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COMMUNITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION

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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

No

Year Established

2026

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City	State	Zipcode
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Phone	<input type="text"/>	
Federal Tax ID	<input type="text" value="41-3481581"/>	

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget	Total # of Board Members
<input type="text" value="\$3000"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Total # of Staff	Total # of Volunteers
<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Organization has an endowment fund?	
<input type="text" value="No"/>	

Mission Statement

The organization conducts scientific research and provides educational programs for the public benefit, with a focus on environmental and energy topics. Activities include developing educational materials, outreach and instruction in STEM subjects.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Blue Leaf Labs is a California-based nonprofit organization (with 501(c)(3) application submitted) focused on applied environmental and energy research with a strong emphasis on public benefit and education. We conduct research on water, energy, and climate systems, with projects designed to address real-world sustainability challenges through data-driven engineering analysis. In addition to research, Blue Leaf Labs provides educational services including the development of instructional materials, public STEM outreach, and hands-on learning opportunities that translate complex environmental engineering concepts into accessible formats for students and the broader community.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name
2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event
3. Total program/project/event budget
4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 750

50

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

50

%

6. Type of Request

One-time project

7. established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support the development of OsmoFlux, an applied environmental engineering research and education project. Desalination brine is an increasingly common byproduct of building a drought resilient water supply. OsmoFlux is a research and education project which looks at how desalination brine can be used to recover energy through reverse electrodialysis (RED). This could prove to be a worthwhile option for partial energy recovery and management of brine disposal, which are both significant concerns for our local California communities. Grant funding will be used to construct and test a modular osmotic power prototype. We will then pair experimental measurements with a physics-based analytical model. This approach allows the project to evaluate technical feasibility, environmental tradeoffs, and economic thresholds in a transparent, reproducible manner. The results will be made publicly available to the local community. Details include publicly available research results, open-source modeling tools, and educational outreach designed to serve students, educators, and community members. By combining applied engineering research with public education, OsmoFlux advances awareness of water-energy systems, supports climate resilience planning, and provides a practical case study relevant to Cupertino and the broader region.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 750

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds align with Cupertino's General Plan Principles related to environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and responsible resource management. As drought risk increases across California, long-term water reliability has become a regional priority. In Santa Clara County, desalination is being evaluated as part of future water supply planning, including through environmental review processes that examine both benefits and environmental tradeoffs. One of the key challenges identified in desalination planning is the management of concentrated brine, which carries both environmental and energy implications. OsmoFlux addresses this challenge by studying whether desalination brine, which is typically treated as waste, can be partially repurposed for energy recovery using reverse electrodialysis. By focusing on brine management rather than water production alone, the project examines an underexplored aspect of water infrastructure sustainability. The requested funds will support the development and testing of a small-scale experimental system and an accompanying analytical model to evaluate feasibility and tradeoffs in a transparent, data-driven manner. The services provided include publicly accessible research findings and educational materials that increase community understanding of water-energy interactions and drought-resilient infrastructure. While the project is exploratory and not affiliated with any specific facility, its results are intended to inform broader regional discussions relevant to Cupertino and Santa Clara County.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This project primarily serves Cupertino residents, students, and educators who are interested in sustainability, water resources, and climate resilience. By sharing accessible explanations, data, and demonstrations through public presentations and online documentation, the project helps community members better understand how water and energy systems interact under drought conditions. OsmoFlux also functions as an educational resource for classrooms and informal learners exploring water-energy technologies. Project outputs are designed to translate complex engineering concepts—such as desalination brine management and osmotic energy recovery—into clear, publicly accessible materials suitable for a general audience. While the research context is informed by regional water planning challenges, the project is not affiliated with any specific utility or facility. Its value lies in increasing public understanding, supporting STEM education, and contributing to informed community discussion around sustainable infrastructure relevant to Cupertino and the broader Bay Area. The project is led by a Cupertino-based high school student researcher at Monta Vista High School, reinforcing its local grounding and educational impact within the community.

a) Number of individuals total

100

b) Number of Cupertino residents

60

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Open to the public; no eligibility requirements

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No charge to participate or access materials

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

The project will be promoted through a combination of online publication, school-based outreach, and public community events. All project materials, including videos, data summaries, documentation of the build process, and plain-language explanations of findings will be published online at no cost and shared through publicly accessible platforms. Public awareness will be generated through outreach to Cupertino students, educators, and families, including a presentation at the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) Climate Collective Earth Day 2026 event. Additional visibility will come from dissemination through local science and sustainability venues, such as science fairs and other community-facing forums. Ongoing promotion and access will be supported through the Blue Leaf Labs website and related online channels, ensuring that project results remain visible and accessible beyond the initial grant period.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full requested funding amount is not awarded, the project will proceed using a combination of personal funds and family support. I will contribute \$300 from personal savings, with the remaining balance covered through family support and other non-City sources. The minimum funding required for the project to proceed is approximately \$1,200, which would allow construction of the core experimental prototype and completion of the associated analysis and documentation. Partial funding from the City would directly reduce out-of-pocket costs while still enabling the project to deliver its intended research and educational outcomes.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No, Not Applicable

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

No, Not Applicable

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Funding for this project has also been requested from an academic source. A grant of approximately \$220 was awarded through the Monta Vista High School Independent Research and Project Design (IRPD) course to support early-stage research and materials for the OsmoFlux project. No other funding requests related to this project are currently pending or under review.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[IRS 501\(c\)\(3\) Application – Pending \(Form 1023-EZ\).pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

Blue Leaf Labs (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.		X	Not clear if there is direct impact on the Cupertino community. Results from the experiment will be made publicly available and advances awareness of water-energy systems and climate resilience planning.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to support the research/education project on how desalination brine can be used to recover energy
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget %

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

0

%

6. Type of Request

Event,One-time project

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2025

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support essential program costs, including promotional materials such as flyers and posters, light snacks and drinks for attendees, and small gifts for guest speakers. With the City of Cupertino continuing to provide the Community Hall as the venue in 2026, these funds will help ensure effective outreach and a successful event.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 200

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 400

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

snacks, drinks and gifts

\$ 300

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

The request aligns with Cupertino's General Plan Principles by promoting youth engagement, community well-being, and efficient use of city facilities. With the Community Hall provided by the City for performance using in 2026, the requested funds will support promotion, light snacks and drinks, and small gifts for guest speakers, enabling a youth-focused event that offers a safe stage for self-expression, enjoyment, and stress relief. Please see the website below for 2025 event details. <https://cuperteensgotlaughs.org> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAymCAGxFO8>.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This grant will serve Cupertino teenagers, including students in high school clubs who would like to perform and the audiences, and their families. The event is citywide, open to youth from all Cupertino high schools and intended to engage a broad range of students and community members across the city.

a) Number of individuals total

300

b) Number of Cupertino residents

250

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The event will be open to the entire Cupertino community and the general public. The first event was held on November 23, 2025, at the Cupertino Community Hall with free admission, ensuring broad and inclusive access for residents of all ages.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No. There will be no charge or fee for the program or event, and it will be free to attend.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will promote the event through 1) established connections with local middle and high schools from the 2025 event, 2) in partnership with the Cupertino Library for flyers and posters, 3) via social media channels including local schools newspaper, the Silicon Valley Comedy Club, our instagram and Youtube channel. 4) Additional outreach will include local newspapers (Tsing Dao Daily, ABC7 etc) 5) Distribute and post flyers, posters and banners across Cupertino schools.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If full funding is not awarded, we will seek school funding opportunities through school council meetings, though this may be challenging since the event serves the broader Cupertino community rather than a specific school. If the Community Hall rental to us remains free, the event can still take place with a minimum of \$300 to cover essential costs. We will also look for support/partnership with other local Non-profit organizations.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

N/A

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

There is no funding requested in regard of the "CuperTeens Got Laughs" Event.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

[IRS approval letter.pdf](#)

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- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

Teens Talk (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Teen-led program that promotes youth engagement and community well-being through fun activities and events
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used towards Community Hall venue rental, promotional materials, light refreshments for attendees
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2024

