

ATTACHMENT 1

Grant Applications Recommended for Funding

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Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: _____

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: **The Adapted Athlete**

Agency mailing address: **5211 W. Goshen Ave Box #131** City: **Visalia** State: **Ca**

ZipCode: **93291** Phone: **559-308-5288** E-Mail: **theadaptedathlete@gmail.com** _____

Contact name & title: **Nicole 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 programs 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: Nicole Scholl Date: 9-28-25

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. In 2025, we will expand with two additional inclusive events: a free Summer Movie Night and an Adaptive Trunk or Treat, each serving approximately 100–150 youth. These community gatherings promote social connection, confidence, and visibility for youth with disabilities in safe, welcoming environments.

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:	
Rawhide Night: Youth participants experience increased social confidence and community integration.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Host inclusive outing at a Visalia Rawhide baseball game for 250+ youth with and without disabilities and their families. Youth will throw the first pitch, be interviewed, sing the National Anthem, be supplied with picture menus for nonverbal support and Independance in ordering refreshments, and participate in on field inning games.	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:	
Free Summer Movie Night Outcome: Youth experience increased peer interaction and social engagement in a relaxed, sensory-friendly environment.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Adaptive Trunk or Treat: Youth with disabilities gain visibility and safe participation in holiday traditions.	

<p><i>Activities Movie Night:</i> Host free outdoor movie screening for 100–150 youth and families with disability accommodations (seating, sensory kits, subtitles, etc.).</p> <p><i>Activities Trunk or Treat:</i> Organize an accessible, adaptive Trunk or Treat event serving 100–150 youth and their families.</p>	<p><i>Measurement:</i> Attendance records and feedback forms tracking social engagement and accessibility experience.</p> <p><i>Measurement:</i> Attendance records and parent/guardian surveys on inclusion and safety.</p>
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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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$6500	\$ 6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	Est. 494	500

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

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. The Adapted Athlete Rawhide Night, Summer Movie Night, and Adaptive Trunk or Treat directly support this mission by creating inclusive opportunities for youth with disabilities to engage in public community events. These programs foster confidence, social connection, and visibility, helping participants improve their independence and quality of life.

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, and adaptive sports leagues and clinics. Our community-centered events, such as the Holiday of Inclusion, Movie Nights and past Trunk or Treat celebrations, have brought together hundreds of families in safe, supportive spaces. Supported by a \$185,000 grant from CVRC completed in 2023, we launched our sports programs, reaching over 350 youth the first seasons. 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 are specifically designed to serve youth with disabilities, including physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges. This population often faces limited access to inclusive community activities, which can hinder their physical health, social development, and confidence. These three inclusive events reduce barriers and foster belonging, independence,

and visibility in community spaces.

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.

These are all 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 not no debts and no loans

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, although it may limit the program's reach and capacity. With partial funding, we would prioritize essential activities such as securing necessary resources for the Rawhide Night, Summer Movie Night, and Trunk or Treat events. However, fewer youth may be served overall, and some accessibility features or event enhancements could be scaled back. A partially funded award may result in slightly lower program outcomes, but we remain committed to delivering impactful, inclusive experiences and would seek additional funding sources to supplement the program if needed.

Program Budget

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	\$11,000
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes		1750
Mileage		0
Supplies		0
Printing and Copying		250
Office Expenses/Rent		0
Utilities		0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Event Coast ((tickets, licensing, supplies, décor)	\$4500	
Venue/Screen Fees & Accessibility Costs	\$2000	
Total Program Expenses:	6500	\$13,000

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Boxing Program

Agency mailing address: 526 N. Peppertree Street

City: Visalia _____ State: Ca _____ Zip Code: 93291 _____

Phone: 559-754-5600 _____ E-Mail: ogamboa@comcast.net _____

Contact name & title: Jesus J. Gamboa, Treasurer

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter, as specified in the attached Board Resolution. American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter 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 American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Leonard Velasquez / Title: Commander

Signature: Leonard Velasquez Date: September 23, 2025

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 will be used to provide social and character development to 75 youth "under the age of 18 living in the City of Visalia" who have anger issues, are at risk of gang affiliation, inactive in sports as a healthy activity and exposed to bullying. Funds will be used to provide youth registration, event sanctions and equipment purchases.

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:	
Boxing training, self-defense , socialization skills and character development will be provided to 75 youth at risk of gang affiliation and bullying.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth will be recruited to participate In various boxing activities. • Youth will be instructed in discipline, physical fitness, health, self-defense, social skills and social development on a one to one basis. • As appropriate, youth will participate In competitive events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various marketing strategies will be Implemented and youth will sign in daily. Monthly reports are maintained. • Coaches monitor progress and document Daily training activities. Work outs include: Shadow boxing, jump rope, heavy bag, Running, crazy ball, speed bag, upper cut Bag and various conditioning exercises. • Competitions are noted in participant USA Boxing book.

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	75

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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 mission statement of the American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter is "through volunteers and members, it will promote greater participation in civic affairs, educational attainment, employment and equity in income and health services".

Coaches work with youth on a one to one basis. Every day we ask how school is going and Offer guidance as needed. We encourage youth to do their homework and promote the value of education. With youth old enough to work, we explain the work permit process, how To build a resume and provide letters of recommendation as needed. Through our various Fundraising events, we include youth and explain the need and value of civic participation. We explain to them that being healthy and physically fit is important to overall self-esteem and well- being.

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

The Northside Boxing Club was established in 1979 and is well known in the community. We receive many referrals from Tulare County Probation Department Juvenile Division and Visalia Unified School District counselors. Throughout the years, Visalia youth have participated in boxing events at the local, regional, state and national levels. Members have won 17 national titles and have qualified for the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Trials. More recently, one former member boxed for the U.S. Army and qualified for the 2024 Olympic Trials. As adults many of our youth have become positive role models. Over the years, coaches and volunteers have trained, mentored, counselled and befriended over 4,200 youth. The Northside Boxing Club has hosted 74 boxing events in Visalia. These events have provided a positive economic benefit to local businesses.

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 Northside Boxing Program serves youth "under the age of 18 living in the Visalia City of Visalia". Many youth we work with have low self-esteem, are doing poorly in school, come from broken homes, do not participate in organized sports at school and often are living with mom as the head of household. Consequently, their exposure to adult male role models is limited. Many youth do not have a structured environment, lack social skills and are often bullied in school. The boxing program provides a safe place for youth to escape their environment for a couple of hours a day. This is what we

see every day, youth searching for hope. It is not uncommon for participants to leave and later come back to re-join and say, "I came back because I missed it, my life was not complete without the structure, skills and discipline I learned in the boxing program". Parents also acknowledge how the program has helped their youth improve their behavior at home and grades in school.

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 – On-going program.

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

N/A

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 boxing program will continue and be able to meet stated program outcomes with partial funding. However, we will have to limit equipment purchases, event sanctions and youth registrations. The \$6,500 request is 13% of program budget. It helps to offset direct participant costs such as; equipment, sanctions and youth registrations.

Program Budget

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Stipends		\$ 25,200
Office Expenses/Rent		11,400
Utilities		480
Equipment	\$ 5,000	5,626
Event Sanctions	500	
Youth Registration	1,000	
Mileage		400
Total Program Expenses:	\$ 6,500	\$ 43,106

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Arborbotics - FRC Team 6657

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Support Local Robotics Team

Agency mailing address: 915 S Mooney Blvd, Mariposa Building

City: Visalia State: California Zip Code: 93292

Phone: 559-827-3889 E-Mail: joshc@tcoe.org

Contact name & title: Joshua Curtiss - Head Team Mentor

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

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

Arborbotics (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

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

Name: Joshua Curtiss

Title: Head Team Mentor

Signature: _____

Date: 9/29/25

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.*

Some of Arborbotics' largest expenses include event registration, robot parts, transportation, and housing. The Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund would offset the costs required for our team to attend competitions and continue to provide learning opportunities for students. Beyond the 30 high school-age active team members, Arborbotics serves as many as 200 elementary-age students at community outreach events throughout the season.

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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:

Arborbotics team members have the option to specialize in multiple subgroups on the team, including Public Relations, Hardware, Electrical, Design, Programming, Design, and Data.

In the foremost group, students learn various business skills, including finances (budget management), grant writing, photography, and social media promotion (website design, video creation, and social media).

In the latter groups, students will learn a variety of STEAM skills, including the engineering process, programming, hardware and electrical principles, and other STEAM-related skills related to building a robot. Additionally, during competition, members of the Data team collect and analyze data using spreadsheets and app algorithms from other teams to holistically understand the strengths and weaknesses of each team.

