

ATTACHMENT 1

Applications Recommended for Funding

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

Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: American GI Forum –Visalia Chapter

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

Agency mailing address: 526 N. Peppertree Street 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 (*Grantee agency*), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter (*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 American GI Forum – Visalia Chapter (*Grantee agency*) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Leonard Velasquez **Title:** Commander

Signature: 

Date: November 3, 2023

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 2024

x 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.

Non-Profit Program Funds will be used to provide boxing activities and social development to 80 Visalia youth ages 8-18 who are at risk of gang affiliation, youth crime and violence. Funds will be used for youth registration fees, event sanctions, travel 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 and socialization skills will be provided to 80 Visalia youth at risk of gang affiliation, youth crime and violence.	
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, self-defense, socialization skills and as appropriate participate in competition activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various marketing strategies will be implemented and youth will sign in daily. Coaches will monitor progress and document daily training activities. Work outs include: shadow boxing, running, jump rope, heavy bag, crazy ball, speed bag, upper cut bag and various conditioning exercises.

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

Program Outcome:	
Boxing Club will participate in 8-10 competitions.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth will train 1 ½ hours per day attended, up to 4 times a week. Youth will register with USA Boxing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches will monitor progress and evaluate level of readiness and improvement. Competition schedule is provided by the Central California Boxing Association on an on-going basis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth selected to compete will be issued a Boxing Passport by USA Boxing authorizing youth to compete. Competitions attended are notated in the Boxing Passport.
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5. Please complete the following table to show previous and planned funding and number of youth served specific to the City of Visalia's Non-Profit Program grant.

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 6, 500	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	80	80

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

6. 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 daily on a one-to-one basis. Every day we ask how school is going and offer tutorial and homework assistance 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. As appropriate, we provide youth a monetary stipend for their involvement and assistance. We explain to them that being healthy and physically fit is important to overall self-esteem and well-being. We tell them, "You cannot help others unless you are of sound mind and healthy".

7. 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. Previous training locations have been at the Ice House Theater, the "old roller rink" which is now the Visalia Convention Center east parking lot, the Manuel Hernandez Center and the Wittman Community Center. We are currently located at 6420 South Mooney Boulevard, Unit Q. In partnership with the City of Visalia, Family Health Care Network, Kaweah Health, business community and various local organizations, the boxing program has been very successful in working with at-risk youth. In previous funding cycles, the boxing program has exceeded the stated program goals. Throughout the years, Visalia youth have participated in boxing events at the local, regional, state and national levels. Visalia youth have won 14 national titles and qualified for the 2004 and 21008 Olympic Trials. Many of our youth have become positive role models: police officers, served in the military, school teachers, engineers and business owners.

Currently, one of our former boxers is boxing for the U.S. Army boxing team and has qualified for the 2024 Olympic Trials. The Northside Boxing Club and coaches are certified by USA Boxing, the national governing body and have helped coach the California Golden Gloves team. Over the years coaches and volunteers have trained, mentored, counseled and befriended over 4,000 youth. Since inception, the Northside Boxing Club has hosted 68 boxing events in Visalia. These events have provided a positive economic benefit and utilized local businesses and vendors.

8. 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 Club serves at-risk youth ages 8-18. Studies suggest that youth join gangs as a result of negative influences in neighborhoods, counterproductive tendencies in families and peers, failure to perform well in school and early initiation of individual problem behaviors. Many of the youth we work with have low self-esteem, are doing poorly in school, come from broken homes and are often living with mom as the head of household. Many youth do not have a structured environment; therefore, lack social skills. We also work with youth who have been diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyper-Activity Disorder), and others who are being bullied in school. The boxing program provides a place for youth to escape their environment for a couple of hours a day. Youth have testified that "my life is a cul-de-sac of going into a gang. If I wanted an identity, security, protection, feeling I am something, there was only one option for me and that was to join a gang. My local boxing club provides an avenue where I can find a family and identity". This is what we see every day at the Northside Boxing Club, youth searching for hope. It is not uncommon for participants to leave and later come back to re-join and say "I came back to the boxing club because I missed it, my life was not complete without boxing". Parents also attest to the social improvements made by their child.

9. 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.

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

N/A

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$ 6,500	P
Donations	8,000	P
Fundraising Events	2,000	P
County Funding – Good Works Fund	1,000	P
State Funding (include grant names)	0	
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	0	
Program Fees	30,000	S
Other: Retail Sales – Boxing Merchandise	500	P
Total Program Revenue:	\$ 48,000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries (Volunteer Stipends)	0	\$ 25 200
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage	0	400
Supplies	0	300
Printing and Copying	0	300
Office Expenses/Rent	0	10 200
Utilities		300
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Equipment	\$ 3 500	\$ 2 000
USA Boxing Membership	0	300
Event Sanctions and Awards	1 000	1 000
Travel to Competitions	1 000	1 500
Youth Membership Fees	1 000	0
Total Program Expenses:	\$ 6 500	\$ 41 500

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Arts Visalia
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Youth Arts Program
Agency mailing address: PO Box 251
City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93279
Phone: 559-739-0905 E-Mail: artsvisalia@sbcglobal.net
Contact name & title: Alison Miniaci, Board Member

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: Carla Calhoun

Title: Board of Directors President

Signature: 

Date: 11/14/2023

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 2024
☒ 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, ages 5-17, regardless of ability to pay. With funding, Arts Visalia can offer classes at reduced rates and provide full scholarships for those in need so that no one misses out on the opportunity to explore their creative talents. We anticipate approximately 425 Visalia youth will be served through classes offered after school and on Saturdays during Spring and Fall and six weeks in the summer. Further, this will fund a new Arts Visalia program, a Family Art Day for Visalia Parenting Network families. We anticipate 20 families will participate in this free event.