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

2800

Total # of Board Members

8

Total # of Staff

27

Total # of Volunteers

52

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

Several studies have found art as a valuable means of expression for neurodivergent individuals, especially those with autism. Through weekly art workshops, Colorful Minds, a 501(c)3 certified nonprofit, aims to inspire creative self-expression among autistic children and other neurodiverse minds.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Colorful Minds is a 501(c)3 certified nonprofit that aims to inspire creative self-expression through different art mediums among autistic children and other neurodiverse minds. Colorful Minds hosts weekly art workshops for local neurodivergent children, typically providing activities such as painting, clay sculpting, coloring, drawing, scratch art, finger painting, rock/pumpkin painting, and other holiday specials. Additionally, we provide monthly newsletters written and designed to inform our participants and their parents about future workshop dates, recent research, and other events. Colorful Minds is in partnership with PACE (Pacific Autism Center for Education), a Bay Area-based nonprofit that serves children and adults with moderate-to-severe autism. Every month, we host art workshops at the Faces ABA clinic at Sunny Days Preschool. Colorful Minds attends local festivals and craft fairs to support local neurodivergent youth in providing services such as face painting, tie dying, self-portraits, and more.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Colorful Minds

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

year-round

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 4300

4. Requested Amount

\$ 1500

Percent of total program/project/event budget

35

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

0

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2024

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will be used to supply materials for our art workshops, including regularly consumed items like paper towels, cleaning wipes, canvases, clay, table covers, paints, glitter, markers, and paper cups for holding water. They will also fund replacements or additions of new tools like paintbrushes and paint palettes. Funds will also be used to upgrade facilities through booking the Cupertino Library community room for larger art workshops. Any remaining funds will help us pay to attend more art fairs and festivals in order to fundraise by providing face painting and portraits, and gain exposure. Previously, we attended the SARC Superhero Summer Festival and Holiday Arts & Craft Fair. For these events, these funds will be used to improve our display and materials.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 1200

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 300

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Colorful Minds will be mainly utilizing the funds for our weekly art workshops for neurodivergent individuals, which includes room bookings and supplies. For occasional events, funding will also be allocated towards the supplies and preparation materials necessary. The main goal of our organization is to provide opportunities for self-expression through art for neurodivergent individuals, which aligns with Cupertino's General Plan Principles. Specifically, within Chapter 9: Recreation, Parks, and Community Services, the plan has stated that Goal RPC-6 aims to "create and maintain a broad range of recreation programs and services that meet the needs of a diverse population." In accordance with Policy RPC-6.1: Diverse Programs, our organization provides resources to serve "diverse populations" of all abilities as we provide resources for neurodivergent individuals. We work to provide a safe space where these individuals can feel respected, given that many lack spaces where they are properly accommodated and allowed to express themselves. If the City of Cupertino partners with Colorful Minds, a partnership can be formed with a non-profit organization to support the city's mission (Policy RPC-6.2: Partnerships) to continue offering quality services for a diverse population. Thus, partnering with Colorful Minds, a non-profit organization that provides workshops for neurodivergent individuals to learn and explore art, would support the City of Cupertino's goals in improving its services for a diverse and growing population.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

The art workshops serve neurodivergent children in the Bay Area, primarily Cupertino residents, as workshops are held at the Cupertino library every Sunday. This grant also serves all the parents and caretakers of the children because we are a vital resource for these families to inspire their children to express themselves confidently and creatively. Note for question 12b: Our organization hosts workshops at the Cupertino Library, but we do not track which of our students are from Cupertino specifically. We assume many of them are, however, since this location is the most convenient for most of our participants.

a) Number of individuals total

52

b) Number of Cupertino residents

34

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The workshops are currently only for neurodivergent children. Students can apply to attend the workshops using the form on the Colorful minds website (<https://www.colorfulminds.org/art-workshops>) or through e-mail.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No, there is no fee for attending the weekly art workshops.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will promote/advertise our event to the public through posting event details and images on social media. For example, Instagram posts pertaining to our weekly workshop can help raise awareness for our cause and pique public interest. We will also obtain permission from the library to post materials related to our events on bulletin boards as well as distribute handouts, including flyers, postcards, or posters in the designated areas. Furthermore, we will continue to attend more public events such as art festivals in order to advertise our organization so we can increase our visibility to the community.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full requested funding amount is not awarded, we will continue to fund our program through donations from students' parents and from volunteers' personal funds. If partial funding is awarded, the minimum funding we would need for sufficient materials and renting the community room in the Cupertino Library, as well as additional equipment for future events, would be \$1000.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No, our organization has not received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

n/a

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

n/a

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

[FinalLetter_99-5020193_COLORFULMINDS_10102024_00\(1\).pdf](#)

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- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

Colorful Minds (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Weekly art workshops help at the Cupertino Library for neurodivergent children
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to supply materials for art workshops and venue rental
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2026

Sponsor Name

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Federal Tax ID

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

2500

Total # of Board Members

3

Total # of Staff

3

Total # of Volunteers

6

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

Foodlifts is a youth-led organization dedicated to ending food waste and food insecurity by rescuing excess produce from farmers' markets and delivering it to local soup kitchens and community services.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

65% of food banks around the US have reported they've seen a 50% increase in demand in the last two years. Foodlifts looks to address this issue by facilitating the transportation of produce from farmers' markets to food banks with the help of community volunteers. To date, Foodlifts has donated 538 lbs of fruits and vegetables to West Valley Community Services and Martha's Soup Kitchen.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Foodlifts

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3-4 Years

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 2500

4. Requested Amount

\$ 2500

Percent of total program/project/event budget

100 %

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

50 %

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7. established in

Existing program/event

2025

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

FoodLifts will use the \$2500 grant to purchase essential hardware equipment and cover core operating costs needed to run our weekly produce recovery program. The largest share of \$1500 will go toward collection and transport equipment, including 50 heavy-duty stackable crates totaling 1000\$ along with 6 rolling utility carts worth 500\$ to safely move heavy boxes of produce from vendors to our vehicle. We also need our organization to make sure volunteers are safely handling produce while following proper health and safety regulations. For this, we plan to purchase food-handling gloves totaling 20\$ and 20 high-visibility vests for \$120. For our transportation costs, we plan to spend a total of \$800, covering 20 one-day cargo van rentals at \$35 per day plus fuel costs of \$100 for deliveries to partner organizations. Finally, the final \$50 will support our basic tech needs, which include website and domain hosting fees (\$10), volunteer scheduling and tracking tools (\$10), data integration costs (\$10), as well as marketing and outreach(30\$). With this much-needed funding, FoodLifts will be enabled to collect, track, and deliver fresh produce to partner organizations serving children and families experiencing food insecurity.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 1640

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Transportation

\$ 800

f) Other

Cost

Software Management/Marketing

\$ 60

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

No

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Foodlifts aligns perfectly with Cupertino's general plan principles by prioritizing sustainability, public health, and eco-friendliness. Within our community, close to 2 million pounds of produce are thrown away at local farmers' markets alone, food that could feed 1.7 million food-insecure people who struggle to make ends meet. By rescuing organic fruits and vegetables that would otherwise go to waste, our organization is providing greater access to organic produce for those under socio-economic stress in Cupertino. In addition to feeding our community and working to end food insecurity, Foodlifts also fights climate change and food waste, as each pound of produce saved avoids 2.8 lbs of CO2 emissions. Our vision at Foodlifts is to ensure every farmers' market around the Bay Area has a proper collection program to facilitate food to community services and food banks effectively.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

Ever since the pandemic, rising housing and food costs have driven demand for food to skyrocket, while donations and benefits to these food banks have been running dangerously low. For example, according to a New York Times survey, 65% of food banks have reported seeing a 50 percent increase in the demand for food within the last two years. Another study by the USDA found that 13.5 % of Americans struggled to get enough food at some point in 2023, the highest in over a decade. Even in my local area in Santa Clara County, this issue has been increasing. One of the largest food banks in our area, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, used to serve around 250,000 people every month before COVID-19. But since then, they've seen their demand skyrocket to upwards of half a million people. A recent press release reinforces this idea. In the interview, one of the managers admitted that "We are dealing with the same issues our clients are — the high cost of everything is making it even more difficult to ensure that everyone has enough nutritious food to eat." A year ago, I volunteered at a food distribution event hosted by Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, and after seeing close to 1,000 people lined up to get food in just 3 hours, it was clear that food banks are finding it harder to sustain themselves with the growing demand. There just isn't enough supply in stock in order to provide for the ever-increasing number of people who live in food insecurity. A larger scale of this can be seen by the recent report of the Global Foodbanking Network, which saw a 300% increase in the number of meals distributed annually. This growing demand can only be sustained for a short amount of time before the demand will be too much to handle. That's why it is even more important to recover lost food that would be thrown away, because every single pound of fresh produce that's recovered can feed a person in need of a warm, nutritious meal.