Aside from technical skills, members will develop their soft skills, which are critical for leading groups, communicating effectively, and working together in a team.

Activities	How will activities be measured?
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<p>2026 <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Hueneme Port Regional/Ventura/Los Angeles Competition (to be decided at a later date)</p> <p>2026 <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Central Valley Regional Competition</p> <p>2026 <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Northern California State Championship</p> <p>2025 <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Madtown Throwdown Offseason Competition</p>	<p>Students' learning will be measured by the completion of the robot and the team's willingness and ability to overcome obstacles during competition.</p>
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Complete additional tables if you have more than one planned outcome specific to this grant.

Program Outcome:	
	<p>Provide opportunities in STEAM for Visalia youth and the surrounding community.</p> <p>Offset the team's carbon footprint and support life on Earth by donating time and sponsoring local environmental organizations.</p>
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Promoting STEAM to K-8 youth via workshops, presentations, and volunteering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including volunteering at the TCOE STEAM Expo. 	<p>The accessibility of STEAM opportunities for K-12 youth in our region is measured relative to student engagement. In other words, the total opportunities we provide students are directly related to student participation in activities.</p>
<p>Supporting local K-12 robotics teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including volunteering at <i>FIRST</i> Lego League competitions. 	<p>Similarly, supporting climate change mitigation and adaptation will be directly quantified in terms of time and monetary contributions.</p>
<p>Supporting efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change in the San Joaquin Valley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate funds and time to local environmental organizations, such as Sequoia Riverlands Trust. 	

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$0	\$6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	300	350

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

We strive to educate students about STEAM, teamwork, leadership, business, and communication through 21st-century learning, ensuring that all students at University Preparatory High School and the surrounding community have the opportunity to learn about STEAM beyond the standard classroom.

Though FIRST Robotics is inherently a competitive program, we prioritize learning and growing. Students learn a variety of STEM skills needed to build a robot, combined with communicating and working together in a team. Values such as teamwork, curiosity, and the drive to learn will remain with students and help them in future endeavors. Additionally, our team highlights the importance of community service. Team members are encouraged and required to donate time and effort to make STEM more accessible in our local area.

On a separate note, we also teach and encourage our community to take greater care in protecting the Earth through our "Go Green" initiative. Specifically, our focus is on supporting climate mitigation and adaptation efforts in the San Joaquin Valley by donating our time and sponsoring local environmental organizations. Additionally, we ensure to reuse materials from past projects and recycle unusable materials.

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

Arborbotics attends the annual STEAM expo through the Tulare County Office of Education. In addition to community events, members volunteer at FLL (FIRST Lego League) competitions. Arborbotics helped establish FLL and FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) teams around Tulare County. Our efforts kick-started a FIRST FLL team at Washington Elementary and the FIRST FRC team at Redwood High School in 2024. At Washington Elementary, we provided technical assistance by sending team members to help teachers and students optimize designs and navigate software problems. Our technical assistance played a crucial role in starting Redwood High School's FIRST FRC team, and our donations of parts and robot designs allowed for their continued success.

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).

Arborbotics is a hands-on STEM program that is catered towards students in Tulare County. Our program is one of two robotics programs in Tulare County that many students do not have access to hands-on learning. While supporting our team members, the team works hard to provide STEM opportunities for the community. To increase the opportunities in the community, we work with Redwood High School and Washington Elementary to immerse their students in STEM.

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.

Does not apply.

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

Arborbotics hasn't had any financial problems or debt in the last 5 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?

Arborbotics would need to be fully funded to operate at full potential; missing events, being unable to purchase essential parts for the robots, and other critical activities would be the direct effect of a lack of funding. The team's estimates for expenses and income throughout the year must be accurate and reliable. In the event of a higher income-to-expense ratio than expected, the team can utilize the excess income for larger projects in the current and following year. However, if the ratio of income to expenses is far smaller than projected, the team's ability to function as expected would be severely impacted. This loss would also have many long-term effects, as the current team generation's ability to learn valuable skills in this field would be hindered, and so would their capacity to teach the newer generations that will succeed them.

Program Budget

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	\$3,650	\$0
Printing and Copying	\$0	\$0
Office Expenses/Rent	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$0	\$0
Registration	\$0	\$10,300
Team Shirts	\$0	\$500
Transportation	\$0	\$2,000
Housing	\$0	\$5,000
Shipping and Tax	\$0	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$500
Public Relations	\$0	\$350
Sustainability Fund	\$2,850	\$3,150
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	\$18,500

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Arts Visalia

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Youth Art Program

Agency mailing address: PO Box 215

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93279

Phone: 559-739-0905 E-Mail: artsvisalia@sbcglobal.net

Contact name & title: Mary Jo Eastes, Board President

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Arts Visalia (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Arts Visalia (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 Arts Visalia (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Mary Jo Eastes Title: Board President



Signature:

Date: 9/23/2025

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.*

This funding allows Arts Visalia to provide quality arts education classes for all interested Visalia students, including those who may be at-risk or underserved, age 5-17, regardless of ability to pay. With funding, Arts Visalia can offer classes at reduced rates for those who are able to pay and provide scholarships for those in need so that no one misses out on the opportunity to explore their creative talents. We anticipate 475 Visalia youth will be served through the classes offered after school and on Saturdays during the spring and fall and for six weeks during the summer, as well as an average of 17 families during free Family Art Days throughout the year.

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:	
<p>Arts Visalia will offer quality arts education to all Visalia students at affordable rates (\$80.00 average per class). This is accomplished by using this funding to subsidize the actual cost of \$160.00, on average, per student for each class. In addition, full or partial scholarships will be available for students who are unable to pay the subsidized price.</p>	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local youth-focused agencies to bring new and returning students into art classes. • Post class information on our website • Provide information and links to online applications on our website and in social media • In class, instructors will encourage participation from every student • Classes will be based on the basic art elements and themes to encourage self-esteem. • Racially and culturally sensitive projects will be included in assignments to encourage learning about the cultural arts contributions of our ethnically diverse community. • All students will learn skills such as drawing, printmaking, and painting and create finished projects. • On-going instructor training in behavior management is provided through a training manual produced from on-site training by a certified behavior analyst. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep records of agencies and schools contacted as well as advertisements made. • Keep records of responses to questions regarding how parents heard of our classes • Record numbers of youth in classes on a weekly basis. • Track numbers of students with scholarships in our database. • Maintain regular contact with art instructors and staff regarding feedback from students and families. • Award scholarships based on need to any family requesting assistance. Parents will be asked what they can contribute and then this will be supplemented by scholarships. Due to generous supportive funding, we have been able to accept all interested youth. • Finished projects will be displayed in our <i>Yong Imaginations Gallery</i> and during the <i>August Young at Art</i> exhibition at the main gallery. • Students will be asked for their feedback verbally and/or in writing at the end of each spring and fall class and summer session. • Parents will be informally interviewed regarding their children's participation. • Class lesson plans will be reviewed by the administrative staff for content befitting our mission and goals.

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

Program Outcome:

Arts Visalia will invite families in the community to participate in a minimum of three free Family Art Days events, providing a safe environment in which to explore their creativity and socialize with others.

Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Notices will go out on our website, through Mail Chimp and on social media posts prior to the planned Family Art Days.Four to five families will participate at a time so the classroom will not become overcrowded.An instructor will guide families through the creation of an art exploration project.Classroom assistants will be on hand to assist families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A record will be kept of the participating families.Family members will be surveyed verbally and/or in writing to obtain their feedback on the event.Participants will have a finished project for display in the <i>Young Imaginations Gallery</i>.

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

January through December
 X July through June
 Other: _____

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	Past performance PY 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 0.00	\$ 6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served		475

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

Our mission is "developing and promoting the visual arts to enhance the quality of life in our community". Our vision is to educate, engage and enrich our community through the visual arts. Our all-volunteer board regularly reviews and updates our mission and vision statements. Through our classes, young people learn about the arts and participate in its creation. They, along with their families, see the work of artists on exhibition in the gallery as well as experience the joy of seeing their own work on display in a gallery.

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

Arts Visalia will celebrate its 30th year of incorporation in 2026! Since our gallery opened in 2001, we have provided art classes throughout the year. Class curriculum includes social and emotional learning competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. We have a dedicated *Young Imaginations* gallery with monthly exhibits of student work and provide some virtual exhibits of student work on our website.

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).