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: 1	
Arts Visalia will offer quality arts education classes to all students at more affordable rates, between \$50 and \$90 per student, per class. This is accomplished by using this grant funding to subsidize the actual cost of \$125 per student for each class. In addition, full or partial scholarships as needed will be available for students who are unable to pay the discounted price.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local youth-focused agencies and schools to bring new and returning students into art classes. • Post class information on our website. • Provide information and links to online applications on website and social media. • Class curriculum will follow California Core Art Standards competencies. • In class, instructors will encourage participation from every student. • Classes will be based on the basic elements of art 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. • Instructors will receive classroom behavior management training by a certified trainer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep records of agencies and schools contacted as well as advertisements. • Include a question on applications regarding how they heard of our classes. • Record numbers of youth in classes on a weekly basis. • Track numbers of Visalia students with scholarships in database. • Maintain regular contact with art instructors and staff regarding feedback from students and families. • Scholarships will be awarded based on need to any family requesting assistance. Parents are asked what they can contribute to the class fee and then given either a partial or full scholarship. We have not denied entrance to any child in over six years because of generous funding. • All students will learn skills such as drawing, sculpture, printmaking, and painting and create finished art projects. • Each student will have at least one project per class displayed in the Young Imaginations gallery or during the August Young at Art Exhibition in the main gallery. • Students will be asked for their feedback verbally and/or in writing at the end of each spring and fall classes and at the end of the 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: 2	
Arts Visalia will invite Visalia Parenting Network families to participate in a free Family Art Day event, 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"> The event will be designed in collaboration with Parenting Network Program Director to best suit the specific needs of their families. Parenting Network will send the invitation to their families who will RSVP to Arts Visalia for a certain time to attend. Four or five families will participate at one time so the classroom will not become overcrowded. An instructor will guide families through the creation of an art exploration project. A classroom assistant will be on hand to assist families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A record will be kept of participating families. Family members will be surveyed verbally and in writing to glean their feedback on the event. Participants will have a finished project for display in the Young Imaginations Gallery.

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$6500	\$6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	393	408

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.
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6. 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. Arts Visalia's 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 experiencing the joy of seeing their own work on display in a gallery.

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

Arts Visalia is now in its 27th year of incorporation as a visual arts center in Visalia! Since our gallery opened in 2001, we have provided art classes after school (Spring and Fall for a total of 6 months) and a 6-week summer session culminating in an August exhibition of student work. 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 have provided virtual exhibits of student work on our website.

- 8. 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 Arts Visalia continue to be available to all youth 5-17 years of age. We strive to offer quality arts instruction at an affordable tuition, 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, including gang involvement. Our instructors will continue to stress positive 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.

- 9. 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

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

We have not had any budgetary problems or debt in the last five years. We participated with local and governmental agencies during the pandemic and have been fortunate to remain solvent.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations	9,000	P
Fundraising Events	10,000	P
County Funding (include grant names) Good Works BOS	1,000	S
State Funding (include grant names) California Arts Council	5,000	S
Private Foundations (include Foundation names) Dwelle Foundation, Belay Foundation	8,000	S
Program Fees	18,500	P
Other: United Way	8,500	P
Visalia Breakfast Lions	1,500	S
Total Program Revenue:	68,000	

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)		
Scholarships and tuition reductions	6500	59,500
Total Program Expenses:	6500	59,500

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: CASA of Tulare County

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Environmental Education

Agency mailing address: 1146 N. Chinowth St.

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: 11/13/2023

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 2024

☒ 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 intended use of grant funds is to provide 4 outdoor environmental education field trips and 1 outdoor leadership training to 60 Visalia/Tulare County foster youth during the summer of 2024 (April - July). Sites for field trips include Sequoia Riverlands Trust - Kaweah Oaks Preserve and Dry Creek Preserve. YMCA's Sequoia Lake Ropes Course & Waterfront is the site for leadership training.

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

Program Outcome:	
Increase youth access to the outdoors and open spaces: 60 foster youth (grades K-12) assigned to CASA will participate in one or more outdoor environmental education field trip.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Sequoia Riverlands Trust will lead 2 field trips at Kaweah Oaks Preserve and 2 field trips at Dry Creek Preserve (April - July 2024)	These activities will be tracked through sign-in sheets and attendance rosters

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

Program Outcome:	
Improve mentorship and leadership opportunities for at-risk youth: 10 foster youth (grades 7-12) assigned to CASA will participate in leadership training.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Sequoia Riverlands Trust will lead 1 outdoor leadership training at YMCA Sequoia Lake Ropes Course & Waterfront (Summer 2024)	These activities will be tracked through sign-in sheets and attendance rosters

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 5,500	\$6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	60 (in progress)	60

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.
**Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

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

***See Attachment A for narrative response to questions 6-10.**

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

***See Attachment A for narrative response to questions 6-10.**

8. 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).

***See Attachment A for narrative response to questions 6-10.**

9. 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.

***See Attachment A for narrative response to questions 6-10.**

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

***See Attachment A for narrative response to questions 6-10.**

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PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations		
Fundraising Events		
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other:		
CASA Childrens Fund	1500	S
Total Program Revenue:	8000	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		
Supplies	910	
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Instruction/Contractor	4185	
Sequoia Lake Rental Fees	905	
Transportation	500	1500
Total Program Expenses:	8500	1500

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



CASA of Tulare County is a community benefit organization committed to recruiting, training, and supporting volunteer advocates who will speak up on behalf of abused and neglected children in foster care.

CASA provides trained volunteers to meet with foster youth to build positive relationships, model positive behavior, be emotionally present, and ensure the child is safe and his or her needs are being met. CASA volunteers are trained to act as first-hand experts on the individual needs of foster youth, giving them the best possible chance at a productive future. CASA volunteers assume the following core responsibilities: 1) Serve as a fact-finder for the Juvenile Court judges by thoroughly researching the past and current circumstances of their assigned children; 2) Submit written reports to the court and parties as well as speak up on behalf of their assigned children in

court; 3) Act as the eyes and ears of the court and be the voice for their assigned children for the duration of the case, ensuring children's needs are met and court-ordered services are followed through; 4) Develop a relationship with their assigned children which helps create a buffer against traumatic experiences.

Field trips and other group activities coordinated through CASA, versus school districts, have provided unique and more meaningful experiences for our foster youth. These trips are conducted only with youth in similar circumstances (i.e., court/foster care system). This seems to have a greater impact on our foster youth participants and has shown to be more valuable than traditional field trips. On our trips, foster youth are accompanied by their CASA so there is a 1:1 ratio of mentors to youth. In addition, these trips extend Next-Gen Science Standards (NGSS) beyond the classroom and provide hands-on, project-based learning opportunities.



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

CASA is an independent, non-profit agency 501(c)(3), affiliated with California CASA and the National CASA Association. CASA of Tulare County offers programs that provide individual advocacy for children and youth in dependency from birth to age 21. The CASA volunteer gathers information about the child's life and his/her state of well-being and attends court to provide information to help the judge make informed decisions. CASA provides services to

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CASA of Tulare County Youth Grant Application

children from birth to age five in our 0-5 program. These children are visited weekly by a volunteer and developmental assessments are made every six months. CASA also has a Family Connections program to help find and screen family and non-related extended family members



who have an interest in meeting or reunifying with the child, funded in part by Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency. This service is provided to minor dependents assigned to CASA who have lost track of family members. The purpose is to connect foster children with as many appropriate family members as possible to ultimately gain permanent connections.