a) Number of individuals total

2000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

1500

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Because our operations take place at in-person farmers' markets and involve safely transporting recovered produce, some volunteer roles require basic mobility and the ability to lift and move items. However, FoodLifts is committed to being an inclusive and welcoming organization. Individuals who may not be able to perform physical tasks due to a health condition or disability are encouraged to participate in alternative roles such as volunteer coordination, outreach, scheduling, data entry & communications. Creating a welcoming and inclusive community is one of our core principles, which is why we want anyone who cares about our mission to feel respected and valued at our organization.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

n/a

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Foodlifts plans to recruit volunteers in two main channels. The first channel would be through connections with volunteer organizations, and the second channel would mainly be social media/online presence. In many schools and churches across the Bay Area, there are youth-led volunteer clubs. The reason these clubs are appealing to Foodlifts is that if our organization establishes a partnership with them, we will get a consistent stream of volunteers to sign up every week, which is very important since farmers' markets operate every single week at a given time and location. By getting this steady stream of volunteers, our organization can avoid a shortage of volunteers to help for a given week, as we will know beforehand from each organization/club that we partner with how many volunteers they will provide on a given week. The second method we hope to implement to attract more volunteers is to increase our social media presence. Our organization is currently in the process of recruiting team members to help lead and manage our targeted marketing campaign. We aim to appeal more to young volunteers in the Bay Area, which means making videos and content using marketing strategies that resonate with youth. Foodlifts will also utilize other methods of marketing, such as connecting with volunteers through WhatsApp and Nextdoor, as these platforms tend to have better community engagement within our local neighborhoods.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full funding amount requested is not awarded, it would be a major setback for our organization, but it would mean we would have to improvise when it comes to our collection program. Instead of buying many of the crates and carts needed to collect at markets, we would have to reach a partnership with a community service or a grocery store to borrow their resources and then later return them after our collection is done. This approach is possible to implement, but it wouldn't be consistent and would be time consuming for our organization's members, especially as our organization scales to cover more markets and needs more resources. In terms of transport, we would have to search for volunteers with access to vehicles for transport that can move food into their cars and facilitate transport where the produce is needed in soup kitchens and food banks. While this approach may reduce costs in the short term, relying on volunteers to transport produce would not be sustainable in the long run, as consistently finding and retaining volunteers for transportation would be difficult and unreliable. The minimum amount of funding that our program would need for our organization to grow and develop would be 1500 dollars. This amount of money would just be enough to purchase enough supplies for our facilitation process and begin to implement wide-scale collection at multiple farmers' market locations.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No, Foodlifts hasn't received grants from the City of Cupertino in the past.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

N/A

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Currently, our organization has only applied to one other grant: the YSA Sodexo Stop Hunger Grant for \$ 1,000. The application was submitted on January 24, 2026, and funding is still pending.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS
[IRS Letter.pdf](#)

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- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

[HCB Contract Draft v6 2024.pdf](#)

FoodLifts (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

Eligibility	YES	NO	Notes:
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		Sponsored by The Hack Foundation
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Weekly produce recovery program which collects excess produce at farmers markets to food banks (West Valley Community Services and Martha's Soup Kitchen)
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.		X	Requested fund used to cover costs needed to run the food recovery program (collection/transport equipment, crates, carts, gloves and vests). Also requesting funds for van rentals, website/domain hosting fees, tracking tools, data integration marketing -- operational costs
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

Restrictions/Guidelines	YES	NO	Notes:
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget
90000

Total # of Board Members
3

Total # of Staff
16

Total # of Volunteers
24360

Organization has an endowment fund?
No

Mission Statement

At Mind4Youth, we are a dedicated team of passionate individuals striving to make an impact on teens and youth. As one of the largest youth-led international 501(c)(3) nonprofits, our mission is to raise awareness about teen mental health and ensure that resources are accessible to all young people who need them. We want to make mental health an open topic that youth prioritize and can talk about.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Through five impact programs, Mind4Youth provides free mental health resources and services. Below is an outline of each program currently offered: HeartCare: Distributed 4,600 mental health kits with self-care products and awareness merchandise through 32 libraries in 3 countries. Self-Care: Provided 13,860+ self-care products and Lush bath bombs to youth in homeless shelters and girls/young women in domestic violence shelters PageCare: Partnered with Scholastic Canada and RxArt to distribute 2,700 books to teen homeless shelters in Canada and the US ArtCare: Distributed 19,050+ handmade cards to youth through HeartCare Kits and the Self-Care program Volunteering Program: Created a 6-week online mental health educational curriculum that ended in the completion of a community project; educated 10,450+ youth in 5,104 schools; 668 community projects were completed.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name
HeartCare

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event
9 months

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 6600

4. Requested Amount

\$ 2500

Percent of total program/project/event budget

38

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

3

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2023

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Mind4Youth's HeartCare program delivers mental health resource kits to youth from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds. The requested grant funding will support the assembly of 2,000 HeartCare kits by covering essential materials, including self-care items, mental health awareness merchandise, and packaging supplies. If permitted by the distributing organization, the kits may also include a voucher for free therapy sessions through Mind4Youth's existing partnership with BetterHelp, an online counseling platform with licensed therapists. Additional self-care products included in the HeartCare kits will be provided at no cost through Mind4Youth's existing corporate sponsorship with Lush.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 2200

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 100

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Delivery/Transportation

\$ 200

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

This request aligns with Chapter 9 of Cupertino's General Plan Principles, which highlights the growing need for recreational programs that support the health and well-being of Cupertino residents. The HeartCare program will not only provide direct resources to youth in the city, but it will also unite residents through local volunteer events that foster a sense of community among people from diverse backgrounds. The requested funds will help us access space at the Cupertino Library to host volunteer events.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This grant will focus primarily on assisting youth from the Cupertino neighborhood. We plan to partner with elementary schools in the CUSD district and Cupertino high schools in the FUHSD district to distribute HeartCare kits to youth in programs, including ESL classes, special education programs, and services supporting underserved or at-risk students. A portion of the kits will also be distributed to youth homeless shelters in Santa Clara County, including the Sobrato House Youth Center and Julian Street Inn, to serve youth in immediate need of resources and support.

a) Number of individuals total

2000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

1500

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The program will be open to the entire community for participation as volunteers. Eligibility to receive HeartCare kits will include youth ages 5 to 24 who live in, attend school in, or receive services within Cupertino or Santa Clara County, with priority given to youth from underrepresented or low-income backgrounds and those participating in school or community-based support programs.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

There will be no charge to participate in the volunteer events or to receive HeartCare kits.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Mind4Youth will promote this program for awareness to the public through social media. With a following of over 36,000 across platforms such as Instagram (@mind4youthofficial) and TikTok, Mind4Youth will leverage its existing online presence to promote the program's impact in Cupertino. We will also present a short blurb about Mind4Youth's mission during volunteer assembly events and while delivering kits to recipients. Furthermore, we plan to gain news coverage at our volunteer events to allow more people in our local community and around the country to become aware of our nonprofit and its mission. At a previous volunteer event, we had NBC cover our program.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Mind4Youth will seek additional grants from local/national foundations or request sponsorships from local businesses if the full requested funding amount is not awarded. If partial funding is awarded, the minimum funding required for the project to proceed is \$200. This will cover the costs of general operation fees, including transportation and administrative supplies. Just at a smaller scale, a \$200 budget will still allow us to assemble about 100-120 HeartCare kits.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

We have not received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

The City of Cupertino has provided in-kind support to promote Mind4Youth's mission through the Cupertino Recognizes Extra Steps Taken recognition and the Rising Star Award. The city acknowledged Mind4Youth's work and mission, helping promote mental health awareness and youth-led advocacy efforts to Cupertino residents.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Mind4Youth has received approved grant funding for the HeartCare program in the past few years from organizations including Smart & Final, Costco, Karma for Cara, Riley's Way Foundation, and Youth Service America (YSA). We have another grant from YSA that is currently pending.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the

IRS

[IRS Letter \(1\).pdf](#)

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- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

[2026 HeartCare Program Photos.pdf](#)

