agency mailing address: 820 N Willis

City: Visalia

State: CA

Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559-786-4453

E-Mail: myeniques@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Michael Yeniques - Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of

South Valley Aquatics

(*Grantee agency*), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.

South Valley Aquatics

(*Grantee agency*) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on

the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and

South Valley Aquatics

(*Grantee agency*) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Michael Yeniques

Title: Director

Signature: 

Date: 11/11/2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6,500.00
2. The funding requested is for (select one):
 - ☒ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
 - ☐ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

The funding is requested to initiate our recreational and non-competitive aquatics outreach for Visalia youth. We are expanding our Free Clinic offerings for water polo, and swimming to encourage Visalia youth to try water polo and swimming for either the first time or to gain confidence to continue with aquatics. We are a Red Cross partner with certified water safety instructors (WSI) and we are looking to establish free and low-cost Learn-to-Swim Camps offered throughout the year (not just summer) to provide Visalia youth with life saving basic water survival skills. We are also establishing our recreational splashball program for ages 5 through 12

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Our goal is to provide learn-to swim instruction to between 30 and 50 Visalia youth each Winter, Spring and Fall session for a total of 90 to 110 kids who can pass the learn-to-swim beginner requirements. The outcome will be more youth at lower risk of accidental drowning.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Learn to swim classes with a maximum of four students participating in 30 minute classes that meet for 8 to 10 days. Up to four separate 30 minute classes a day to serve 16 students every two weeks.</p> <p>The classes are offered in the Fall, Winter, and Spring and taught by our same Red Cross Certified and USA Swim Certified swim coaches.</p>	Activities are measured by course completion certificates issued to each student that successfully completes the course.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
We will expand our non-competitive recreational water polo and swim programs by increasing our Free Swim and Free Water Polo clinics plus initiating our Splashball Camps program. The outcome will be a significant increase in youth aquatics participation.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Free Swim and Free Water Polo clinics will be offered on selected weekends and weekday evenings. These clinics will include instruction, practice and evaluation. Clinics will be offered throughout the year.</p> <p>Splashball Camps are offered during Summer and are offered to ages 5 to 12 as an introduction for brand new players.</p>	Both attendance records and continued participation records will be kept to determine how successful the program was at inviting Visalia Youth to embrace and continue participating in aquatics.

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☒ January through December

☐ July through June

☐ Other: _____

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Number of Visalia Youth Served	78	140

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

As a charitable organization, SOVA seeks to promote increased participation in aquatic sports in the local community, in general, and specifically young men and women from economically disadvantaged circumstances. SOVA is particularly interested in creating life altering, positive opportunities for young men and women who may otherwise experience generational impediments to higher education and career opportunities

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

*SOVA has successfully partnered with VUSD for the last two years to develop and administrate the VUSD Middle School Water Polo Program. Each year 2023 & 2024 we provided water polo instruction and competition for VUSD 6th, 7th and 8th grades including competing against other boys and girls intermediary school teams from Reedley, Clovis and Madera. The program has served over 140 Visalia youth. See more here:
<https://www.sovawaterpolo.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1434178>*

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, Individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

We will accept any youth interested in our learn-to-swim, recreational swim and recreational water polo programs, our mission is to offer our programs to youth who lack financial resources for paid aquatic sports and swim instruction.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

Offering the non-competitive recreational swimming and water polo programs, free swim and water polo clinics, and learn-to-swim classes will create a budget gap for required pool time rental and instructional staff. There will be some programming related equipment required as well. The goal will be to balance youth who are offered free or discounted programming with recruiting additional youth who do not require free or discounted programming. The grant and increased revenues from a growing customer base should meet the need and close the gap.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

NA

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

The learn-to-swim program would not be able to operate through Fall, Winter, and Spring. Likely a partial funding would force us to choose one season to offer the classes. Securing and scheduling instructors would be more difficult when only offering the position for three months. Access to pool time would be limited by available funds.

Income and expenses for new programming only

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6500.00	Pending
Donations	\$2,500.00	Pending
Fundraising Events	\$5,000.00	Pending
County Funding (Include grant names)	0	
State Funding (Include grant names)	0	
Private Foundations (Include Foundation names)	0	
Program Fees	\$8,000.00	Pending
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	\$22,000.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	\$4,000.00	\$9,500.00
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies		
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Pool usage fees	\$2,000.00	\$1,600.00
Learn-to-swim equipment	\$300.00	\$200.00
Splashball Equipment	\$200.00	\$200.00
Coach expense Reimbursements		\$4,500.00
Total Program Expenses:	\$8,500.00	\$15,500.00

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Visalia Rescue Mission

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Women's and Children's Shelter

Agency mailing address: 741 N. Santa Fe Ave.