The very first CASA Environmental Education field trip was implemented in 2021 at Kaweah Oaks Preserve, hosted by Sequoia Riverlands Trust (SRT), and funded by the City of Visalia Measure N grant.

CASA was awarded a City of Visalia Non-Profit Grant in 2022, which supported more nature field trips and expanded the offerings to include leadership training. CASA youth got to spend a day mastering a ROPES

(Repetitive Obstacle Performance Evaluation System) course, hiking, swimming, and kayaking at the YMCA Camp at Lake Sequoia thanks to CASA's partnership with Sequoia Riverlands Trust.

CASA was awarded another grant from the City of Visalia in 2023 to continue this successful program for another year. In April, 13 foster youth attended an Environmental Education field trip to SRT's Herbert Preserve. In May, 9 foster youth attended SRT's "Go Native" event celebrating the arts, culture, and food of the Native American Yokuts tribes at Kaweah Oaks Preserve. This event provided a rare opportunity for our foster youth to engage with this region's indigenous people and celebrate their living culture. In July, 17 foster youth attended the leadership training at the YMCA Camp at Sequoia Lake where they participated in the ROPES course and waterfront recreation activities. The last field trip for the 2023 program will take place on November 19, 2023 at Kaweah Oaks Preserve Stewardship Day—this day is "Make a Difference" Day, which is a national effort to get people outdoors and give back to their communities. Stewardship Day activities are hosted by SRT and include tree planting and other California native plants, removing invasive plants, trail maintenance, educational activities, and more. CASA has 15 foster youth registered for this event.



8. 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).

Currently, CASA of Tulare County is providing advocacy to 175 of Tulare County's youth in the child welfare system—73 of which are located in the city of Visalia. An additional 316 foster youth are currently on a "waiting list" to receive a volunteer advocate – indicating that a judge from the Juvenile Court of Tulare County has requested that a child be appointed a CASA volunteer as soon as one becomes available. These are the children who are more likely to be placed in homes separate from their siblings, experience multiple foster placements, languish for years in the foster care system, and are more likely to "age out" when they reach 18.



Moreover, children placed in congregate care (group home settings) typically experience more difficulties, with those who reunite with families experiencing higher re-entry rates into foster care than children reunified from family-based care. Children in congregate care are also less likely to graduate high school and attend college and are more likely to use illegal drugs. Additionally, a 2008 study covering sixteen states demonstrated that children in foster care in California are five times more likely to receive psychotropic drugs compared to non-foster care children. Of those children, more than half were prescribed one or more psychotropic medications at the same time.

CASA of Tulare County believes a more effective intervention would be to provide appropriate assessment, evaluation, and follow-up for all children placed in foster care and increase the use of psychosocial involvement (CASA volunteer) in lieu of medications through volunteer advocacy.

CASA endeavors to engage the local community in recognizing that children and youth in foster care have been adversely affected by trauma, both by the fact that they have been abruptly separated from their families, as well as by the circumstances which led to the removal. At CASA of Tulare County, recognizing this trauma and minimizing additional trauma is structured into our work with children and youth in foster care. A CASA-trained volunteer is uniquely qualified to provide these innocent victims the support needed and provide the child with a healthy attachment figure he/she so desperately needs in order to understand they're not alone.



9. 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.

A recent survey of the population of Tulare, Fresno, and Kings counties conducted by the Central Valley Partnership, Alianza Ecologista, and other partnering organizations shows significant trends in access and barriers to public spaces. The survey, which was broad and encompassed people of all ages from all backgrounds, showed that “the three major challenges



to visiting public lands were time (37% of respondents), transportation (28% of respondents), and cost (18% of respondents). Only 5% of respondents said they were “uninterested” in public lands. However, they tend to stay local in their outdoor activities, as economic factors and other structural barriers limit access to further afield public lands for a significant portion of the San Joaquin Valley population—and especially immigrant, Latino, farmworker communities.”

The results of this survey show that though there is a lot of interest in outdoor recreation and the surrounding environment, there are many barriers to accessing these areas. The most well-known public spaces are the local reservoirs, including Kaweah Lake and Success Lake, and the local National Parks, which are at least an hour's drive from most communities in the county. The nature preserves

owned by our partner in this project, Sequoia Riverlands Trust, are meant to bridge this gap and allow local opportunities for outdoor recreation and education. By providing educational opportunities and transportation for students to these preserves, this project increases awareness of the preserves in the local communities and can help reduce some of the barriers youth face when trying to access these areas, which are positive alternatives for at-risk youth.

Since the onset of COVID-19, students have lost many valuable opportunities to visit and experience the natural world. Classes are being taught electronically, students are missing out on important social interaction with peers of their age. Other local outdoor education organizations, such as the SCICON Outdoor School, have been heavily impacted by the recent wildfires, as well as the pandemic, which drastically reduces the opportunities available to students.



Scientific studies show outdoor education is incredibly important to mental, physical, and emotional health. Recent studies conclude that being outside in the open air and sunshine

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greatly reduces the chances of contracting airborne viruses, such as COVID-19. CASA believes that if safe practices such as social distancing are enforced, our outdoor education programs can provide invaluable benefits to the students in the area, especially during this time.

Unfortunately, this region has few educational opportunities or options for environmental careers, and little exposure to open spaces or conservation ideals. Many of the closest public lands are over an hour away, and students face many barriers to accessing these areas. Though this area is agriculturally rich, there are few natural spaces for exploration and education. SRT's preserves are often the closest public spaces for many of these communities. Due to this lack of green space, students in the county have little understanding of local ecosystems or the direct effects of climate change. This program will help address these issues by providing access and educational opportunities to youth in Tulare County.

This grant will allow us to continue to offer educational field trips and enrichment activities for our foster youth, including leadership training for those most at risk. This program will provide positive alternatives to juvenile violence, crime, gang involvement, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, or other unhealthy behaviors through access to the outdoors and safe open spaces, mentorship, and leadership training.

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

Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Community Education Events for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
Agency mailing address: 113 N. Church Street, Suite 222
City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291
Phone: 559-302-9820 E-Mail: JesseL@dhhsc.org
Contact name & title: Jesse Lewis, Project Director

Certification: I am authorized to sign this grant application on behalf of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center (Grantee agency), as specified in the attached Board Resolution. Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center (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 Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center (Grantee agency) agrees to comply with such conditions.