Mind4Youth (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		Sponsored by The Hack Foundation
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		HeartCare program delivers mental health resource kits to youth from underrepresented and low-income backgrounds. Plans to partner with CUSD, FUHSD and youth homeless shelters in the County
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds used to assemble HeartCare kits - self care items, mental health awareness merchandise
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget %

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent? %

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7. established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Our seniors wish to go to various places/events to teach, participate or contest. We also plan to take them to visit places of interest. But to get a bus or a common vehicle we need some funds. Our seniors wish to learn technology for daily use. To get them the required training, we are requesting for funds.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 0

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Bus or conveyance charges

\$ 1200

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

No

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

All fund 100% funds will be utilized for the health, education and well being of seniors.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This fund will serve all seniors. It is open to all seniors.

a) Number of individuals total

b) Number of Cupertino residents

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

This project is targeted for seniors only

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

no, all programs at SunflowerMagic is FREE to seniors.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

I will promote via my social channel. I have more than 20k followers on my social handles. Once I am funded, I will open up the channel to receive requests for seniors. And will plan accordingly.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Any amount of help is appreciated. Rest of the fund we will plan a fundraiser and try to arrange the rest.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No, this is the first time we are requesting.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

No, this is the first time we are requesting.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

NA

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

[SunflowerMagic_IRS_letter.pdf](#)

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- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

SunflowerMagic (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Provide services to enhance health and well-being of Seniors
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds used towards transporting seniors to various events
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

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Sponsor Name

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Federal Tax ID

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

76K

Total # of Board Members

9

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

34

Organization has an endowment fund?

Yes

Mission Statement

We serve our community by giving our time, services and funds to the physically and mentally impaired, to those in financial need, to youth organizations, and to health screening and awareness. We provide our efforts in our hands-on projects and provide financial support in other charitable projects we select. Like-wise we apply our efforts in other Lions and non-Lions hands-on projects. We carefully consider the needs of many communities. The vision impaired communities (local and the broader international communities) always have out support.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

We serve our community by delivering essential health and well-being services through six core pillars of action: Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Youth, Environment, Mental Health and Well-being, and Disaster Relief. Our work includes both fundraising and direct community service initiatives. Each year, we host health and vision screening events at local health fairs to help community members access preventive care resources. A highlight of our annual service is the Cupertino Host Fish-A-Thon, a cherished tradition since 1964. During this event, we stock a local pond with rainbow trout and invite individuals with physical and developmental disabilities to enjoy a supported fishing experience. Each participant may take home up to three fish to share with their families. This event is a true community collaboration. Local Boy Scouts participate to earn their fishing and fish-cleaning merit badges, while a local fishing organization assists participants with casting and reeling in their catch. High school Leo volunteers help with food preparation and event registration. Our club members work together in an all-hands-on-deck effort to make this meaningful and inclusive day possible for the Cupertino community each year.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Fish a thon

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

April 25th

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 7800

4. Requested Amount

\$ 5000

Percent of total program/project/event budget

66

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

15

%

6. Type of Request

Event,One-time project

7.

established in

Existing program/event

1951

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support the annual Cupertino Host Lions Fish-A-Thon, a fully inclusive community event designed to provide a joyful, supported outdoor recreation experience for individuals with special needs. Participants — "Kids of All Ages with Special Needs," ranging from young children to adults in their 90s — are given the opportunity to fish in a safe, welcoming, and highly assisted environment. During the event, 107 participants gathered at Stevens Creek Quarry to fish for rainbow trout, with each individual allowed to catch up to three fish. Volunteers and fishing mentors provide one-on-one assistance with casting, reeling, and handling equipment to ensure every participant can engage at their own comfort level. Fish are cleaned on-site for those who wish to take them home, and many participants look forward to sharing a trout dinner with their families. Photos are also offered to commemorate the day. Approximately 150 volunteers make this event possible, including members of multiple Lions Clubs, local high school and college Leo volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 290, and the San Jose Flycasters. Volunteers support fishing assistance, fish cleaning, registration, food service, and participant hospitality. Their involvement ensures that families and caregivers can relax and enjoy the experience alongside participants. All attendees — approximately 500 participants, family members, caregivers, and volunteers — are provided with a community BBQ lunch. Additional engagement activities, such as opportunities to explore a fire truck and ambulance with on-duty professionals, add to the inclusive and festive atmosphere. Funding will help cover essential event costs including fish stocking, accessible event setup, food service,

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 7800

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

permits and transportation costs for fish

\$ 400

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Since 1964, this annual event has provided a free, inclusive recreational opportunity for community members with physical and developmental challenges. The Cupertino Host Lions Fish-A-Thon reflects the spirit of volunteerism and community connection, bringing together service organizations, schools, families, and local partners to support residents who benefit from accessible outdoor experiences. This program closely aligns with Cupertino's vision of being a balanced community with welcoming neighborhoods, outstanding parks, accessible open spaces, and a vibrant civic life. By hosting the event in a natural setting and making outdoor recreation accessible to individuals of all abilities, the Fish-A-Thon promotes equitable access to Cupertino's environmental and recreational resources. It supports physical activity, social inclusion, and mental well-being for participants and their families. Requested funds will help ensure the event remains free and accessible, covering costs such as fish stocking, adaptive and safety equipment, site setup, food service, and event supplies. These services create a safe, supportive, and celebratory environment where participants can enjoy fishing, share a community meal, and build lasting memories. In addition, the event strengthens Cupertino's culture of civic engagement by mobilizing hundreds of volunteers from local schools, service clubs, and community organizations. This collaboration reinforces the City's commitment to community participation, inclusion, and stewardship of shared spaces.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This event takes place in Cupertino at the Steven Creek Quarry, it is a closed event by invitation. The invitees are a mix of both physically challenged and mentally challenged youth and adults.

a) Number of individuals total

100

b) Number of Cupertino residents

10

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The event is open to individuals with either mental or physical challenges with special emphasis on those who are institutionalized

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No charges or fees or fundraising will take place at this event.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Our club maintains a list for individuals that are either directly referred or through institutional invitations.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

We typically fundraise through our annual Public Chicken and Corn feed at Blackberry Farms to fund this event. Post Covid has made this event challenging and we are still trying to figure how to promote this delicious event. If partial funding is awarded it will go to the purchase of fish and food and drink to be for distributed during the event.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

None

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

This event is paid for entirely by the Cupertino Host Lions Club and is our Premiere community service event

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[Formal Affirmation letter to bet upon funding
determination.docx](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

Cupertino Host Lions Club (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Annual Cupertino Host Lions Fish-A-Thon provides an outdoor recreation experience for individuals with special needs
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funding will help cover essential event costs including fish stocking, accessible event setup, food service
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	N/A		
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2002

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

The Institute for the Study of Western Civilization seeks to advance our collective understanding of how we in the 21st century West came to be who we are by studying the history, art, culture, challenges, and achievements of Western civilization.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

We offer public courses in the humanities (history, literature, philosophy, art, English, languages, poetry, music, and related courses). In addition, a very important part of our mission has been to provide teachers with the opportunity to study Western history in a systematic way by granting scholarships to middle school, secondary, and college-level instructors who are currently teaching humanities in area schools. Our scholarship program provides free tuition and C.E. units to the participants. The Institute offers the only university-level, continuing education courses in the humanities in the South Bay, and it is a vital part of our mission to offer our courses to instructors who are teaching the next generation.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 5,000

30

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

1

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2018

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

We have admitted over 160 teachers since the inception of our scholarship program in 2018, and we currently have 44 teachers enrolled. Teachers are required by their districts to accrue C.E. units, often every year, during their service. We have a relationship with the University of the Pacific, by which UoP grants C.E. units to our teachers for classes taken at the Institute. The UoP fees that the Institute pays on behalf of the teachers as part of their scholarship benefit amount to about \$17K per year. Our request is for assistance with this program expense.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 0

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

UoP fees

\$ 17K

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Cupertino and the entire Santa Clara Valley benefits from this program to improve the education of our teachers and ultimately the youth of our community. Greg Russo of Homestead High School well expresses the assessment of teachers in our program: "The Institute's lectures have been a gift—part graduate seminar, part salon environment. Dr. Fredlund brings history into focus with a richness that goes far beyond dates and names, revealing the ideas and personalities that have shaped our world. Every session leaves me with new ways to frame lessons, new anecdotes to share, and a renewed sense of why the study of history matters."