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93292

Phone: 559-740-4178 E-Mail: bkane@vrmhope.org

Contact name & title: Bruce Kane, Director of Development

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of
Visalia Rescue Mission (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.
Visalia Rescue Mission (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on
the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit
Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to
any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and
Visalia Rescue Mission (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Bruce Kane Title: Director of Development

Signature: Bruce Kane Date: 11-14-2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6,500.00
2. The funding requested is for (select one):
 - ☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
 - ☒ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

The Visalia Rescue Mission houses and supports children, who with their mother are experiencing homelessness. While the children are safely housed in our care, we provide after-school support services to children, which include homework tutoring by staff and volunteers, supervised education and health enrichment activities, overseen by staff and volunteers. During their time here, children are served 3 meals per day, with healthful options made available. Our shelter services support children, ages infant to 13 years old. Our after school activities support children, ages 3-13. Our statistics for fiscal year 23-24 (October - September) include 234 unduplicated children served with an average daily childhood population of 22 individuals.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will **measure success**. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to **this application**. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Improved educational performance.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Afterschool tutoring:	Shelter staff will review school performance with mother as permitted.
Supervised developmental play:	Shelter staff will observe and reveiw with mother, progress in child's coordination, dexterity, following directions, problem-solving, and relational/social skills.
Supervised outdoor activities:	Shelter staff will observe and review with mother, activity levels, hydration habits, and snack intake.

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

5. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

- ☐ January through December
- ☐ July through June
- ☒ Other: October through September

6. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	234	250

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.*

***Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

The Visalia Rescue Mission exists to confront the life-controlling circumstances of homelessness, and addiction with Christ-inspired services, programs, and resource counseling to build hopeful futures.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

The VRM women's and children's shelter has been serving children for 17 years and has consistently seen improved educational success with the stability and support provided in our program. Since we do not have long-term connection to all of our clients, statistical data cannot be considered accurate.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

Because we serve homeless youth, our primary service is safety and stability during difficult family circumstances. A safe place to sleep, eat, study, play and learn is the starting point for educational success. Additional support services address each child's unique developmental needs, individually.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

N/A

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

We have had a cash flow deficit for fiscal year 23-24 due to exhausting post COVID payroll support funds accompanied by economic downturns in our thrift stores and inattention to donor cultivation by previous leadership. New attention is being paid to all streams of support and our deficit has turned around. We expect to be completely cash positive by the end of fiscal year 24/25.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

YES

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,500.00	P
Donations	10,000.00	S
Fundraising Events	10,000.00	S
County Funding (include grant names) N/A		
State Funding (include grant names) N/A		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names) N/A		
Program Fees		
Other: Church Funding Support		
Total Program Revenue:	26,500.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	5 000.00	10,000.00
Employee Benefits		500.00
Payroll Taxes		2,000.00
Mileage school transportation	500.00	1,250.00
Supplies	1 000.00	
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities estimated portion of current whole shelter utility cost.		1,250.00
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Total Program Expenses:	6,500.00	15,000.00

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Deadline – November 14, 2024, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Young Lives of Tulare County

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Teenage Parenting Instruction Lunch Club with Father Focused Activities

Agency mailing address: P.O. Box 7433

City: Visalia

State: CA

Zip Code: 93290

Phone: 559-786-1006

E-Mail: amandavanderstoel@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Amanda Vanderstoel, Area Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of YoungLives of Tulare County (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.

YoungLives of Tulare County (Grantee agency) acknowledges that among the conditions placed on the grant by the City of Visalia are the following: (1) no funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used for any religious purpose, and (2) the program supported will be available to any person regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation, and YoungLives of Tulare County (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Amanda Vanderstoel

Title: Area Director

Signature: Amanda Vanderstoel

Date: 11/4/2024

1. Amount requested in this application: \$6,500
2. The funding requested is for (select one):
 - ☐ a new program or activity to be started during program year 2025
 - ☒ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