Name: Jesse Lewis Title: Project Director
Signature: Jesse Lewis Jesse Lewis Date: 11/14/23

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 2024
 - ☒ 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.

We are requesting funding for four events in 2024 that will focus on Deaf and Hard of Hearing children: An Adventure Park event, an ImagineU tour, a Halloween social, and a Holiday Party with Deaf Santa. We are also including support for in-home communication building sessions where our staff teach American Sign Language (ASL) to families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. Most of the funds will cover the provision of ASL/Spanish interpreters, but other costs include venue rentals, supplies, food, promotion, and possibly assistance with admission for low-income families. These events and services will be open to kids of all ages. We are aiming for at least 15 Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth in Visalia, though more will be welcome!

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:	
Families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, as well as Deaf parents with their hearing children, will have the opportunity to participate in community-building activities that incorporate language development, specifically in American Sign Language (ASL).	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Adventure Park event for families with children of all ages	We will track attendance at these events and sessions. The more parents who return at sessions and events, the better, because it shows commitment and an interest in learning the new language and culture.
ImagineU Children's Museum tour with ASL/Spanish interpreters for families with children of all ages	We will request and provide ASL/Spanish interpreters at ROCK sessions and family events.
Halloween Social for families with children of all ages, with college and community members as volunteers who also sign fluently in ASL	We will track additional services requested from DHHSC as a result of these sessions and events.
Holiday Party with Deaf Santa for families with children of all ages	We will check in with parents at the beginning of the grant cycle for any concerns and/or fears they might have about raising a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child, and then meet with them again at the end of the grant cycle to review their progress and any changes in their perceptions of their child's future. If they feel more positive and hopeful, then we know we have accomplished one of our goals with these families.
In-home communication-building sessions using American Sign Language (ASL) for families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, and Deaf parents with hearing children (Children of Deaf Adults, also known as CODAs). These services are currently provided by other grants but we lack funding for interpreting needs.	

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

Program Outcome:	
It is our goal for hearing parents to become motivated to learn American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf culture by engaging in these activities and learning to interact with their own Deaf and Hard of Hearing children without having to go through ASL interpreters. Parents can become determined to learn the language and culture themselves so they can foster a positive Deaf-identity development in their children.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Same activities as above	<p>We will sign with the parents, and through the use of ASL/Spanish interpreters, we will ask them questions about their Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.</p> <p>We will teach parents ASL and about Deaf Culture at these events, not just during ROCK sessions.</p> <p>We will encourage parents to sign with each other and with their children to encourage new habits of communicating in a different way, not just rely on auditory means, which do not benefit their Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.</p> <p>Our Deaf staff will serve as language and role models and discuss positive Deaf-identity formation, and staff will answer questions parents might have about being a Deaf individual and discuss positive ways of affirming a child's Deaf identity.</p>

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$0	\$5000
Number of Visalia Youth Served	n/a	15

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023. **Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

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

DHHSC's mission is "To advocate, seek equality, and promote self-determination through empowerment for those who seek our assistance; and to enhance the awareness and understanding of Deaf Culture and the unique communication needs of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals." Our proposal aligns with the latter part of our mission statement, as it directly addresses the necessity for effective communication through American Sign Language interpretation at our events. These services cater to the specific needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and their families. While these events primarily aim to provide an enjoyable experience for all attendees, the invaluable aspect lies in the networking opportunities they offer to families and making auditory information accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children (and adults). Participants have the chance to connect with one another, fostering additional support networks. These interactions not only enhance their experiences but also expose them to the broader range of services we provide beyond these events. This exposure may subsequently lead to requests for advocacy, assistance with independent living skills development, and more. Events are a great way to connect with families, and they do not often realize the support and resources we can provide until we connect with them through fun activities, such as providing an interpreted tour or having Deaf Santa at our Holiday Party. It is also through these linguistically and culturally accessible events that these families learn about Deaf culture and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community that is available to partner with them in raising their Deaf child. In addition, by providing interpreters at these family sessions and events, auditory information is translated into ASL, making it possible for everyone, hearing and Deaf, to access the same information, whether through auditory or visual means.

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

DHHSC, originally established in Visalia in 1984, later relocated its headquarters to Fresno to better serve the larger Deaf population in the region. Since its inception and notably after re-establishing an outreach office in Visalia in 2001, our organization has consistently offered a diverse range of services to support local youth. Among these services, the most frequently sought-after assistance for Deaf youth in Visalia has been the in-home communication-building sessions provided through our renowned Reaching Out and Communicating with our Kids (ROCK) program. This initiative focuses on teaching American Sign Language (ASL) to families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. It has proven to be a resounding success over the years and remains a cornerstone of our services, often receiving grant funding. In fact, the program's inception was made possible by a grant from the Bank of Sierra in Visalia. In addition to

our educational programs, we have organized various successful events, including festive holiday gatherings and youth-centric activities such as summer park days and a recent excursion to Vossler Farms.

8. 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). A large majority, between 90-95%, of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children are born to hearing parents, and while only 20% learn American Sign Language (ASL), only one percent become fluent. Unfortunately, this language barrier leads to language deprivation and challenges for younger Deaf kids, such as feelings of isolation, frustration, and loneliness. However, we believe that providing social events that include ASL can be a ray of positivity in their lives. These events offer a welcoming environment where these children can comfortably communicate and connect with others who share their language, culture, and experiences. Through such gatherings, it is our goal to create opportunities for friendship, fun, and personal growth, helping them to build self-confidence, positive Deaf-identity, and enjoy a more fulfilling social life. Since many parents do not normally know American Sign Language, they will benefit from the ASL interpreters provided at our ROCK sessions and events. The language bridge provided by interpreters between hearing parents and Deaf and Hard of Hearing children will help foster positive interactions and enable the parents to learn new things about their children that they otherwise would not have known; it is a common occurrence at Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings for parents to take advantage of interpreters present to ask their Deaf or Hard of Hearing child about a situation or issue that happened months ago but could not ask at the time due to communication barriers. The sad fact is these IEP meetings occur once or twice a year and parents need to communicate with their children more frequently than that, and it is our goal to demonstrate the benefits of learning ASL, a visually accessible language, to make it possible for parents and children to connect on a daily basis, not just at IEP meetings or whenever an interpreter is present. However, these interpreted events serve as a stepping stone to encourage parents to see the benefits of learning ASL so they can enjoy their Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and interact with them as comfortably as they would with their hearing ones.

9. 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 we are not requesting seed funding, we are seeking supplemental monetary support for interpreting services and fun, educational activities for families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and Deaf parents with hearing children. This funding will also support families who are part of our long-time ROCK program.