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

Our classes are offered live in our Cupertino classroom, with simultaneous high-quality live video transmission to remote attendees. Thus we primarily serve residents of Cupertino and the wider Santa Clara Valley, but potentially anyone in the nation or world via our live video transmissions.

a) Number of individuals total

300

b) Number of Cupertino residents

25

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Our classes and lectures are available by enrollment to the entire community and there are no eligibility requirements for members of the public. The Institute Scholarship Program is open to college, high school, and middle-school teachers who are currently teaching humanities and related subjects in area schools, and there are no other eligibility requirements for the teachers. The Institute admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

n/a

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Our scholarship program is advertised via our website, by direct contact to area colleges, high schools, and middle schools, and by word of mouth from our many committed scholarship teachers, past and present.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Any amount will help with fees for the UoP C.E. units for our scholarship teachers, which is a very large yearly cash outlay for the Institute. Our general overhead costs (for facility rent and maintenance, staff expenses, insurance, live video streaming equipment and software, and many other budget items) have risen greatly over the past several years. We are committed to supporting the teachers' UoP C.E. units for this year, so we will find some way to do so, but thereafter we may need to shift that expense to the teachers themselves, greatly lessening the benefit of the scholarship program for them.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

n/a

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Our scholarship program has been partially supported in the past by The Valley Foundation, to which we apply every year. This year's Valley Foundation grant was significantly reduced from past levels. We have a pending grant application to the Saratoga Rotary, also for support for our scholarship program.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[ISWC IRS non-profit verification.pdf](#)

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Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

[ISWC Brochure '25 Fall.pdf](#)

Institute for the Study of Western Civilization (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Program improves education of program teachers who currently teach humanities courses in middle school, secondary, and college-level. Courses are offered in their Cupertino education center.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used for UOP continuing education units for scholarship program teachers
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		Scholarship program provides free tuition and continuing education units to the participants



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

No

Year Established

66

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

510186536

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

\$26.630

Total # of Board Members

5

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

15

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

The American Legion's mission is to "enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness," focusing on four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth, all while strengthening the nation through selfless service and advocating for those who served.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Our Organization which is a 501(c)(19) Non-profit Veteran Organization; supports various local Veteran and Community related organizations and population financially and volunteering:

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Wreaths Across America

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

19 December 2026

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 38,400

4. Requested Amount

Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 20,000

52

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

36

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support,Event

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2016

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The funding would support the Posts Wreath Across America (WAA) Event that is held annually on the 3rd Saturday of December, . Our Post working closely with the Gate of Heaven Cemetery has sponsored this event for the past 10 years. With over 2.200 Veterans interred, the funding will enable us to purchase and lay wreaths on all the Veterans grave markers. We receive \$5 per wreath purchased (that the WAA returns to our Post) will allow the Post to fund various Veteran related programs in our community. (Listed below) • The Fisher House (2 each) and The Defenders Lodge facility at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Facility in Palo Alto, CA. Both facilities are used by Veterans and their families when receiving short- and long-term care at the facility. • 2-3 Post run BBQs for the VA Mental Health/Psychological Ward shut in patients (40-50 meals served at each event). These BBQ's help the Veterans get a chance to meet and spend time with other Veterans and volunteers from outside their facility and enjoy a meal that is not from the cafeteria. • Boys/Girls State Program: Sponsoring high school juniors from the Fremont Unified High School District (Monta Vista, Cupertino, Lynbrook, Homestead, and Fremont High Schools). This program empowers young Californians with the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to actively engage in civic responsibility, foster inclusive communities, and drive positive change in our society. • Funding for the De Anza College Veterans Student Center food locker/pantry which supplies the students with preparable meals, snacks, and other supplies while they are at the center receiving services, studying, and networking with other Veterans at De Anza. • Veterans Home of California-Yountville, in support of indigent and low-income Veterans basic items to include toiletries and other comfort items. • Traveling Vietnam Wall, the 80% replica will be exhibited at the Cupertino Memorial Park from 10-14 November 2026 as part of the Veterans Day Ceremony. Almost all the funding has been procured; however additional funding is required to cover the meals and other supplies for the volunteers guarding the site. • Paws for Purple Hearts Organization (SF Bay Area) that improves the lives of America's Warriors facing mobility challenges and trauma-related conditions such as PTSD and TBI by providing the highest quality assistance dogs and canine-assisted therapeutic programs.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 20000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 00

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 00

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

The American Legion and our Post 642 embody the Legion motto of "Veterans Strengthening America," as we serve our community, mentor youth, and honor military service, building on its historical foundation of patriotism and good citizenship.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This event is city wide and is open for all to attend. This event directly involves the Cupertino community, such as Scouts, Monta Vista High School Choir, other volunteers, and business organizations who provide support at the ceremony and donate goods, services, and funds. Additionally Cupertino would be positively impacted by this grant by several projects our Post sponsors or supports. o A considerable number of student Veterans at De Anza college reside in Cupertino and majority upon graduating from De Anza will remain in the area to work or attend San Jose State University and subsequently work and live here. o For the upcoming 2026 Boys/Girls State Program, we are planning to sponsor at least 3 high school juniors from the FUHSD to attend the Boys/Girls State Session in Sacramento in June. These students upon return will be able to share their experiences and continue to lead school and community related projects and programs to improve the Cupertino Community.

a) Number of individuals total

275

b) Number of Cupertino residents

100

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

This event is public and open to the entire Cupertino and surrounding communities

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

This event is open to the public at no cost

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Flyers, Social Media such as WWW, Facebook, Youtube, X and Instagram

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Regardless of the funding received by the City of Cupertino, the event will be held. Impact would be not all graves will have wreaths placed on the grave sites, and less funds for the Post to spend on the various programs we support.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

We have never received funding from the City of Cupertino

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

None

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We applied to the Cupertino Rotary 2026 Community Grant which they financially support via a Golf Tournament. We were not chosen as the beneficiary of the grant.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[American Legion Post 642 IRS 990-N.pdf](#)

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- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

American Legion (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)			
<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Through interactive workshops (eight under plan), one community event (i.e. a Resource Fair), and digital resources, this program will equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to support mental well-being.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to purchase wreaths on all the Veterans grave markers at Gate of Heaven Cemetery for the Wreath Across America (WAA) Event. Funds will also be used for a number of other events
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2020

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

88-2869965

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

\$350,000

Total # of Board Members

5

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

100

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

To decrease the number of unfixed cats in the community with trap-neuter-return (TNR), and to find homes for socialized cats and kittens.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Bay Area Cats (BAC) provides resources and enables the community to do trap-neuter-return (TNR). We spend time training, educating, rescuing kittens, and assisting with TNR efforts. We help connect people to spay/neuter resources and support those with financial need. BAC also host an adoption event every Saturday for adoptable cats and kittens.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Prevention Program to Reduce the Number of Unfixed Cats in Cupertino

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

One year

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 19,050

4. Requested Amount

\$ 19,050

Percent of total program/project/event budget

25

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

5

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7. established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Bay Area Cats (BAC) will use the requested funds to support a one-year, prevention-focused program serving Cupertino residents and cats. The purpose of the program is to reduce uncontrolled cat populations, improve public health and neighborhood conditions, and decrease reliance on overburdened regional shelters through proactive spay and neuter services and community education. Program goals for the one-year funding period include: – Spay/neuter for at least 50 stray and feral cats from Cupertino for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) or adoption – Providing 50 owned cats from Cupertino with spay or neuter surgery, core vaccinations, and microchipping – Reducing calls to Animal Control from Cupertino residents related to stray and feral cats by 25% – Training at least 10 Cupertino residents in safe and humane cat trapping techniques Services provided include hands-on assistance with trapping, transportation to and from clinics, overnight holding and post-surgery recovery for feral cats, and lending humane traps to residents. Bay Area Cats covers all costs for feral cat appointments and frequently assists with large-scale situations that exceed the capacity of Animal Control. For owned cats, BAC provides financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries at local clinics and mobile spay/neuter clinics, prioritizing low-income families. All cats served through the program receive core vaccinations and microchipping. Requested funds will be used for the following direct service costs: – 30 humane cat traps at \$85 each – 50 TNR appointments at \$125 each – 50 owned-pet spay/neuter appointments at \$165 each – 100 microchips, including implant costs (\$5 per chip plus \$10 per insertion) – 50 FVRCP vaccinations at \$10 each All funds will be used for direct program services that benefit Cupertino residents and their neighborhoods. We anticipate the total cost to BAC for Cupertino projects to be around \$50,000 to 70,000 in 2026.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 4550