Classes at Art Visalia continue to be available to all youth 5-17 years of age. We strive to offer quality arts instruction at an affordable rate, as well as scholarships for those in need so that no child misses out on the opportunity to explore their creative talents. We have continued to focus lesson planning on the elements of art, the diversity of arts and cultures as well as gang/drug prevention, positivity, and building self-esteem in at-risk youth populations. Our research continues to confirm that the arts can be a deterrent to negative behaviors and help students envision a clearer future for themselves. Our classes provide a way to learn about self-confidence, courage, respect for everyone in our community and other self-affirming attributes through the visual arts. Our newly renovated classroom is distraction free and ADA accessible. We have classroom assistants in the younger age group classes to help with special accommodations as needed. With advanced knowledge we can arrange for an ASL interpreter.

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).

In the last two years we have ended the fiscal year with a deficit. In the three years prior to that we ended in the positive due to a one-time legacy gift, a one-time special project that brought in significant revenue, COVID PPP money. We have about \$13,000 in depreciation each year. We are projecting a \$17,500 deficit in our budget this year due to increased staffing hours, wages, and retirement benefits.

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, but we would serve fewer Visalia participants in our art classes and Family Art Days. We rely on funding such as this grant to provide scholarships and subsidized tuition for all youth as needed so that all can attend. With partial funding we will continue to offer these classes but may need to limit the number of scholarships.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,500	P
Donations	9,000	P
Fundraising Events	11,375	P
County Funding (include grant names)	5,000	S
State Funding (include grant names)	3,000	P
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Hind Foundation	2,500	S
Belay Foundation	15,000	P
—C.A.R.E.S.	5,000	P
Program Fees	18,000	P
Other:		
United Way	12,000	P
Visalia Breakfast Lions	1,500	S
Total Program Revenue:	\$ 88,875	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		36,000
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes, Insurance, accounting		5,750
Scholarships	6,500	
Supplies		3,000
Printing and Copying		4,725
Art class instructors, live scan		21,000
Utilities, Building Main, Janitorial, A/C		11,900
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Total Program Expenses	6,500	82,375

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Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: CASA of Tulare County

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested:

Empower In Nature: Foster Youth Adventures Program

Agency mailing address: 1146 N. Chinowth Street

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559-625-4007 E-Mail: alberto@casatulareco.org

Contact name & title: Alberto Ramos, Executive Director

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

Name: Alberto Ramos

Title: Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: September 24, 2025

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.*

Empower in Nature: Foster Youth Adventures is a trauma-informed leadership and environmental education program designed to support foster youth who have experienced child abuse and neglect. Through carefully structured outdoor experiences, the program offers court-dependent youth in Tulare County opportunities to heal, grow, and develop a peer support network and leadership skills in safe and supportive environments outside the courtroom.

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:	
Foster youth will develop increased confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging through participation in nature-based educational and leadership experiences.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five seasonal outdoor excursions to local parks and preserves (e.g., Kaweah Oaks Preserve, Blue Oak Ranch Preserve), including hiking, environmental education, and team-building activities. One-day leadership retreat at Sequoia Lake with ropes course, peer workshops, and water-based recreation. Mentorship by CASA volunteers who participate alongside youth, fostering safe and supportive relationships. Pre- and post-event reflections and group debriefs led by trained staff to help youth process experiences and build confidence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance tracking of Visalia youth for all six events (goal: minimum 20 Visalia youth served). Pre- and post-surveys measuring self-reported gains in confidence, leadership interest, and sense of connection. Observation checklists completed by CASA staff and volunteers to assess participant engagement, teamwork, and resilience indicators. Qualitative feedback gathered through group debriefs and volunteer reflections. CASA's Optima database will be used to record participation and monitor individual youth progress across events.

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	N/A	\$6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served		20

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

CASA's Mission Statement:

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Tulare County supports the juvenile court and its dependent children who are innocent victims of abuse and neglect. CASA provides trained community volunteers to represent the best interests and voices of the children we strive to protect.

How the Proposed Program Relates to CASA's Mission:

The Empower in Nature: The Foster Youth Adventures program broadens CASA's mission beyond the courtroom, office, and home settings by offering foster youth safe and supportive opportunities to heal, develop, and succeed. Through nature-based education, leadership development, and consistent mentorship, the program strengthens CASA's advocacy work by addressing the emotional, social, and developmental needs of foster youth. By creating meaningful experiences in the outdoors, CASA ensures that each child's voice is not only heard in court, schools, and office settings, but also nurtured in the community—promoting well-being, resilience, and connection for some of Visalia's most vulnerable youth.

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

CASA of Tulare County has a long-standing track record of providing impactful services to foster youth in Visalia. Through its core advocacy program, CASA serves children in the juvenile dependency system by assigning trained community volunteers who offer consistent mentorship and advocate for each child's needs in court and beyond.

In recent years, CASA has expanded its services to include enrichment programs specifically designed for youth. With support from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund, CASA has implemented environmental education field trips, cultural heritage events, and leadership retreats for local foster youth. These experiences—held at locations such as Sequoia Riverlands Trust preserves and YMCA Camp at Sequoia Lake—have helped Visalia youth develop leadership skills, build confidence, and form meaningful relationships with peers and adult mentors. CASA's commitment to engaging youth through trauma-informed, strengths-based programming has had a lasting impact on dozens of Visalia's foster youth each year.

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 Empower in Nature: Foster Youth Adventures program is designed specifically for youth in the foster care system, one of the most vulnerable populations in Tulare County. These children and teens have experienced abuse, neglect, and removal from their homes, often resulting in disrupted attachments, additional trauma, and instability across placements and schools. Many of the foster youth served by CASA also face compounding challenges such as sibling separation, social isolation, and limited access to enrichment opportunities.

This program addresses those needs by creating safe, consistent, and enriching experiences led by trauma-informed mentors. By engaging in nature-based outings and leadership retreats, youth are given opportunities to build confidence, process emotions, form trusting relationships, and develop a sense of purpose and belonging. Each activity is supported by CASA volunteers

and staff, ensuring a strong adult-to-youth ratio and continuity of care. The program offers a protective buffer against at-risk behaviors such as substance use, school dropout, and gang involvement—empowering foster youth to thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

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.

CASA of Tulare County is not requesting seed funding for a new program. Empower in Nature: Foster Youth Adventures is an established and ongoing program that has been successfully implemented for several years, formed by support from the City of Visalia. The 2026 grant request will help sustain and expand this proven initiative, ensuring continued access to leadership development, environmental education, and mentorship opportunities for foster youth in Visalia. Ongoing support is essential to maintain the program's quality and reach, particularly for youth who face significant barriers to accessing outdoor learning experiences on their own.

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

CASA of Tulare County has maintained stable financial operations over the past five years and has not experienced any significant financial or budgetary problems. The organization operates with a balanced budget and conducts annual financial reviews and audits to ensure sound fiscal management. CASA maintains a diverse funding portfolio that includes government grants, foundation grants, individual donations, and fundraising events, allowing the organization to remain financially resilient while expanding its program to meet the needs of foster youth in Tulare County.

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, CASA will implement the Empower in Nature program even if the grant is only partially funded; however, partial funding would require the agency to draw from unrestricted funds, which are limited and allocated to other core programs and emergency needs. While the number of Visalia youth served would remain consistent, CASA may need to reduce the number of field trips, scale back meals and gear provided, or limit the use of contracted outdoor education instructors to stay within budget. Full funding ensures that CASA can deliver the program at its intended scope, providing high-quality, trauma-informed experiences that support healing, leadership, and resilience for Visalia's foster youth.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	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)		
In-N-Out Foundation	\$13,500	P
Total Program Revenue:	\$20,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Transportation (van rentals, insurance & fuel)	\$2,000	\$5,000
Meals & Snacks (youth, staff, volunteers)	\$1,500	\$1,000
Contracted Instructors (hikes/ropes/snowshoe/lifeguards)	\$3,000	\$3,000
CASA Volunteer Stipends		\$1,500
Program Materials (first-aid kits, water bottles, outdoor gear/clothing, maps/handouts, surveys)		\$3,000
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	\$13,500

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc

Phone: (559) 583-9300

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

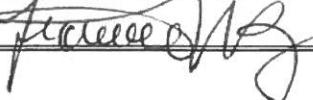
Email: fruiz@championsrecovery.org

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:  Date: 9/30/2025

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 series of entrepreneurial-spirited workshops for 30 to 40 at-promise youth (between ages 12-17) attending Visalia Unified School District middle and high schools. Funding will be used to purchase supplies needed to engage youth and introduce various vocational activities; create custom apparel, barbering kits, digital audio software licenses, incentivized rewards, and to compensate local contractors for vocational training that teaches introduction to barbering, digital music production, DJing, graphic design, and entrepreneurship fundamentals. All activities are designed to meet student-proclaimed interests while teaching transferable technical and social skills.