10. Describe any agency financial or budgetary problems or debt within the last 5 years (including annual budget deficits). DHHSC does not have any financial or budgetary problems, and we are fortunate to have pulled through the COVID-19 pandemic without any deficits.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	5000	P
Donations	0	n/a
Fundraising Events	0	n/a
County Funding (include grant names)	0	n/a
State Funding (include grant names)	0	n/a
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	3773.60	S - Fansler Found
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	8773.60	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	3773.60
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	450	0
Printing and Copying	50	0
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0
Utilities	0	0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category) Interpreting, venue rental, assistance with admissions costs for low-income families	4500	
Total Program Expenses:	5000	3773.60

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Happy Trails Riding Academy

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: CAMP Happy Trails

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: Executive Director
Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/7/23

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 2024
 - ☒ 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 for **CAMP Happy Trails** program for 2024. The week-long camp will run from June 10 through June 14 with a different theme each day. Camp themes will include arts and crafts, nature, farm animals and Native American history all with a horse twist.

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 funding for CAMP supplies for riders with disabilities participating in Equine Assisted-Services.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMP Happy Trails 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 riders between the ages of 6-18 years old and are currently enrolled in a therapeutic riding class or on the waitlist are eligible Riders will participate in a 5-day CAMP for 3 hours per day CAMP will include a themed days with learning, physical activity, a snack & take-home craft all with a horse twist Fee for CAMP is \$100 per rider Riders and families are asked to pay what they can and our 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?

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$2,500	\$2,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	26 riders 312 lessons	50 riders

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

6. 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.

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

Happy Trails is celebrating its 39th 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.

8. 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.

9. 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

10. 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 pre-& post pandemic. 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 2023. 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.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	2,500.00	P
Donations- 2024 Adopt a Thon	2,500.00	S
Fundraising Events		
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	2,500.00	S
County Center Rotary Foundation	2,500.00	S
G for Kids		
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	10,000.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	100.00	1085.00
Employee Benefits	6.00	60.00
Payroll Taxes	25.00	250.00
Mileage		
Supplies		
Printing and Copying		
Office Expenses/Rent		
Utilities	10.00	95.00
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)	2359.00	8510.00
Feed & hay, bedding, vet services & supplies, CAMP supplies, Tack & equipment		
Total Program Expenses:	2,500.00	10,000.00

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Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Hope Horizon Mental Health
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: \$6,500
Agency mailing address: 327 S. K Street
City: Tulare State: CA Zip Code: 93274
Phone: 559-203-3411 E-Mail: ncardoza@hopehorizon.org
Contact name & title: Nikki Cardoza, Executive Director

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

Name: Nikki Cardoza Title: Executive Director
Signature:  Date: 11/14/2023

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 2024
☒ 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.

Grant funds will support Adolescent Sexual Responsibility Program (ASRP) program costs that are
not eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement, such as curriculum materials, supplies, and Clinician
mileage. Approximately 20 youth will be served through this program at our Visalia satellite office
in the upcoming 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:	
Reduce risk factors for sexually abusive behaviors and increase protective factors of 20 youth referred to the ASRP in Visalia.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Intake Assessment Treatment: one-on-one and group therapy MEGA assessment every 6 months Clarification meetings (reconciliation with victim and collateral family/ household meetings to build safety in home)	MEGA screening tool Sign-In sheets Treatment goals/plans

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

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$0	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	n/a	20

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

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

**see Attachment for narrative response.*

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

**see Attachment for narrative response.*

8. 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).

**see Attachment for narrative response.*

9. 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.

**see Attachment for narrative response.*

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

**see Attachment for narrative response.*

Program Budget

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PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		20640
Employee Benefits		6192
Payroll Taxes		1651
Mileage		144
Supplies	6500	
Printing and Copying		60
Office Expenses/Rent		2412
Utilities		844
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Total Program Expenses:	6500	31943

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Hope Horizon Mental Health Nonprofit Grant Application

6. 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 provide children, adults, and families with compassionate, culturally sensitive mental health services that nurture hope, strength, and healthy relationships at home, school, and in the community.

Through our Adolescent Sexual Responsibility Program (ASRP), HHMH provides treatment to minors who have engaged in inappropriate sexual behaviors. Services are offered weekly with individual and group therapy. Clinicians use a curriculum called, "Pathways," which aims to increase accountability, challenge negative thoughts and defense mechanisms, help the youth see their actions from the victim's perspective, and build healthy boundaries. For younger children, they also use the "Roadmaps" curriculum, which presents the material in a way that is explained in an age-appropriate way. Treatment goals for the ASRP program are to reduce future inappropriate sexual behavior, prevent revictimization of other children, and attempt to reconcile or heal the relationship with the victim (who is often someone they know or in their family).

MEGA is a scientifically based questionnaire that determines the level of risk for coarse sexual improprieties and/or risk for sexually abusive behaviors and protective factors for males and females, ages 4-19 years, and youth with low intellectual functioning. The screening tool is implemented every 6 months to determine if the youth's risk factors/protective factors have increased or decreased.

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

Originally founded as Tulare Youth Service Bureau (TYSB), the agency has been providing quality mental health services to families since 1971. Our name was changed to Hope Horizon Mental Health (HHMH) in 2023.

Since the 1980s, our Child Sexual Abuse Treatment (SAT) Program has helped children and families impacted by sexual abuse. With the use of individual, family, and group counseling, children are given the opportunity to heal from the trauma often associated with sexual abuse. The Visalia office has been open for more than 18 years to offer specialty mental health services, including ASRP.

Our Building Bridges program is also available at our Visalia office. In partnership with local Family Resource Centers and Tulare County's Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Department, the Building Bridges program provides early intervention mental health care for pregnant and new mothers and/or fathers experiencing depression, anxiety, or other mood-related disorders. These services improve later life outcomes for children, promote bonding and attachment, improve the overall parent/child relationship, and reduce the risk of

self-harm and suicide. Services can be provided at any one of our offices or at the local Family Resource Center and can include individual, couple, or family therapy as well as consultation with the Primary Care Provider (PCP) or psychiatrist, if appropriate. This program is grant-funded to provide services to those with no insurance.

8. 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 Adolescent Sexual Responsibility Program (ASRP) reaches adolescents who have committed a sexual offense or who have significantly crossed a boundary in a sexual manner. We take the opportunity to use a therapeutic approach to help the youth understand the choices they made and the thoughts leading up to those choices, as well as the consequences. We assist in learning healthy ways to get needs met and to connect with others in an appropriate manner. There is an individual treatment approach as well as a group approach within this specialized program. The goal is to reduce risk factors in the community through psychoeducation and personal awareness.