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Spay/neuter surgeries, pet appointments

\$ 14,500

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Many regional animal shelters, including the San Jose Animal Care Center (SJACC), which serves Cupertino, are currently at or over capacity and are unable to intake healthy stray cats and kittens. As a result, access to timely spay and neuter services, particularly for community cats, has become increasingly limited. This creates ongoing public health, nuisance, and animal welfare challenges within neighborhoods. In addition to population control, BAC's program provides vaccinations and microchipping, supporting disease prevention and responsible pet ownership consistent with Cupertino's public health and safety goals. Bay Area Cats' prevention-focused approach directly aligns with Cupertino's General Plan goals related to public health, community safety, and neighborhood well-being, particularly those that emphasize proactive, cost-effective strategies and partnerships with community service providers. By reducing uncontrolled breeding through Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and increasing access to spay and neuter for owned pets, this program addresses issues before they escalate into complaints, sanitation concerns, or shelter intake pressures. The effectiveness of this model is demonstrated by Bay Area Cats' work in Sunnyvale, where sustained investment in high-volume spay and neuter has led to measurable outcomes. As a result of this prevention-first approach, Sunnyvale Animal Control now receives significantly fewer calls related to stray cats and kittens, allowing city resources to be focused elsewhere. Sunnyvale has effectively transitioned from crisis response to maintenance mode, illustrating how targeted funding for prevention improves quality of life while reducing long-term municipal costs. In Cupertino, Bay Area Cats has already rescued or TNR'd 56 stray and feral cats in 2025, and 13 additional cats in the first three weeks of 2026. If this trend continues, over 200 Cupertino cats are expected to be assisted this year. The requested funding would support half of this need and allow BAC to proactively manage this growing need rather than relying on reactive measures. Grant funds will be used to provide: – TNR services for stray and feral cats that cannot be accommodated by SJACC – Spay and neuter, vaccinations, and microchipping for owned cats belonging to Cupertino residents with financial need – Training and equipment for residents to safely and humanely address community cat situations Bay Area Cats' main location is at Sunnyvale Petco, located a short drive from Cupertino. This local access point improves efficiency for residents, reduces transportation barriers, and helps relieve pressure on SJACC while maintaining high standards of care. By investing in proven prevention strategies, Cupertino can replicate the success seen in Sunnyvale, resulting in cleaner neighborhoods, fewer nuisance complaints, improved public health outcomes, and reduced reliance on overburdened regional shelters.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

Anyone in Cupertino who needs assistance with a feral cat colony, stray cat, or a pet cat

a) Number of individuals total

b) Number of Cupertino residents

75

75

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The entire community

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Social media; Facebook, Instagram, NextDoor. Another possibility would be to post a link to bayareacats.org on cupertino.gov. Hand out flyers at community events to make residents aware of BAC and its mission. Our existing flyer is at bayareacats.org/flyer

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Bay Area Cats will continue to assist Cupertino cats to the extent that private donations, foundation grants, and in-kind support allow. BAC regularly supplements program costs through individual donations, community fundraisers, and support from partners such as Petco Love and other local service organizations. If partial funding is awarded, BAC will prioritize direct services with the highest immediate impact, including TNR surgeries and spay/neuter services for owned pets. The scope of the program would be adjusted by reducing the total number of cats served, delaying equipment purchases, or concentrating services within a smaller geographic area until additional funds are secured. The effectiveness of BAC's prevention model depends on reaching approximately 80–90% sterilization of cats within targeted areas. This level of coverage is necessary to achieve sustained reductions in nuisance behaviors, disease transmission, and shelter intake. If funding is insufficient to reach this threshold citywide, BAC will focus resources on fewer neighborhoods where complete, effective coverage can be achieved rather than spreading services too thinly. The minimum funding amount required for the program to proceed in a meaningful and effective way is \$10,000, which would allow BAC to fully implement prevention services in a defined portion of Cupertino while continuing to seek supplemental funding to expand coverage.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

No

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Mission Meow funding granted Petco Love funding granted San Jose Rotary Club funding granted United Spay Alliance High Quality, High Volume Spay/Neuter training funding granted United Spay Alliance Summerlee Sustainable Solutions funding granted

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

[2022-09-19 IRS Nonprofit Acceptance.pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

Bay Area Cats (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Provide resources and enables the community to do trap-neuter-return to decrease the number of unfixed cats in the community and to find homes for socialized cats/kittens
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds used to purchase traps for stray and feral cats in Cupertino for TNR or adoption. Funds also will be used for TNR appointments, microchips, vaccinations
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1985

Sponsor Name

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Sponsor Address

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94087

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Federal Tax ID

94-2907804

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

500000

Total # of Board Members

16

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

16

Organization has an endowment fund?

Yes

Mission Statement

The Fremont Union High Schools Foundation (FUHS Foundation), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the only independent, all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to supporting over 9000 students in the Fremont Union High School District. For over 40 years, our mission has been to expand opportunities for academic excellence and nurture a passion for lifelong learning beyond the basics provided by government funding. Our innovative programs focus on students from Cupertino and the surrounding communities.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

For over 40 years, the FUHS Foundation has invested over \$5 million to fund STEM education, arts, journalism, mental health resources, and college readiness in our public high school system. Ninety-two cents of every dollar we raise goes directly to students, teachers, and schools. By supporting many enrichment programs, we provide educators with resources to pilot innovative classroom projects that inspire curiosity, creativity, and civic responsibility. Some of our recent projects include supporting Science Olympiad team and Chinese Calligraphy Class in Monta Vista High School. District-wide, we funded the golf carts for the sports team in Monta Vista High, Lynbrook High and Cupertino High. We also funded Music programs in all 5 high schools to hire outside coaches for individual instruments.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Environmental Education Classroom for the Fremont Union High Schools District

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 15000

4. Requested Amount

\$ 15000

Percent of total program/project/event budget

100

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

3

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The purpose of the requested funds is to support the launch of a small-scale Environmental Education Classroom Mini-Grant program for Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) teachers that advances student learning, environmental stewardship, and youth engagement aligned with the City of Cupertino's sustainability goals. Awarded funds will be used to provide mini-grants of \$1000 per teacher to 15 FUHSD teachers across multiple subject areas and across five high schools. These funds will enable teachers to integrate environmental and sustainability topics into classroom instruction through the purchase of materials, equipment, or curriculum tools that would otherwise be unavailable due to limited school-site budgets. These teachers will be selected through an application process and are interested in developing and teaching students environmentally-themed lessons. Teachers will develop these lessons during summer or out of school hours before SY 2026-27 and implement them during the SY 2026-27. Services provided through this program include: (1) Supporting teachers in designing and implementing environmentally focused classroom projects connected to real-world and local environmental issues (2) Providing students with hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences related to sustainability, climate science, environmental justice, and resource conservation (3) Encouraging interdisciplinary approaches that connect environmental learning to science, humanities, mathematics, and the arts (4) Facilitating student engagement with data collection, analysis, problem-solving, and civic awareness around environmental challenges As a result of these services, students will gain increased understanding of environmental issues affecting their community, develop critical thinking and decision-making skills, and see clear connections between classroom learning and the City of Cupertino's broader environmental and climate initiatives. Teachers will share brief reflections and examples of student work, allowing the City and district to highlight successful practices and consider opportunities for scaling effective approaches across schools.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 7500