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 and valuable entrepreneurship opportunities and pathways. (Students will have their pick of the following activities)
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Activity 1: Intro to Barbering (5 Sessions) Professionalism / Customer Experience Sanitation / Maintenance Simple Haircut and Lineup Hairstyle 1: Cuts and Techniques Hairstyle 2: Cuts and Techniques Final Project: Client Haircut (Live)	Attendance and number of completed workshops Student pre/post survey of vocational understanding
Activity 2: Intro to Beat-making (8 sessions) Software Exploration/ Navigation Musical Construction and Sound Design Mixing Techniques and Fundamentals Mastering and Review Present Final Track	Attendance and number of completed workshops Student pre/post survey of vocational understanding
Activity 3: Intro to DJing (6 sessions) Intro and Setup: Overview/ Gear/ Software Music Theory and Beatmatching Basics Mixing, Transitions, and Effects Genre Switching and Set-Building Crowd Interaction, Voice, and Event Prep Hosting a Mini-Gig (Live-Practice)	Attendance and number of completed workshops Student pre/post survey of vocational understanding

Activity 4: DIY: Apparel Design and Creation (6 Sessions) Intro and Setup: Overview/ Gear/ Software Basic Design Fundamentals Creating Designs Alterations/ Adjustments Preparing for Print Print and present final Product	Attendance and number of completed workshops Student pre/post survey of vocational understanding
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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 ways of thinking. Each cohort will have CBT discussions built-in to improve Social Skills, Cognitive Self-Change, and Problem-Solving Skills utilizing Evidence-Based Practices.
Activities	How will activities be measured? <p>Guided Small Group Discussion (Open to Change curriculum)</p> <p>Mentorship</p> <p>Guest speakers</p> <p>Volunteer activities</p> <p>Pre/post surveys*</p> <p>Number of students participated in group discussions</p> <p>Number of 1x1 mentoring sessions</p> <p>Number of volunteer activities youth engaged</p> <p>*Adolescent Social Functioning (SOCForm) Pre/Post surveys. Assessment domains address hostility, risk taking, social support and social desirability</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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	22	40

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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 6 years Champions has expanded their work with youth, specifically in Visalia by through substance use disorder and mental health 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.

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, gang impacted, and prone to substance/ alcohol use; addressing anti-social and maladaptive 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 and activities offered in order to provide quality services.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,500	P
Donations	0	
Fundraising Events	0	
County Funding (include grant names)	0	
State Funding (include grant names)	0	
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	0	
Program Fees	0	
Other:		
Visalia Unified School District VUSD	411,995	S
Champions Contribution	22,104	S
Total Program Revenue:	440,599	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		291,156
Employee Benefits		40,472
Payroll Taxes		23,292
Mileage		4,000
Supplies	2962.50	6,000
Printing and Copying		1,200
Office Expenses/Rent		16,600
Utilities		6,900
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Trainers/Consultants	3437.50	3,900
Field Trips		8,400
Incentives	100	0
Equipment		2,000
Training		4,300
Admin/Overhead		25,878
Total Program Expenses:	6500	434,099

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Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Cultural Heritage Foundation

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Youth cultural events

Agency mailing address: 107 W. Tulare Ave

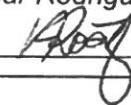
City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93277

Phone: (559) 300-0514 E-Mail: ambarodriguez10@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Ambar Rodriguez, Board President

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Cultural Heritage Foundation (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Cultural Heritage 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 Cultural Heritage Foundation (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Ambar Rodriguez Title: Board President

Signature:  Date: 9/9/2025

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

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

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.

Youth Led Leadership Projects designed and implemented by Visalia Youth. A core group of students from various schools and clubs and community members have planned and will implement intergenerational events. Events may include community gardens, outdoor movies, mental health workshops, college and career ready workshops, along with cultural arts and crafts. We project approximately 1,000 Visalia HS and middle school students from various campuses to participate in activities and events.

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:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased leadership skills among Visalia high school students -Increased comradery and decreased competition between Visalia school students as well as build inter school student networks. -Increase safe opportunities for Visalia High School students to socialize instead of doing illegal things on the streets -Increase opportunities for students and community members to be exposed and to learn about coping skills to deal with anxiety, environmental and multicultural topics. - Increased well being and improved mental health in students suffering from anxiety, grief or isolation -Exposure to new areas of interest -Exposure to college and career ready opportunities 	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Joint projects developed, planned and executed by students from various Visalia school campuses.</p> <p>Activities, may include but not limited to</p> <p>Community Garden and environmental clean ups- students participate in river cleanup/steward ship, learn about stewardship and environmental issues. Students plant a seasonal garden to learn how to be sustainable</p> <p>Movie & student panel discussions- online or outdoor movies, picked by students, partnering with other agencies.</p> <p>Cultural event series- Visalia youth will recommend activities and events to host our local community and introduce them to new interests</p>	<p>Number of activities including number of planning meetings, events, student participants.</p> <p>Brief summaries and pictures documenting events; May include social media posts, pics.</p> <p>Surveys given to participants after events, workshops, and activities to measure the outcomes and to collect student demographics. The survey will be conducted on an online platform such as Google Forms. This data can then be converted to provide any data analytics that the city would need for future measurements.</p>

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

Program Outcome:	
<p>Visalia youth will be able to find a safe and supportive environment by participating in structured and unstructured activities. This will increase youth wellbeing and therefore would help to keep our communities safe and healthy.</p>	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>The CHF will provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A safe space, on VUSD owned property 	Number of activities including number of

<p>2. By the education code no drugs or alcohol are allowed.</p> <p>3. There is a meditation room, complete with yoga mats and stress balls. Shelves filled with books on many topics, including gardening, board games, and therapeutic art supplies.</p> <p>4. Structured activities, for example drumming classes, outdoor movies, and arts and crafts.</p>	<p>planning meetings, events, student participants.</p> <p>Brief summaries and pictures documenting events; May include social media posts, pics.</p> <p>Surveys given to participants after events, workshops, and activities to measure the outcomes and to collect student demographics. The survey will be conducted on an online platform such as Google Forms. This data can then be converted to provide any data analytics that the city would need for future measurements.</p>
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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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$2,500	\$6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	800	2500

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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 Cultural Heritage Foundation is centrally located on Visalia Unified School District property located at 107 W. Tulare, (the old YMCA building in front of Boys and Girls club). Your grant will fund the Cultural Heritage Foundation to act as Fiscal Agent, and provide mentorship and structure for leadership development, and opportunities for cross campus activities and events.

The Cultural Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion, advancement, development and cultivation of multicultural arts and the education field. CHF's Mission is to increase an understanding of the rich variety, artistic value, cultural and historical significance and continuing relevance of art, music and dance among students, educators, media and the general public.

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

In 2023, we were granted the youth grant. Since then, we were successful in planning and executing several youth-led projects. For example: we engage in stewardship events, and mental health workshops. Students asked for specific coping skills to deal with anxiety. We have organized youth leadership workshops, civic engagement projects, cultural nights, outdoor movie nights, and other youth friendly activities. Creating opportunities for youth participation and leadership experience will remain our focus.

Recently in 2025, we were granted some more funds for the youth grant. We have organized a culture night, arts and crafts sessions, outdoor gardening, music classes, movie opportunities, and we supported more than 20 students in their State Seal of Civic Engagement Project. This includes book drives, hygiene kits, book clubs, and a mural. These activities were created by our youth so other youth can participate.

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 organization aims to serve all youth. Anxiety, suicide, isolation, frustration with lack of social opportunities, family death, and cyber bullying have all contributed to the stress of every student. All students have an increased risk of engaging in risky behaviors. Our target is Visalia High school students from various campuses, including the Sequoia HS continuation campus. We hope to increase camaraderie and bonding of students inter campuses, building team skills and building brotherhood among students from different campuses. This will allow students to build a network of friends outside of their school network to help make the mainstreaming of students easier. Research has proved that learning about different cultures has made students more open to other people's differences, build empathy, increase self esteem, and take pride in their own culture. Planning and hosting events of student interest increases their leadership skills, decision making, communication skill, as well as their capacity to make friends, and develop other social emotional skills. Students from all of Visalia would benefit from these opportunities. Some events may be multigenerational and open to the community, but the majority of activities will be youth led and recruitment will be targeted by VUSD clubs and other youth clubs and groups.

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.