All referrals come through our main office in Tulare and are then assigned to a clinician on the Sexual Abuse Treatment Team. Referrals are typically received from the Tulare County Juvenile Court, Tulare County Probation Department, or self-referred from families seeking voluntary assistance. Services can be provided in our Tulare office or satellite offices throughout Tulare County. We accept Medi-Cal and are continuously seeking grant funding to cover services for victims and family members of victims who don't have insurance.

For the purpose of this grant request, we are focusing on Visalia youth and ASRP services provided at our Visalia satellite office, located at 718 W. Center, Ste. A&B, Visalia, CA 93291 as well as the Juvenile Detention Facility in Visalia. Approximately 20 youth (ages 12-18) will be served at this location through the ASRP program. We anticipate an increase in the number of youth served in the coming year. Clients include in-custody and out-of-custody juveniles who have sexually acted out and are court-ordered to participate in rehabilitative services and treatment to reinforce healthy boundaries and positive relationships. Specifically, this grant will support services for juveniles who don't have insurance and/or non-reimbursable program costs, such as curriculum materials, group supplies, and travel costs.

Treatment at our Visalia Satellite office and the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF), also located in Visalia is provided by ten qualified, certified/licensed staff:

3 Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists (LMFT) - focus more specifically on the relational and interpersonal dynamics within families, marriages, and couples.

4 Associate Marriage & Family Therapists (AMFT) - Being an associate means being in the process of accumulating hours toward licensure. States have differing requirements to be a licensed therapist, and these individuals are on the way to becoming one!

3 Associate Professional Clinical Counselors (APCC) - Registering as an APCC allows you to complete a two-year period of supervised work experience that you need to qualify for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) licensure. Once you become a full LPCC you also have the option to use additional education and supervised experience to add marriage and family counseling to your scope of practice.

All staff are supervised by clinical supervisors.

9. 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.

Child sexual abuse is not rare. Research indicates that as many as 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18. However, because child sexual abuse is by its very nature secretive, many of these cases are never reported.

The effects of sexual abuse extend far beyond childhood. Sexual abuse robs children of their childhood and creates a loss of trust, feelings of guilt, and self-abusive behavior. It can lead to antisocial behavior, depression, identity confusion, loss of self-esteem, and other serious emotional problems. It can also lead to difficulty with intimate relationships later in life. Early treatment can help children and families heal.

In the early 1980's, Hope Horizon Mental Health recognized there was a lack of available resources for families impacted by sexual abuse, and began developing a strong treatment program that is now available throughout Tulare County. With sites located in Tulare, Visalia, Earlimart, Porterville, Lindsay, Exeter, Woodlake, and Dinuba, Hope Horizon Mental Health offers a highly dedicated group of therapists, specifically trained in the best practices of Trauma-Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye-Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT).

Hope Horizon Mental Health's Healthy Boundaries program provides individual, family, and group therapies for child victims, their non-offending caregivers, and other family members struggling with the impact the abuse has had on the victim and family. Additionally, under this program, Hope Horizon Mental Health has the only Adolescent Sexual Responsibility Program (ASRP) in the County to provide treatment for minors who have engaged in inappropriate sexual behaviors. This grant will support program costs that are not eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement so we can continue to offer services and treatment to at-risk youth, no matter their socioeconomic or insurance status.

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Ruth.Pena@visalia.city

Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Juventud Enriquecimiento Musica y Artes (JEMA) Foundation
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Folklore Dance Program
Agency mailing address: Post Office Box 845
City: Visalia State: California Zip Code: 93292
Phone: 559-563-3035 E-Mail: _____
Contact name & title: Raymond Macareno, Foundation Chair

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

Name: Raymond Macareno Title: Board Chair
Signature:  Date: 11/11/2023

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 2024
 - ☐ 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.

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

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

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

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

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

5. Please 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 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$ 6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	150+

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since the foundations inception in 2019, the foundation has never carried debt and has always operated within its approved annual budget.

Program Budget

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PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries		
Employee Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage	500	
Supplies	\$1,300	
Printing and Copying	\$50	
Office Expenses/Rent	\$450	
Utilities		
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Contracted Dance Instructors (40 classes, two per course)	\$5,000	
Marketing Budget - Social Media, Flyer Design, etc.	\$200	
Total Program Expenses:	\$7,500	

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Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Neighborhood Degree

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Neighborhood Degree: College & Career

Agency mailing address: 5505 W. Riffin Avenue

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291

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

Contact name & title: Stephanie Benthin, CEO

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

Name: Stephanie Benthin

Title: CEO

Signature: Stephanie Benthin

Date: 11/2/2023

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 2024
 - ☒ an ongoing program or activity
 - ☐ scholarships
3. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe the specific intended use of the Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund grant requested by the agency. Include age and number of Visalia youth to be served.

Neighborhood Degree: College & Career helps students get to and through a college/career degree program after high school. All the students in our program are former Houston School students, teen parents or students in the "Champions" gang intervention program. We have 65 students in our program; 33 high school students and 32 college students. The funds will be used to buy laptops for our 21 graduating seniors entering a degree program. The website for our program is www.neighborhooddegree.com

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

Program Outcome:	
Students will graduate from high school and enter a degree program (college or technical school) in the fall of 2024.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Each student is paired with a 1-on-1 adult mentor from Neighborhood Church.</p> <p>Students attend meetings 2x/month to research college/career programs, interview career professionals, and complete career interest tests to determine their desired path.</p> <p>Mentors coach the students through the college/technical school application process, essay writing, financial aid, and scholarship applications.</p>	Students will be accepted into a degree program and begin in the fall of 2024.

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

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$6000	\$6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	35	33

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.
**Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.*

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

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

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

Neighborhood Church has 17 years of providing positive and enriching experiences for thousands of Houston students and families. Some of our programs include a youth soccer league for 100 students, weekly 1-on-1 mentoring for 5th and 6th grade students, a student leadership club, monthly free family events, field trips for students and parents, a community service club for kids & parents (about 200 people), and partnering with kids and parents to fundraise and build a park in 2015.