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 7500

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

This request aligns closely with Cupertino's General Plan Principles by supporting environmental sustainability, community well-being, and youth engagement through education. By investing in classroom-based environmental education, the City is helping prepare students to be informed, responsible residents who understand the environmental challenges facing their community and are equipped to contribute to local solutions. The purpose of the requested funds is to support a districtwide Environmental Education Classroom Mini-Grant program for Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) teachers. Awarded funds will provide mini-grants of \$1000 per teacher to 15 teachers across multiple subject areas from our five high schools. These funds will enable teachers to implement or enhance classroom projects focused on sustainability, climate science, environmental justice, and resource conservation. Services provided through this program include supporting teachers in integrating environmental and sustainability topics into their curriculum; offering students hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences connected to real-world and local environmental issues; and encouraging interdisciplinary approaches that reflect the interconnected nature of environmental, social, and economic systems emphasized in the City's General Plan. Student projects may include data collection and analysis, environmental audits, creative awareness campaigns, or investigations of local environmental conditions. Through these services, the program promotes stewardship of natural resources, strengthens connections between schools and the broader community, and advances Cupertino's long-term goals for a sustainable, informed, and engaged population. The program also emphasizes equitable access to environmental learning opportunities across schools, supporting the General Plan's commitment to inclusivity and shared community benefit.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This program will serve Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) high school students and teachers across the City of Cupertino. While the mini-grants are awarded to teachers, the primary beneficiaries are students who will participate in environmentally focused classroom projects integrated into their coursework. The program is citywide in scope, with participating teachers and students representing multiple FUHSD high schools serving Cupertino residents. The program is not limited to a specific neighborhood. Instead, it is designed to provide equitable access to environmental education opportunities across schools and subject areas, reaching students from diverse backgrounds and academic pathways.

a) Number of individuals total

9000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

4500

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The program will be available to over 9000 students in the entire Fremont Union High Schools District. About half of the population is from the Cupertino community.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

There will be no charge nor any fee for the program. They are provided as classroom projects to public high schools.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Awareness of the Environmental Education Classroom Mini-Grant program and its outcomes will be promoted through a combination of district, school, and community communication channels. While the program itself is classroom-based, sharing its impact will help raise public awareness of student environmental learning and the City of Cupertino's support for youth sustainability initiatives. Promotion strategies will include: (1) Sharing program highlights, photos, and brief summaries of student projects through school newsletters, principal communications, and district channels (2) Collaborating with school sites to showcase student work related to environmental education during school events, presentations, or displays (3) Providing summary updates that can be shared with the City of Cupertino for inclusion in city newsletters, social media, or sustainability-related communications (4) Encouraging teachers to highlight student projects connected to local environmental issues through classroom websites or school social media platforms, as appropriate (5) Exploring opportunities for student work to be shared publicly through posters, digital presentations, or environmental awareness campaigns connected to school or community events These outreach efforts will help increase community awareness of environmental education initiatives occurring in Cupertino schools, highlight student engagement with local sustainability issues, and recognize the City's role in supporting youth-led environmental learning.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full requested funding amount is not awarded, the Environmental Education Classroom Mini-Grant program will still be implemented at a reduced scale. In the event of partial funding, the number of participating teachers and/or the per-teacher award amount would be adjusted accordingly to ensure the program remains feasible and impactful. For example, with reduced funding, the program could support fewer teachers while maintaining meaningful per-teacher grant amounts, or provide smaller grants to a similar number of teachers, prioritizing projects with the greatest potential impact and alignment with sustainability goals The minimum funding amount required for the program to take place is \$5000, which would allow for mini-grants of approximately \$1000 to each of five high schools. This level of funding would still support diverse classroom-based environmental education projects across multiple schools and subject areas. Additional support may also be leveraged through existing district resources, teacher contributions of time and expertise, and the use of existing classroom materials. Administrative coordination and program oversight will be provided as part of existing district responsibilities, ensuring that all awarded funds are directed toward direct student learning and classroom implementation. This flexible approach ensures that City funds are used efficiently while still delivering meaningful educational and community benefits, even if full funding is not available.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

No, our organization has not previously received grant funding from the City of Cupertino. This application represents our first request for City support for this program.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

No, our organization has not received financial support from the City of Cupertino.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

There is no funding request of this project to other organizations.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[IRS Determination Letter 2025.pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

Fremont Union High Schools Foundation (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

Eligibility	YES	NO	Notes:
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Program will serve FUHSD students and teachers and advances student learning, environmental stewardship, and youth engagement
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to provide mini grants to FUHSD teachers to support the launch of an Environmental Education Classroom. The teachers will purchase materials, equipment, curriculum tools for their environmentally-themed classes
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

Restrictions/Guidelines	YES	NO	Notes:
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2025

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

Through our Creative Communication & Business Development Division, we have developed events, athlete entertainment , and marketing systems that positioned Smart Pay as a professional benchmark for emerging athletes and talent . The club produced multiple events and activities , managed technical operations for events, and built frameworks for technology , licensing, and compliance.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Los Angeles Sports Division League is a creative and athletic organization that blends sports, entertainment, and cultural education to build unity, empowerment, and opportunity across generations. We believe that sports are a form of art in motion — an expression of rhythm, discipline, and performance that inspires communities.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget %

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

6. Type of Request

7. established in

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested \$20,000 will support the planning, coordination, and delivery of Smart Pay Sports Club's dual-event community and fundraising program, consisting of the Sunset Soirée on the Bay and the Miami Kings All-Star Week, produced in partnership with USA Basketball. These funds will be used to underwrite program staffing, athlete services coordination, workforce development roles, and community engagement infrastructure necessary to deliver high-quality, accessible events that combine fundraising, youth impact, and economic participation. Specifically, the funding will support key personnel including the Event Manager, Event Coordinator, Director of Athlete Services, and sponsorship execution staff responsible for ensuring professional operations, athlete readiness, and fulfillment of community and partner commitments

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

b) Materials/Equipment

c) Entertainment

d) Room/Venue Rental

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

f) Other

Cost

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funding aligns with Cupertino's General Plan Principles by supporting community engagement, economic vitality, workforce development, and inclusive access to cultural and recreational programming. Smart Pay Sports Club's programming advances the City's goals of fostering a vibrant, connected community by using sports, events, and youth-focused activities as platforms for positive social interaction and economic participation. The project emphasizes inclusive programming, providing accessible opportunities for youth, families, and community members to engage in high-quality sports and cultural experiences that promote health, teamwork, and civic pride.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This grant will serve youth, families, emerging athletes, local creatives, and small businesses, with a focus on community members who benefit from access to high-quality sports, cultural, and workforce development programming. This event will be open to the public.

a) Number of individuals total

20000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

25

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Yes

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

Yes event tickets will start at \$25

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will host public relations marketing to the public via local and digital marketing.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

Smart Pay Sports Club has developed a diversified funding strategy to ensure that the program can proceed even if the full requested funding amount is not awarded. The organization will supplement any funding gap through a combination of earned revenue, sponsorships, licensing activations through NEAT Deals™, ticket sales, private contributions, and in-kind support from partners and vendors.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

NA

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

NA

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We have several grants pending Pebbles beach \$50,000 <https://www.pebblebeach.com/pbc-foundation/apply-for-a-grant/> Goodwin Family Memorial Trust \$200,000 <https://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/goodwin-family-memorial-trust/> Sacramento Grant Stockton blvd \$ 2500 grants.cityofsacramento.gov City of Sacramento festival event \$200,000 Gilroyfoudation \$5000 <https://gilroyfoundation.org/grants-scholarships/grants-for-nonprofits/> Grant \$ \$50,000 <https://bothinfoundation.org/apply/> Spencer Foundation Grant \$500,000 https://spencer.smartsimple.us/s_Login.jsp

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[Tax Exempt Document .pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

Los Angeles National Division League (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

Eligibility	YES	NO	Notes:
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.		X	Request does not identify a clear benefit to the City of Cupertino
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to support Smart Pay Sports Club's community and fundraising program - Sunset Soirée on the Bay and the Miami Kings All-Star Week
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

Restrictions/Guidelines	YES	NO	Notes:
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"		X	Charging \$25 for event tickets



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2020

Sponsor Name

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

17540579

Total # of Board Members

9

Total # of Staff

89

Total # of Volunteers

40

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

Tessellations provides challenging experiential education that recognizes and nurtures the individual strengths of gifted learners, empowering them to express who they are and pursue a meaningful life confidently.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

We are Tessellations. A Pre-K to 8th Grade independent, progressive school tailored for gifted students. We are one of the three Bay Area Schools that support gifted learners, founded in 2020 by a group of like-minded families and educators dedicated to serving the needs of the whole young person. "Gifted learners experience asynchronous development—meaning their growth unfolds unevenly, shaping the complex ways they engage with the world. This richness contributes to the depth of their experiences and the thoughtful questions they ask about themselves and the world around them. Understanding and embracing this complexity is central to how we teach and support each student." -Anne Beneventi, Giftedness Specialist and Founding Visionary Anne Beneventi, a nationally recognized gifted specialist and visionary educator, infuses Tessellations with her wisdom and deep understanding of the gifted population. Our talented, dedicated staff specialize in and have deep experience in educating gifted children. Our staff adapts and develops Tessellations' academically rigorous curricula specifically for our gifted learners. Our outstanding teachers do a tremendous job of keeping their classes engaging, strongly facilitated by our intentionally low student-teacher ratio.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Outdoor Theater