Funds from the grant will be used to create a teen parent focused lunch club parenting education program which is a non-religious activity. Included in this program will be community resource awareness, father-child activities, family gatherings, mentorship, and group support. Appropriately 25 students will be served in the Visalia Unified School District with ages ranging from 14 to 18 years of age.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned outcome, the associated planned activities, and how you will measure success. *If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship.* Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Adolescent parents feel isolated and tend to withdraw as the challenges with a new child can be overwhelming. The Lunch Club brings them together with leaders who offer resources, support, community and hope, focusing on their lives, education, and parenting skills.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Parenting Education	Gather Participant Feedback at each semester
Participation Incentives (attend consecutive weeks	Sign in roster
Parent-Child activities	Sign in roster; Leader observation report
DadVentures – activities for fathers and leaders	Sign In roster; Leader evaluation
End of Year Family Event	Sign in roster: Certificate of Completion; and parent testimonials

Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2024*	Proposed PY 2025**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$0	\$14,000
Number of Visalia Youth Served	17	25

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2024.
 **Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

6. Please indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

☐ January through December

☐ July through June

☒ Other: October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025

7. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose.

Young Life's mission statement: Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

Young Life's vision statement: Together, we are compelled to model the way of Jesus in the lives of young people, to develop as leaders, to inspire others and to go as a diverse community on mission – resulting in more adolescents known by name and for who they truly are, in more kids knowing Jesus and in young people knowing their Kingdom purpose.

YoungLives will seek to provide adult mentors for adolescent parents. Mentors will build trusting relationships with the young parents that they would feel known and supported. Volunteers will provide education and activities promoting healthy parenting and relationship skills. Every young parent will find confidence to fulfill their purpose as parent resulting in positive mental and emotional outcomes for both parent and child.

8. Briefly describe your agency's previous experience and success in providing youth services specifically for Visalia youth.

YoungLives Tulare County has been providing mentors for teenage mothers, and included the fathers of their children, since 1991. In that time, hundreds of young parents have developed lifelong friendships with their mentors. A survey completed by YoungLives moms indicated that

their involvement increased their desire for educational attainment and college aspirations, connection with a supportive community, a sense of hope, meaning, and purpose.

Anecdotal evidence in Tulare County has shown that young fathers who participate in gatherings with their leaders and peers, were more engaged with their children. These young fathers have remained in the lives of their children regardless of the relational status with the mother.

9. If your proposed program is designed to serve a specific population, please describe the population and how the proposed program addresses their unique needs (e.g., those involved in the juvenile justice system, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, individuals with disabilities, homeless youth, substance/alcohol abuse, or other population).

This program will serve teenage parents at two Visalia Unified high schools, with a greater focus on teen father involvement. Statistically, a high percentage come from under-resourced homes, are gang associated, or at-risk of gang involvement. Parenting education emphasizes to teen parents the impact of their choices on the success of their children. The desire to be good parents is almost universal which enables us to reach this demographic. Currently, there is limited access to parenting education and healthy adult mentorship for teenage parents. Education and developing strong social connections will foster healthy family relationships, reduce the potential for child abuse, and increase parental confidence.

10. If requesting seed funding to start a new program or activity, please describe the need or gap you propose to address and how the proposed program will meet this need/gap.

While the lunch club program is not a new program, this is a re-start with more focus on teen father involvement. A focused effort on recruiting male mentors specifically for the teenage fathers, providing family activities, and relationship building events is a new program for YoungLives. Currently, there are limited resources for teenage fathers in our community that are not court ordered. This is the gap we wish to fill. Engage and equip the fathers before problems arise.

11. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits).

Young Life/YoungLives Tulare County has not had any financial or budget deficits.

12. Will the program have sufficient resources to operate if the desired grant amount is only partially funded? How would a partially funded award affect your program outcomes?

Funds will be requested from other sources if the grant is not received. In the event funding is not provided by other grants, business or individual contributions, activities will be reduced, but the lunch club program will remain intact.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2025	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$ 6,500.00	P
Donations	\$ 4,500.00	S
Fundraising Events	\$ -	
County Funding (include grant names) Step Up Grant	\$ 3,000.00	P
State Funding (include grant names)	\$ -	
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	\$ -	
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	\$ 14,000.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		\$ 2,280.00
Employee Benefits		\$ 148.20
Payroll Taxes		\$ 193.80
Mileage		
Supplies	\$ 703.00	\$ 520.00
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Food for Lunch Club at two high schools	\$ 2,000.00	
Dadventure – Bowling event	\$ 535.00	
Dadventure- Rawhide baseball game	\$ 559.00	
Daddy Date – Imagine U Children's Museum	\$ 280.00	
Year End Completion Celebration –Visalia Adventure Park	\$ 2,223.00	
Participation Awards		\$ 2,000.00
Service Center Fees		\$ 2,358.00
Speaker Honorarium	\$ 200.00	
Total Program Expenses:	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,500.00