Thanks to previous funds from Visalia's youth grant, we were able to expand our programming and doubled the amount of the activities offered. Our organization provides a space for the intersectionality of all Visalia youth to have the opportunity to interact in a safe and engaging way. Inter school planning and collaborative events build unity in our community. There is a lack of funding for student led events that focus on civic engagement and multicultural learning. This funding will allow the students to plan and execute events of interest to them, for them. There is also a gap in opportunities for intergenerational and community events. These students would like to plan some community events where families and elders can participate and learn together. The community events will encourage family participation and allow for younger family members to be exposed to environmental and multicultural topics and issues at an earlier age.

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

We do not have any financial, budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 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?

Although it would not be the ideal situation, we would have resources to operate some events and activities without this award. We would just host and influence less students. We would only be able to serve about 200-300 instead of our projected 1,000 students.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6,500	P
Donations	\$3,000	
Fundraising Events	\$3,000	
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other: In Kind Donations	\$2,000	
Total Program Revenue:	\$14,500	

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	\$300
Supplies	\$6,305	\$4000
Printing and Copying	\$0	\$400
Office Expenses/Rent	\$195	\$500
Utilities	0	0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)	0	0
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	\$5,200

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

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Green Rose Productions

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Storytelling podcast

Agency mailing address: 1920 S. Roxsan Ct.

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93292

Phone: 559-972-5798 E-Mail: greenroseproductions.usa@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Rosalinda Alexander CEO

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of *Green Rose Productions*, as specified in the attached Board Resolution. GRP 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 GRP agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Rosalinda Alexandere Title: CEO

Signature: Rosalinda Alexandere Date: 9/30/25

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.*

Green Rose Productions requests support from the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund to produce *The Magic Treehouse at Camp Alexander*, a 10-episode storytelling podcast for families. Approximately 30 Visalia youth, ages 5–18, will collaborate with our nonprofit's professional actors to create original characters and storylines. Each episode will highlight themes of self-sufficiency, community, and care for the planet, giving youth a creative platform to build skills in performance and teamwork while sharing meaningful stories with the wider community.

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:	
<p>30 Visalia youth (ages 5–18) will gain skills in storytelling, performance, and collaboration by producing a 10-episode family podcast series, “The Magic Treehouse at Camp Alexander”, in a professional recording studio in Visalia. The <i>Magic Treehouse</i> show started in 2020, and from it we have developed a cast of original characters and even a full musical, <i>The Revenge of the Sea Witch</i>. What began as a small, improvised web series created during the pandemic to uplift youth and adults with special needs has since grown into a creative universe that continues to inspire new storytelling projects.</p>	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Youth participants will work alongside myself, professional actors and recording engineers to develop characters, rehearse scripts, create foley sounds and record episodes. By collaborating with professionals, they will learn the creative and technical aspects of podcast production while also gaining valuable networking experience. Each episode will incorporate themes of self-sufficiency, community, and environmental stewardship, empowering youth to grow as their own proficient storytellers.	Success will be measured by (1) tracking the number of youth participants engaged (30), (2) completion and online release of 10 podcast episodes on all the major platforms, and (3) youth and family feedback collected through participant surveys and listener responses.

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

Program Outcome:	
<p>This project will lay the foundation for future storytelling opportunities, including expanding into video production, giving Visalia youth even broader platforms to share their voices, stories, and creativity with the community.</p>	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
To support the outcome of expanding future storytelling opportunities, youth participants will engage in a variety of skill-building activities. They will take part in scriptwriting and character development workshops to craft stories and personas that can translate to both audio and video formats. Participants will practice voice acting, performance, and camera presence, while also learning storyboarding, scene planning, and basic	The success of this project will be measured by tracking participation of all 30 youth in workshops, rehearsals, and recordings, as well as completion of the 10 podcast episodes and accompanying creative materials. Youth skill development in storytelling, performance, and multimedia production will be assessed through self-reflections, mentor feedback, and pre- and post-project surveys. Community engagement will be measured by listener metrics, feedback from

<p>editing through hands-on post-production sessions. Behind-the-scenes filming will document the podcast's creation, teaching multimedia production skills and providing mentorship opportunities with professional actors, editors, and videographers. Finally, community showcases and pilot video adaptations of podcast segments will allow youth to share their work publicly, receive feedback, and gain confidence, laying a strong foundation for future video projects and broader creative platforms.</p>	<p>families, and audience responses to pilot video adaptations, demonstrating both learning outcomes and broader impact.</p>
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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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/a	30

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

Green Rose Productions exists to create inclusive artistic programs that empower individuals of all ages and abilities, including those who are neurodivergent and those with special needs, to discover their creative voices through storytelling, performance, and collaboration. Our productions whether on stage, in film, or through community events are designed to foster imagination, celebrate culture, and build community connection.

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

Green Rose Productions has a strong history of serving Visalia youth through arts-based programming. Since 2018, we have engaged local young people in cultural celebrations such as our annual *Día de los Muertos* events, where youth help create performances, ofrendas, and interactive storytelling experiences. Our team also has extensive experience directing and mentoring youth in theater and music, including original productions developed with children and teens from the Visalia community. These programs have successfully provided creative outlets for dozens of local youth, fostering confidence, teamwork, and cultural pride through the performing arts.

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 proposed program is designed to serve approximately 30 Visalia youth, ages 5–18, including those who are neurodivergent, have special needs, or face barriers to creative opportunities. Many participants may not have access to professional arts mentorship, collaborative storytelling experiences, or media production opportunities. By providing a structured, inclusive, and supportive environment in a professional recording studio, the *Magic Treehouse at Camp Alexander* podcast allows youth to build confidence, develop communication and performance skills, and express themselves creatively. The program is designed to meet the unique needs of this population by fostering accessibility, individualized support, and opportunities for collaboration with peers and professional mentors, empowering them to share their voices and stories with the broader community.

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 is a gap in accessible, high-quality storytelling and media production opportunities for youth in Visalia, particularly for those who are neurodivergent or have special needs. Many young people lack the resources, mentorship, and professional environments to develop creative skills, collaborate with peers, and share their voices with a worldwide audience. The *Magic Treehouse at Camp Alexander* podcast addresses this need by providing a structured, inclusive program where youth work alongside professional actors in a professional recording studio, learning storytelling, performance, and technical media skills. By producing a 10-episode podcast, youth gain hands-on experience, build confidence, and create a platform for their stories, while the program establishes a foundation for future audio and video storytelling initiatives in the community.

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

Green Rose Productions was awarded a \$135,000 grant last year to produce “Revenge of the Sea Witch”. We have been growing steadily and have had to raise funds to not be in debt.

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?

While the requested grant will support key components of the *Magic Treehouse at Camp Alexander* podcast, Green Rose Productions will seek additional funding to cover remaining costs through private donations, community sponsorships, and other grant opportunities. We are committed to leveraging these combined resources to ensure the successful production, distribution, and long-term sustainability of the program, maximizing impact for participating Visalia youth and the broader community.

Program Budget

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Studio Rental	3000	
Storytelling Workshop	1000	
Distrokid (platform host for podcast distribution)		100
Video taping of the classes and workshops	1500	
GRP Hosting Fee		250
Recording engineer	1000	500
Marketing and Outreach		500
Snacks/Water		500
Transportation for youth who need rides		250
Artistic Director Fee		2000

Total Program Expenses:	10,600	

Submit completed applications and required attachments to:

Ruth.Pena@visalia.city

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Happy Trails Riding Academy

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Therapeutic riding for children with disabilities

Agency mailing address: P.O. Box 572

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93279

Phone: 688-8685

E-Mail: leslie@wearehappytrails.com

Contact name & title: Leslie Gardner, Executive Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Happy Trails Riding Academy, as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Happy Trails Riding Academy 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 Happy Trails riding Academy agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Leslie Gardner Title: Exec Director
Signature:  Date: 09/25/25

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 2,500.00

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.*

Happy Trails is requesting funding to support our rider scholarship fund for 25 riders between the ages of 6-18 years old. In each riding session there are riders and their families who are unable to pay the requested riding fee due to their economic situation. We do not turn any riders away and provide scholarships for those in need. 2026 projected need is \$25,000.00.

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 partial scholarship funding for riders with disabilities participating in Equine-Assisted Services with limited means.	
Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship fund 	How will activities be measured? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 riders between the ages of 6-18 years old will receive on average \$100 scholarship for therapeutic riding class. • Riders participate in 10-week, 1 hour per week sessions. \$50 per week is charged to each rider. \$500 total for 10-week session. • Riders and families are asked to pay what they can and the scholarship fund is used for the difference.