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

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

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

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

10. 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.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6500	P
Donations	10,000	S
Fundraising Events	2,000	P
County Funding (include grant names)		
State Funding (include grant names)	16700	S
• California Community Schools Partnership Program Cohort II Implementation Grant		
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)		
Program Fees		
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	35,200	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries	0	10,000
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	0	2000
Printing and Copying	0	500
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0
Utilities		0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
College Tour Trip	0	4200
Laptops for graduates	6500	12,000
Total Program Expenses:	6500	28,700

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Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: South Valley Water Polo Club (DBA: South Valley Aquatics)
Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Aquatics; Youth water polo & swimming
Agency mailing address: 820 N. Willis Street
City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93291
Phone: 559-786-4453 E-Mail: admin@sovawaterpolo.org
Contact name & title: Michael Yenigues - Director

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

Name: Michael Yenigues Title: Director
Signature:   Date: 10/10/2023

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 2024
 - ☒ 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.

South Valley Aquatics has over 100 Visalia student-athletes ages 8 to 18 participating in our youth water polo and swim clubs. We are seeking to increase the number of participating youths by offering membership scholarships and increasing our training resources through the purchase of water polo and swim coaching and training equipment. We expect to increase our student-athlete participation by 20% (an additional 20 to 25 student-athletes) who would likely not be able to participate without the grant funding.

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 Visalla youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
We will provide up to 25 session scholarships of \$255.00 that covers one athlete through a three-month session of water polo and/or swim practice four times per week. These scholarships will create opportunity for student-athletes who normally would be financially excluded.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
Water polo practice, scrimmages and tournaments Swim practice, clinics and swim meets	Number of full scholarship student athletes attending water polo and/or swim practice. In the event the student-athlete needs analysis indicates qualification for a 1/2 (50%) scholarship, a greater number of local youth athletes will be served.

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

Program Outcome:	
N/A	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ N/A	\$ 6,500.00
Number of Visalia Youth Served	N/A	25 (full awards)

*Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.

**Proposed column must be completed by all applicants.

6. Provide your agency's mission or purpose statement. Include how your proposed program relates to your agency's mission or purpose. See our website: <https://www.sovawaterpolo.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1290242>

As a charitable organization, SOVA seeks to promote increased participation in aquatic sports in the local community in general and specific effort directed at young men and women from economically disadvantaged circumstances. SOVA is particularly interested in creating life altering, positive opportunities for young men and women who may otherwise experience generational impediments to higher education and career opportunities. This grant will help SOVA offer our target constituents opportunities they may not normally expect to engage due to the economic disadvantages of their households.

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

As a local non-profit youth sports organization, we have been serving Visalia youth since 2015. We currently have nearly 100 active members participating in water polo and swim practice and competition. We are a registered USA Water Polo Club and a registered USA Swim Club. In the past we have partnered with the City of Visalia Rec. Dept. to provide summer youth water polo. Most recently we partnered with the Visalia Unified School District with a successful RFQ submission and award of ELOP funding to create, host and administer the SOVA-VUSD Middle School Water Polo Program. This 8 week program provided equipment, coaching, practice and competition for 80 local middle school male & female student athletes at no charge - free.

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

Our program is focused on school age children who face economic challenges to participating in aquatic sports. Economic disadvantage is not gender, nor ethnically homogenous. However, children from economic disadvantage often have a greater need for inclusion, validation, social support and access to enriching activities and resources. Aquatic sports are uniquely challenging and provide a high volume of focused interaction with a coach who is providing daily instruction, motivation, reinforcement, support and acceptance. Our program builds physically healthy, emotionally supported, goal oriented youth.

9. 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

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

N/A

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	6,500.00	P
Donations	20,000.00	P
Fundraising Events	25,000.00	P
County Funding (include grant names)	N/A	
State Funding (include grant names)	N/A	
Private Foundations (Include Foundation names)		
Program Fees	106,000.00	P
Other:		
Total Program Revenue:	\$157,500.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
Salaries Executive Director + Head Swim Coach		\$60,000.00
Employee Benefits NA		
Payroll Taxes		
Mileage		\$6,000.00
Supplies		\$2,000.00
Printing and Copying		\$1,200.00
Office Expenses/Rent		\$12,000.00
Utilities		\$3,600.00
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)		
Swim Meets Entry Fees		\$12,000.00
Water Polo Tournament Entry Fees		\$15,000.00
1099 Water Polo Coach Pay	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
1099 Swim Coach Pay	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00
Pool Rental Fee	\$2,500.00	\$16,000.00
Swim Equipment		\$2,000.00
Water Polo Equipment		\$3,000.00
National Affiliation Membership Fees		\$600.00
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500.00	\$155,600.00

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: University Preparatory High School

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: Robotics Team (Arborbotics)

Agency mailing address: 3023 S. Tipton Ct

City: Visalia State: CA Zip Code: 93292

Phone: (559) 827-3889 E-Mail: uphsroboticsteam6657@uphsconnect.org

Contact name & title: Joshua Curtiss (Mentor)

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

Name: Joshua Curtiss Title: Head Team Mentor

Signature: 

Date: 11/10/23

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 2024
- ☒ 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 grant would fund costs for the hardware, programming, and electrical departments of our robotics team, along with outreach items for our community service programs. Because of the nature of the competition, we must obtain funding for our own items to manufacture a robot. This grant would enable us to purchase important items to help us succeed. These items would help us improve our robot's function at the competition and allow our 27 high school students to learn more about different engineering principles. Additionally, the grant would help with transportation costs to commute to various competitions.

4. Provide at least one (1) planned **outcome**, the associated planned **activities**, and how you will

measure success. If requesting funds for scholarships, provide the number and dollar amount/range of each scholarship. Outcomes must be specific to this application. Please note that these outcomes as well as the number of Visalia youth served through this grant must be tracked and reported semi-annually.

Program Outcome:	
Students will learn a variety of STEM skills including designing, the engineering process, prototyping, fabrication, programming, electrical principles, and other STEM-related skills related to building a robot.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<p>Within a six-week time limit, students will build a robot that satisfies the challenges present in the FIRST Robotics competition. Every year, FIRST releases a game with a variety of challenges. Teams of high school students then build robots to attempt to solve the various challenges during the game.</p> <p>Students will also engage in workshops and lessons to learn various skills. For example, throughout the year, our programming team works together to learn Java, the computer language our robot is programmed in. Another example is our electrical team, which learns electrical principles such as wiring and voltage, and puts them to the test throughout the year.</p>	<p>Students will learn a variety of 21st-century skills, including interpersonal communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, adaptability, social awareness, personal initiative, and leadership. These activities will be measured by the completion of the robot. Since the team is student-run, they get to learn the skills necessary to build one, and as such, by the end of the season, our robot exists because of the skills students develop throughout the year.</p> <p>Another measure of activities is our competition, which is the culmination of our work during the year. Our team will compete in the game with other teams and will be able to adjust our robot along the way due to the skills that were learned throughout the year. Student learning success can be measured in the ability to fix the robots when they malfunction, as well as working on the robot throughout the competition</p>

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

Program Outcome:	
Activities	How will activities be measured?

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	N/A	\$6500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	120	150

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

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

We have many goals for our team. We aspire to go above and beyond what is expected of us. When this team was first started, the founding members created our mission statement, "We strive to have our team make an impact on our school and the local community. Our team works to ensure all students at UPHS have an opportunity to learn about STEM beyond the standard classroom. We aim to provide a safe environment for students to make mistakes, ask questions, and learn through experience."

Though FIRST Robotics is inherently a competitive program, we prioritize learning and growing. We value the opinions of others and respect one another through our time and dedication to the team and robotics as a whole. The experience and skills gained, such as cooperation, curiosity, and time management, will stick with students into the future. In addition to bettering ourselves, our team

highlights the importance of community service. Team members are encouraged to donate our time and effort to making STEM more accessible in our local area. All team members welcome new individuals and experiences, building skills along with a physical robot.

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

Our team takes pride in our community and we spend a great amount of time working to help others. Team members have a required amount of community service hours to be considered for competitions. To earn these hours, team members are encouraged to attend other FIRST Robotics events and work with younger kids, getting them engaged and involved in the STEM fields. These events currently have six Visalia schools in attendance. We also have helped start and run a robotics program at Washington Elementary School, and have been assisting in jumpstarting a FIRST robotics team at Redwood High School, which, as of this year, is the only other official team in the County. Team members also regularly volunteer at Tulare County Office of Education events such as Expanding Your Horizons and the annual STEAM Expo. Our team is dedicated to making STEM education a part of everyone's lives and making sure that no one feels held back from accomplishing their goals due to a lack of resources.

8. 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 team provides opportunities that many kids in the area cannot access. The team is open for anyone attending University Preparatory High School to try out for. Additionally, there is no test required to be on the team, as our goal is learning through experience. We aim to build the skills and knowledge, rather than expect members to join the team already knowing everything. Our team is entirely student-run, cultivating leadership and communication skills in all participants.

Along with supporting our team members, we also work hard to provide STEM opportunities for the community. Tulare County has an illiteracy rate of 41%, signaling a lack of quality education in the local area. As discussed above, we work with other schools and local organizations to immerse students in the STEM fields. As of this year, Redwood High School has an official robotics team that we are helping start. We supply materials, training, and mentorship to jumpstart the team.

9. 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.

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

We have not had any financial problems or debt in the last 5 years.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6,500	P
Donations	\$13,500	P
Fundraising Events	\$200	P
County Funding (include grant names)	\$0	
State Funding (include grant names)	\$0	
Private Foundations (Include Foundation names)	\$0	
Program Fees	\$0	
Other: FIRST NorCal Grant	\$1,500	P
Total Program Revenue:	\$21,700.00	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	Amount to be charged to this grant	Amount to be charged to other sources
FRC (Competition Registration)	\$600	\$9,000
Robot Electrical	\$800	0
Robot Hardware	\$3,000	0
Robot Hardware Upgrades	\$1,000	0
Robot Programming/Software	\$150	0
Manufacturing	\$0	\$100
Team T-Shirts/Branding	\$0	\$300
Safety	\$0	\$200
PR/Outreach Materials	\$350	\$0
Transportation/Housing	\$600	\$4,400
Sustainability Fund	\$0	\$6,000
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	\$20,000

Submit completed applications and required attachments to:

Ruth.Pena@visalia.city

Deadline – Noon on November 15, 2023

Visalia Non-Profit Program Fund Application

Agency name: Visalia (PAL) Police Activities League

Specific Program or Service for which funding is requested: \$6,500

Agency mailing address: 303 S Johnson St

City: Visalia

State: Ca

Zip Code: 93291

Phone: 559-805-8197

E-Mail: arturo.villarreal@visalia.city

Contact name & title: Art Villarrea, 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 villarreal jr

Date: 11/01/2023

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 2024

☒ 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 PAL, Youth Leadership Program provides 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:	
Identify 10-15 students who are considered "at-risk" of becoming involved in gangs, drugs, and/or criminal activity - to participate in a 10-month with Visalia Police Officers serving as mentors and emphasis on making good choices and leadership.	
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 will 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 10-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:	
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 as they complete high school and enter adulthood.	
Activities	How will activities be measured?
<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.</p> <p>During the 10-month program, their school grades, attendance and behavior are continuously monitored and assistance is offered to school staff working with the youth. Each youth must sign a pledge to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, vape, and gang free during their participation in the program. Participating youth will be encouraged to spend time daily on their school work with an emphasis placed those youth who are struggling academically.</p> <p>As a group, the YLP youth participate in minimum of two community service projects during the 10-month program and take a minimum of one out of town, overnight trip. 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. These life-changing trips are a major building 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 given 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 trips activities changed the student's life views about the goals they will set and what they can accomplish? 6. Does the student have higher self-esteem, see the world bigger than the neighborhood they live in and have a better understanding of what will be expected of them as successful adults. 7. Monthly reports will be given to the students on the information from their schools regarding their grades, attendance and behaviors.

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

	Past performance PY 2023*	Proposed PY 2024**
Non-Profit Program Funding	\$ 4,500	\$6,500
Number of Visalia Youth Served	12	15

**Enter "N/A" if your agency did not have a Non-Profit Program grant from the City of Visalia in PY 2023.*

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

6. 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 decisions, help them build self-esteem, and encourage positive school development.

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

Since our inception in 1981 Visalia PAL has served over 31,000 students, the large majority of whom came from gang-infilitrated 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.

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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 five years.

Program Budget

PROGRAM INCOME/REVENUE SOURCE	Projected Program Funding for 2024	Status of program funds committed S = Secured P = Pending
Visalia Non-Profit Program Funds	\$6,500	P
Donations	\$2,000	P
Fundraising Events	0	N/A
County Funding (include grant names)	0	N/A
State Funding (include grant names)	0	N/A
Private Foundations (include Foundation names)	0	N/A
Program Fees	0	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	0	0
Employee Benefits	0	0
Payroll Taxes	0	0
Mileage	0	0
Supplies	\$800	\$200
Printing and Copying	0	0
Office Expenses/Rent	0	0
Utilities	0	0
All Other Expenses related to the proposed program (list by category)	\$6,500	
Meetings and training	1000	
Community Service Projects	800	
Student Assistance	500	
Travel and Field Trips	4200	
Total Program Expenses:	\$6,500	