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 1 through September 30

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	n/a	\$ 2,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served		25 riders 600 lessons

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

Happy Trails Riding Academy is a premier accredited program which enriches the lives of children and adults with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities through equine-assisted services.

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

Happy Trails is celebrating its 41st year of providing programming in Visalia, we continue to expand our services, strengthen our collaborations and develop our property as one of the premier Equine Assisted Activity and Therapy centers in the country.

The programs at Happy Trails directly impact maximizing the independence of children with disabilities. The evaluation methods of the programs are seen in the individual improvement of each of the riders. We focus on three areas for each rider: physical, cognitive and the psycho/social.

Today, Happy Trails is the only fully accredited PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International) program of equine assisted activities between Bakersfield and Modesto. Our 25-acre facility located between Visalia and Tulare boasts a beautiful and inviting environment for our riders, families and the community. We maintain relationships with local individuals and businesses, service clubs and youth groups, as well as the Central Valley Regional Center and United Way of Tulare County. By setting the bar high and working hard, we have earned an excellent reputation in the community.

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).

Happy Trails fosters and encourages the therapeutic value of the bond between horses and their riders while providing a safe, effective and fun environment. Happy Trails assists riders with Cerebral Palsy, ADD, ADHD, head trauma, brain injury, sight and hearing impairments, developmental disabilities, Autism, Down Syndrome, PTSD and more.

Due to the variety of equine assisted activities and therapy classes, each participant can be placed in the activity that will meet their needs and challenge them. Each rider has an individual set of goals and objectives and their progress is observed and charted by the instructors. For example, a rider who begins in the life skills program at age 6 can move up to the group lessons as they progress.

Therapeutic horsemanship uses the horse's dynamic movement to improve trunk mobility and strength which in turn affects limb function. The horse provides a consistent and rhythmic movement pattern that facilitates the treatment goals, which are crucial to the rider's success. As the horse's body moves, the rider's body moves like it is walking. No piece of gym equipment can replicate this three-dimensional motion. Participating in equine assisted activities assists with mobility for the physically challenged, enhances verbal communication for the cognitively challenged and provides a secure environment for at-risk youth to address their psycho-social issues.

This program gives primacy to the human spirit. Parents want their children to be accepted and loved. Families can feel more comfortable in a safe and friendly environment. This can give young riders the opportunity to be like everybody else, to be as independent as possible and be successful in an exciting activity.

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).

Happy Trails has remained in a healthy fiscal position. An emphasis on fundraising and the money generated from the grants along with riding fees and other community support has allowed Happy Trails to meet its budget in 2025. Our fundraising consists of a spring event-Night at the Races, a fall event- Round Up, and year end giving to our Adopt-a-Thon program.

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 programs at Happy Trails will continue if the grant is partially funded. Our search for additional funding is ever on-going. It is our mission to never turn down a rider due to the lack of their financial ability.

Program Budget

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

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: ImagineU Children's Museum

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

Agency mailing address: PO Box 688

City: Visalia State: C A Zip Code: 93279

Phone: 559-733-5975 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: 9/24/2025

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 5,000
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*

ImagineU Children's Museum requests funds to provide **field trip scholarships for Visalia Title 1 schools**, removing cost barriers for teachers and families. These scholarships will cover **30–60% of trip costs**, allowing approximately **600–800 students (grades TK to 2nd)** to participate in hands-on STEAM learning experiences during 2026. Each trip serves 30–90 students at a time, ensuring broad access for multiple schools across the year.

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:

Increase equitable access to ImagineU's STEAM field trip program for Visalia Title 1 schools, resulting in greater participation from underserved students and enhanced hands-on learning opportunities.

We anticipate awarding 10–15 scholarships ranging from \$120–\$540 each (based on group size), directly serving 600–800 Visalia students (ages 5–12) in 2026.

Activities	How will activities be measured?
Award partial scholarships covering 30–60% of field trip costs for Visalia Title 1 schools.	Track number of scholarships awarded, percentage of trip cost covered, and total dollar amount disbursed.
Host field trips (30–90 students per trip) with interactive, curriculum-aligned STEAM experiences.	Collect attendance data, number of Visalia students served, and school participation records.
Gather teacher feedback on student engagement and learning outcomes.	Conduct post-trip teacher surveys and compile responses into semi-annual reports.

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,000
Number of Visalia Youth Served	800 – 1000 (by end of year)	600 - 800

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

ImagineU Children's Museum's mission is simple: **"Children's Imagination Comes First. Imagine. Explore. Learn."** Our proposed field trip scholarship program brings this mission to life by making it possible for Visalia Title 1 students to visit the museum, explore hands-on exhibits, and engage in guided STEAM activities that spark curiosity and creativity. By reducing the financial barrier for schools, we ensure that imagination and learning are accessible to all children, not just those who can afford to attend.

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

ImagineU Children's Museum has been serving Visalia youth for over a decade, welcoming thousands of children each year to engage in hands-on, play-based learning. Our field trip program consistently draws schools from across Visalia, providing standards-aligned STEAM experiences for grades K–2. In 2024–2025 alone, ImagineU hosted over **4,500 Visalia students** on educational field trips, with teacher feedback consistently reporting high levels of engagement and improved classroom connections. This proven success demonstrates our ability to deliver meaningful, scalable programs that benefit Visalia 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).

This program is designed to serve students from Visalia Title 1 schools or after-school programs, many of whom face economic barriers that limit access to enrichment opportunities. Over 70% of students in Visalia Unified qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, indicating a high level of financial need. By subsidizing field trip costs by 30–60%, we remove a significant barrier for teachers and families, ensuring that children who might not otherwise experience a museum visit can explore, imagine, and learn in a safe, educational environment. This program provides equitable access to hands-on STEAM learning, helping close opportunity gaps for underserved youth.

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 ImagineU has a long history of providing school field trips, many Visalia Title 1 schools remain unable to participate due to budget constraints for transportation and admission fees. This program addresses that gap by providing **partial scholarships (30–60%)** that make trips affordable for schools serving low-income students. By reducing financial barriers, we ensure that every child — regardless of economic background — can access hands-on, standards-aligned STEAM learning that supports classroom instruction and nurtures curiosity.

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

ImagineU Children's Museum has maintained a balanced budget over the past five years and has no outstanding debt. While we experienced normal revenue fluctuations during the COVID-19 pandemic due to temporary museum closures, we successfully navigated those challenges through diversified fundraising and community support. The organization is currently in a stable financial position and well-prepared to manage and report on grant funds responsibly.

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 operate even if only partially funded, as ImagineU is committed to ensuring access for Title 1 schools. A partial award would allow us to provide a reduced number of scholarships or lower the percentage of cost covered (for example, 30% instead of 60%), thereby serving fewer students overall. We would prioritize schools with the highest demonstrated financial need to maximize impact with available funds.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$5,000	Pending
Donations		
Fundraising Events		
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	\$5,000	Pending
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	\$10,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies		
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Field Trip Expenses	\$5,000	
Total Program Expenses:	\$5,000	

Agency name: Neighborhood Degree

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Redwood High School THRIVE CLUB

Agency mailing address: 5505 W Riggin Ave.

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: September 26, 2025

Amount requested in this application: **\$6,500**

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 Non-Profit Program Fund grant will launch the **Thrive Club** at Redwood High School, where students take part in mentoring, academic support, and community-building activities. The program will serve 25–30 Visalia youth, ages 14–17, by providing supplies, events, and resources that support their successful transition from middle school students to college-bound young adults.

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:	
25–30 Redwood High School students, ages 14–16, will actively participate in Thrive Club and show growth in academic confidence, leadership skills, and positive peer connections.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Weekly mentoring and college/career planning support <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students meet with mentors for academic support, goal setting, and check-ins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- By June 2026, at least 90% of enrolled students will attend 75% or more of weekly mentoring and College/career support sessions, as measured by weekly attendance records and before and after surveys to see changes in confidence and school engagement.
Monthly Community-building Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Team projects, community service opportunities, and guest speakers that build connections and strengthen life skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- By June 2026, the program will host at least 6 group activities or events, with 75% of enrolled students participating in at least one event, and at least 80% of participating students submitting a short reflection identifying one thing they learned.
Student-led leadership roles <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students will learn how to plan a meeting, develop an agenda, and lead icebreakers or group discussions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- By June 2026, at least 40% of students will take on a leadership role by helping plan a meeting, develop an agenda, or lead an icebreaker or group discussion, and 80% of those student leaders will report increased confidence in leadership abilities, as measured by student reflections and mentor feedback.

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 indicate the type of fiscal year used by your agency:

January through December

July 1 through June 30

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	20	25-30

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

In 2006, Neighborhood Church "adopted" Houston Elementary School. Since then, 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.

When we asked parents what they wanted most for their children, they said: "We want to help them go to college." That dream became the foundation for Neighborhood Degree, created to support our former Houston students in getting to - and through - a degree program. We believe that helping students achieve higher education opens the door to better opportunities for their future.

In 2022, this partnership grew into its own public charity, officially becoming Neighborhood Degree.

Our 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 19 years of experience providing positive and enriching opportunities for thousands of Houston students and families. Our programs include a youth soccer league for over 100 students, weekly one-on-one mentoring for 5th and 6th graders, a student leadership club at Green Acres Middle School, monthly free family events, field trips for students and parents, and a community service club that engages about 200 kids and parents. In 2015, families partnered with us to fundraise and build a neighborhood park. Each year, more than **500** parents and community volunteers contribute 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 open to all Redwood High School students but specifically focuses on inviting students who live below the federal poverty line, are English learners, are children of immigrants, and are the first in their families to attend college.

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.

Students at Redwood High School need more opportunities to develop their academic confidence and leadership skills. With support, they have great potential to build strong, positive connections with their peers, become leaders and invest in their community. This program will eliminate the mentoring gap between our LIFT program designed for 12 and 13 year olds, and our LAUNCH program designed for students ages 15-17.

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 **Thrive Club** is new and will be primarily funded by private donors, ensuring it can continue even if only part of the requested grant funding is awarded. A partially funded award would reduce our budget for community service projects, program supplies and staff hours dedicated to this program.

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Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations	8,173.00	S
Fundraising Events	0	0
County Funding (include grant names)	0	0
State Funding (include grant names)	0	0
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	0	0
Program Fees	0	0
Other:	0	0
Total Program Revenue:	\$14,673	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	5,000.00	5,800.00
Employee Benefits	300.00	780.00
Payroll Taxes	300.00	587.00
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	500.00	500.00
Printing and Copying	250.00	250.00
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0

Utilities	0	0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
T-shirts for Student Leaders	150.00	256.00
Total Program Expenses:	6,500.00	8,173.00

Board of Directors' Authorization to Request Funds:

A resolution of the agency's board of directors must be included on agency letterhead with the funding request. **The resolution must be signed by an executive member of the governing body** and include the following statements:

SAMPLE (Please Submit on Agency Letterhead):

- The Board of Directors approves the request for funding from the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program Fund in the amount of \$6,500.
- *(Name & Title)* is authorized to sign the grant application on behalf of *Neighborhood Degree*.
- *Neighborhood Degree* acknowledges that funds received from the City of Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund will be used to directly benefit youth who live in or attend school within the City of Visalia.
- Neighborhood Degree 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 agrees to comply with such conditions.

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

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Visalia (PAL) Police Activities League

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: PAL Leadership

Agency mailing address: 303 S Johnson

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559-859-4405 E-Mail: arturo.villarreal@visalia.city

Contact name & title: Art Villarreal, PAL Officer

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

Visalia PAL (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 PAL (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Art Villarreal Title: PAL Officer

Signature: arturo g villarreal jr Date: 08/26/2025

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 requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

The Visalia PAL, Youth Leadership Program, provides youth leadership and
crime/violence/gang prevention to seriously "at-risk" youth between the ages of
14-18 years of age. Each year 12-15 youth (depending on available funds) are
nominated for this 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:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Work with Visalia Police Youth Services Officers and Visalia Unified School District administrators to identify 10-15 "at-risk", lower and/or underprivileged youth, between the ages of 12 and 18 who likely benefit from an intense one year mentor program with Visalia Police Officers.	<p>List of student's referred to the program.</p> <p>Sign-in list of students attending first orientation meeting.</p> <p>Signed pledges by each student who agrees to participate in the program. (Each youth will pledge to be drug, alcohol, tobacco, vaping and gang free for the duration of the 12-month program.</p> <p>Sign-in sheets at each meeting and activity.</p>

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

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Upon completion of the program, participating youth will show improved school grades, attendance and behavior. Participating youth will have higher self-esteem, and a better understanding of what will be expected of them as they complete high school and enter adulthood.</p> <p>In a comradery-based program, the youth will be taught the necessary skills to help guide them into successful adulthood. Youth are trained in budgeting, social and dining etiquette, team building, time management, conflict resolution, goal-setting, first impressions, how to complete job applications, interview skills, and much more. During the 10-month program, their school grades, attendance and behavior are continually monitored and assistance is offered to school staff working with the youth. Each youth must sign a pledge to be drug, alcohol, tobacco, vape, and gang free during their participation in the program. Participating you will be encouraged to spend time daily on their school work with an emphasis placed on those youth who are struggling academically.</p> <p>As a group, the YLP youth participate in a minimum of two community service projects during the 10-month program and take a minimum of one out-of-town, overnight trip.</p> <p>During the ten years of Visalia PAL's Youth Leadership Programs, officers have found the most life changing activities are the out-of-town trips.</p> <p>The majority of youth served in the leadership program have never traveled outside of Tulare County. Each year the Youth Leadership group takes a minimum of one out-of-town, overnight, trip; in an effort to show these young people a small part of the world outside of Visalia. These life-changing trips are a major building block in establishing life-long relationships with the officers who travel with them as well as the other youth in the program.</p>	<p>Student's will complete "Entry" and "Exit" Surveys evaluating the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student's level of involvement with gangs and illegal activity after completing the program. 2. Student's attitude toward gangs and illegal activity after the classes giving in the program. 3. Has the student's likelihood of high school graduation increased after participation in the program? 4. Has the student's attitude toward police officers and their involvement in the community changed? 5. Has the Police Officer involvement as mentors in the student's life changed how they see the community, law enforcement and the futures and has the community service, travel, and field 6. Trips activities changed the student's life views about the goals they will set and what they can accomplish? 7. Does the student have higher self-esteem, see the world as bigger than the neighborhood they live in and have a better understanding of what will be expected of them as successful adults. 8. Monthly reports will be given to the students on the information received from their schools regarding their grades, attendance and behaviors.

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	10	12

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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 Mission of the Visalia Police Activities League is to provide a youth program that relies on educational, athletic and other recreational activities to develop a bond between law enforcement officers and youth. The program serves to assist youth when it becomes necessary for them to make difficult life decisions, help them build self-esteem, and encourage positive school development. (Revised July 2017)

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

Since our inception in 1991 Visalia PAL has served over 31,000 students, the large majority of whom came from gang-infiltrated neighborhoods and who were at risk for gang recruitment. PAL officers and volunteers work intensively over many years with each individual's student and their family. This relationship, requiring sustaining commitment, consistency, and patience, builds resiliency in 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).

N/A

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).

The organization has been fiscally sound for the last 15 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?

While this program depends highly on donations and grants for its success we manage to pull funds from other resources to continue. We figure out how to adapt and overcome obstacles constantly in a non-profit organization.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2026	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6,500	P
Donations	\$2,000	P
Fundraising Events	N/A	N/A
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: Grants	\$2,000	P
Total Program Revenue:	\$10,500	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies	\$800	\$200
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)	\$6,500	
Meetings and training	\$1,000	
Community Service Projects	\$800	
Student Assistance	\$500	
Travel and Field Trips	\$4,200	
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	

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

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Sequoia Symphony Orchestra

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Link - Up Youth Concerts

Agency mailing address: 208 W Main St.

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559.732.8600 E-Mail: max@sequiosymphonyorchestra.com

Contact name & title: Max Luperio, Executive Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Sequoia Symphony Orchestra (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Sequoia Symphony Orchestra (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 Sequoia Symphony Orchestra (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Alex Peltzer Title: President

Signature: Alex Peltzer Date: 09.05.25

1. Amount requested in this application: \$ 6,900.00

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.

To include an additional 2,000 Visalia city school students in our 2025/2026 Link Up Youth Concert we host every year. These students come from the elementary schools across the county and attendance continues to increase and the popularity and success of 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:	
TO INSPIRE & EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT SYMPHONIC MUSIC & ITS CONNECTION TO POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
STUDENTS WORK ON SEVERAL MUSIC ALL YEAR LONG AND AT THE CONCERT WILL BE BUSSSED INTO THE FOX THEATRE TO PERFORM ALONGSIDE OUR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. WE HAVE INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES & THE YOUTH ARE INSPIRED & ENCOURAGED EVERY YEAR	EACH YEAR STUDENT INTEREST & PARTICIPATION HAS INCREASED. WE ADD SCHOOLS EACH YEAR & HAVE HAD UP TO 6,000 PARTICIPATE OVER A (2) DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR. WE HAVE SEEN HOW CLASSICAL MUSIC HAS HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MANY OF THESE STUDENTS.

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: May 1 - APR 30

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 0	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	0	3,500

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

** See attached*

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

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.

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

Program Budget

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries (ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS)	20,000	included
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies		
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
VENUE RENTAL SERVICES	8,500	included
MUSIC RENTALS	1,000	included
PRODUCTION COSTS	2,500	included
Total Program Expenses:	40,000	

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application (attachment)

7. The mission of the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra is to foster an appreciation of symphonic music and to enrich and inspire the diverse communities and various ages represented in the Central Valley through the transformative power of live music, education, positive mental health and community partnerships. The *LINK-UP YOUTH CONCERTS* tie in perfectly with our mandate as they offer our youth a positive alternative to what has unfortunately attracted our valley youth, as in gang affiliation, music with a violent/explicit message, suicide and alcohol/drug use. We feel that if you can influence these youth at the elementary age, you can make a lasting difference giving them knowledge and fortitude to reject the negative forces that will soon try to distract them from success.

8. Formerly known as the Tulare County Symphony, we (The Sequoia Symphony Orchestra) have been hosting the Young People's Concerts (now known as the Link-Up Youth Concerts) since 1959. Having started in the backyards of our founding board members in Tulare, this program has grown to host anywhere from 1,200 to 6,000 music students from the (43) school districts and (204) public schools in Tulare County every year! The program has included all schools from the county, including the Visalia city schools, except for last year, when there was a focus on the outlaying schools in our district who had little funding for their music programs. We have performed in various venues over the years including the LJ William's Theatre, Visalia First Auditorium and currently in the iconic Visalia Fox Theatre. The program has become so popular and successful that we went from one concert to now four concerts over two days.

9. As you are aware, Visalia sits as the county seat for Tulare County and Tulare County sits in the center of the San Joaquin Valley which consistently (and unfortunately) reports the highest statistics for poverty, teen pregnancy, gang affiliation and drug/alcohol abuse. Unfortunately, it also deals with a high rate of teen suicide and mental health cases. However, in scientific studies, listening and participation in symphonic music has consistently proven to have positive effects on the mental health of those who have incorporated the genre of music into their daily lives. This is the reason we believe so much in our mission and our mandate. This is why we have for over 65 years remained

relentless in our efforts to impact as many youth as possible with this unique medium.

10. Although we have been able to fund this program through the generous donations of our patrons who share our vision, the increase in interest and participation by the schools across this city and the surrounding cities have significantly increased the costs of production. As we expand our reach, we must increase the number of concerts, which also means greater demands for our orchestra members and the staff who organize and process the many children who fill the theater. Many of our musicians are teachers within the district who have full-time jobs yet take vacation days to participate in the increasing demand and additional concerts. The rental venue where we perform also increases their fees since we must utilize more of their services. We are requesting additional funds so that we can accommodate the demand from the additional Visalia schools who wish to participate this year and beyond.

11. The Sequoia Symphony Orchestra runs fully off donations and sponsorships. This allows us to pay our musicians, production/office staff, production costs, music rights fees/rentals & outreach programs like our Link-Up Youth Concerts. Our Executive Director presents a balanced budget each year as to not experience debt and our board of directors enforces and provides the oversight to make sure the organization is financially stable/healthy. We cannot increase our programs or our outreach if we cannot find the funding first. This is why we are planning and asking in advance.

12. If our grant request is fully funded at \$6,500, we will be able to add an additional 2,000 Visalia students to our concert this coming year. If we do not meet that increased budget, we will continue with the schools/students who are already enrolled as we have secured the funding for those schools already.

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

Deadline – September 30, 2025, 12:00 PM

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: T.I.M.E. Targeted Interventions Mentorship Education

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Lowrider Bike Build Program

Agency mailing address: 301 N Linwood St

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

Phone: (559) 303-2926 E-Mail: itztime2help@gmail.com

Contact name & title: Jerry Gaytan, Coordinator

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

T.I.M.E. (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution.

T.I.M.E. (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

T.I.M.E. (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Jerry Gaytan Title: Coordinator

Signature: Jerry Gaytan Date: September 29, 2025

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.*

T.I.M.E. will use the Visalia Non-Profit Program Funding support to launch a lowrider bike intervention program for gang-impacted Visalia youth ages 12 to 17. The initiative combines hands-on technical training in welding, sanding, bodywork, priming, and painting with mentorship, case management, resource navigation, and social-emotional learning. In year one, the program will serve 10 Visalia youth through weekly workshops and individualized support.

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:	
By the end of the grant cycle, at least 10 of 10 enrolled Visalia youth ages 12 to 17 will complete a full lowrider bike build and attend at least 80 percent of scheduled sessions.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Weekly hands-on workshops in bodywork, sanding, primer, welding, and paint; safety briefings every session; one-to-one mentorship and case management check-ins; a final community showcase ride.	Enrollment roster and attendance logs each session; instructor skill checklist signed at milestones (frame prep, primer, paint, final assembly); time-stamped photos of builds; completion certificate.

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

Program Outcome:	
At least 80 percent of participants will demonstrate improvement in teamwork, problem-solving, and perseverance from pre- to post-assessment.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Small group builds with rotating roles, goal setting at intake, and embedded social-emotional learning sessions using Joven Noble and/or WhyTry, delivered by trained facilitators.	How will activities be measured: Pre and post 8-item survey using a 1 to 5 scale, mentor rubric scored at week 1 and the final week, and a participant reflection card at program end.

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 2025*	Proposed PY 2026**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$	\$ 6,500.00
Number of Visalia Youth Served		6

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2025.

**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.

"We strive to make an impact through mentorship, advocacy, and guidance."

The lowrider bike intervention advances this mission by delivering mentorship, one-to-one check-ins, and social-emotional learning sessions using Joven Noble and or WhyTry. It practices advocacy by brokering resources and warm handoffs to school and city programs, and by coordinating with partners to reduce barriers for youth. It provides guidance through a structured build curriculum in welding, sanding, primer, and paint, clear safety practices, goal setting, and progress checklists that lead to a completed bike and a community showcase. The program will serve 10 Visalia youth ages 12 to 17, offering a safe place, consistent relationships, and measurable steps toward positive engagement.

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

For more than three years, T.I.M.E. has mentored gang-impacted Visalia youth through school-based and community-based engagement. Our coordinator served for three years as an SSIP case worker at Golden West, supporting high-need students and helping reduce physical related suspensions while improving grades with this population. The team maintains regular contact with caregivers, collaborates with school staff and local partners, and documents progress through attendance logs, case notes, and simple pre- and post-check-ins tied to individual goals.

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 serves gang-impacted youth ages 12 to 17, including youth who are justice-involved or at risk of suspension, truancy, or exposure to violence and substance use. These youth need safe spaces, trusted adult relationships, culturally relevant activities, hands-on skills, and practical help with barriers like transportation and navigating systems. The lowrider bike intervention meets these needs through a structured build curriculum, one-to-one mentorship and case management, and embedded social-emotional learning using Joven Noble and or WhyTry. Staff will coordinate with Probation Officers when applicable, provide court attendance when requested, broker resources and warm handoffs to school and city programs, and offer community service options aligned with youth interests.

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.

Youth and caregivers have asked for a program that is both culturally relevant and skill-based, and staff have previously overseen a successful lowrider bike effort that proved the concept. A gap exists for accessible, after-school and evening, hands-on programming that engages gang-impacted youth in a positive peer setting with caring adults. Seed funding of \$6,500 will launch a pilot for 10 Visalia youth over 8 to 10 weeks by covering bikes, parts, finishes, PPE, and modest staffing for instruction, coordination, and case management. The program will culminate in a community showcase and clear deliverables such as completed builds, attendance, and pre to post growth in teamwork and problem solving. Sustainability will be pursued through in-kind space and tools, small donations of parts and supplies, volunteer mentors, and follow-on grants once pilot results are documented.

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

None. The agency has not experienced budgetary deficits or debt 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?

Yes. The program can still operate with partial funding by leveraging existing relationships with local shops, car clubs, and other partners for in-kind support, volunteers, and materials. These contributions would help offset costs and sustain core activities, though outcomes may be modestly reduced in scale and pace. With full funding, we would still leverage these partners, but their resources would add value rather than fill gaps, allowing us to deliver the planned scope and stronger outcomes.

Program Budget