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

Spring 2026

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 30,000

4. Requested Amount

\$ 20,000

Percent of total program/project/event budget

66

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

34

%

6. Type of Request

One-time project

7.

established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Tessellations serves 248 gifted learners who experience the world with depth, curiosity, and extraordinary imagination. The arts are not an add-on for our students; they are a vital way for them to process ideas, explore emotions, and express thinking that doesn't always fit neatly into traditional academic frameworks. Through music, visual art, drama, and movement, our students discover identity, take creative risks, and build empathy in ways that feel authentic and deeply human. The arts also connect our broader community. Right now, our facilities don't allow us to gather comfortably in one welcoming place. An outdoor performance stage would change that. It would create a shared space to come together, celebrate, reflect, and honor student voice and creativity, supporting belonging, accessibility, and joy while strengthening the sense of community that defines Tessellations. An outdoor stage would become a shared space used again and again throughout the year, extending its impact far beyond a single program or moment. Thank you so much for your consideration.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 20,000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Shed storage

\$ 10000

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

This project supports Cupertino's vision of a safe, connected, and vibrant community that values education, creativity, wellness, and inclusive gathering spaces. By creating an outdoor performance stage, Tessellations advances the City's focus on: Healthy and engaged communities – providing opportunities for students, families, and neighbors to gather, participate in the arts, and build social connections. Lifelong learning and enrichment – expanding access to creative learning experiences that help children develop confidence, communication skills, and empathy. Environmental stewardship and sustainability – using an outdoor structure that minimizes the need for energy-intensive indoor construction while encouraging outdoor learning and programming. Equity and inclusion – creating an accessible, welcoming space that allows all members of our internal and external community to attend events, performances, and celebrations together. This project strengthens Cupertino's sense of belonging and identity as a community that invests in children, creativity, and shared public experiences. Requested funds will support the purchase of an outdoor performance stage on the Tessellations campus. Specifically, funds will help cover: A safe, durable outdoor platform. The stage will be intentionally simple, flexible, and designed for daily use and not just for special events. Services and Programs Provided The outdoor performance space will allow Tessellations to expand and enhance programs that directly benefit students and the broader community, including: Student arts instruction and showcases (music, theater, movement, visual arts presentations) School-wide gatherings and celebrations that build belonging and community pride Multicultural and cultural-heritage events that honor the diversity of Cupertino families Parent education talks, community meetings, and collaborative projects Opportunities for partnerships with local artists, nonprofits, and neighboring schools Because the space will be outdoors, it will be used frequently, across seasons, and for multiple subjects, supporting creativity, wellness, and community connection. Ultimately, this project creates a welcoming gathering place that reflects Cupertino's values: education, inclusion, creativity, and strong community ties.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

Our entire school community of more than 1,000 people: 248 students were directly engaged through arts learning, performances, and daily use of the space Faculty and staff who teach, mentor, and host community programming Families and caregivers who attend performances, celebrations, and gatherings Extended Cupertino community members invited to showcases, cultural programs, and school events

a) Number of individuals total

1000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

3000

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

These will be available to the entire Cupertino community

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

no

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

In addition to our immediate school community, the school sends a monthly newsletter to our neighbors, inviting them to school events and festivities.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the requested funding is not awarded, this vital project will have to be postponed until next fiscal year, or we will seek other funding sources. If partial funding is awarded, we will modify our budget to complete this project that is so important to our students. If possible, the minimum funding that we will require is \$10,000.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

no

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

no

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

n/a

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[Tessellations IRS Federal exemption letter \(1\).pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

Tessellations School (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Tessellations is an independent pre-K to 8th grade school in Cupertino for gifted students. The outdoor theater will create a shared space for students to discover music, visual art, drama and movement
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to build an outdoor performance stage.
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2020

Sponsor Name

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Federal Tax ID
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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget
18,339

Total # of Board Members
6

Total # of Staff
6

Total # of Volunteers
6

Organization has an endowment fund?
No

Mission Statement

The purposes of the corporation are to exclusively foster national or international amateur sports competition and primarily to conduct national or international competition in the sport of Modern Pentathlon and to support and develop amateur athletes for national or international competition in the sport of Modern Pentathlon.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Wolfpack Pentathlon Club is a Santa Clara-based 501(c)(3) public charity that provides affordable K-12 youth training and competition opportunities in the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon. We offer seasonal, coach-led instruction in key disciplines including swimming, laser-run, and expand access to fencing and obstacle course racing through Bay Area training partners. Wolfpack also hosts sanctioned youth events and regional competitions in the South Bay and Peninsula, creating an inclusive pathway from introductory participation to higher-level competition for athletes of diverse backgrounds, including those with financial need.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Cupertino High School Facility Rental for Spring, Summer, and Fall Training

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3/1/2026-11/1/2026

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 15000

4. Requested Amount

Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 10000

90

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

55

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2025

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The purpose of the requested funds is to expand access to Wolfpack Pentathlon Club's multi-season (Spring, Summer, and Fall) Modern Pentathlon training program at Cupertino High School for K-12 youth, with priority for athletes facing financial barriers. Awarded funds will be used for direct program costs (e.g., facility/field use fees, coaching support, required training equipment, and participant subsidies) so that youth can participate at low or no cost. Services provided will include structured, coach-led training sessions that develop fitness, skill, and confidence across the olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon disciplines—primarily running, swimming skill development (as applicable through partnered pool access), and laser run fundamentals—with additional opportunities to access fencing and obstacle-course training through established Bay Area partners. The program will also provide athlete education on safe training practices, goal-setting, and competition readiness, and will create an inclusive pathway from introductory participation to local and sanctioned competition opportunities.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 2000

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 1000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 7000

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Wolfpack Pentathlon Club's proposed multi-season (spring, summer, fall) K-12 training program at Cupertino High School directly supports Cupertino's community vision of being "safe, friendly, healthy, connected, walkable, bikeable and inclusive" and providing "opportunities for people to...recreate." Specifically, the program aligns with these Guiding Principles in the General Plan: Improve Public Health and Safety — Our training program increases youth access to structured physical activity and skill-building in a safe, supervised setting. Support Education — We partner with the school community by delivering an organized youth athletics program hosted on a school campus and contributing to positive youth development through sport. Embrace Diversity — We reduce barriers to participation through scholarships/fee assistance and welcome youth of diverse backgrounds and incomes. Develop Cohesive Neighborhoods / Improve Connectivity — By offering local training at a central community hub (Cupertino High School), we create convenient access to youth recreation close to where families live and go to school. Purpose of requested funds and services to be provided Purpose of requested funds: Requested grant funds will be used to deliver an affordable, multi-season youth athletics program at Cupertino High School by covering direct program costs such as facility/space use costs, coaching support, essential training equipment, and need-based participant subsidies/scholarships. The goal is to ensure K-12 youth—especially those facing financial barriers—can participate consistently across spring, summer, and fall seasons. Services provided: Wolfpack will provide structured, coach-led training sessions for K-12 youth that develop fitness, confidence, and multi-sport skills aligned with Modern Pentathlon. Training will include age-appropriate instruction in running and conditioning, swimming skill development (as applicable through access arrangements), and laser run fundamentals, with athlete education focused on safe training practices, goal-setting, and competition readiness. The program will also create an inclusive pathway from beginner participation to local, national, and international competition opportunities.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This grant will serve K-12 youth and their families in Cupertino through a multi-season Modern Pentathlon training program hosted at Cupertino High School. Anyone can join—the program is open to any interested K-12 athlete regardless of prior experience. At the same time, because the program is based at Cupertino High School, it will naturally favor local families by proximity, making it especially convenient and accessible for youth who live nearby or attend schools in the surrounding area. Event scope and target audience: Citywide access: Open enrollment for K-12 youth across Cupertino (and nearby communities where appropriate). Geographic focus by location: While citywide, the campus-based site will primarily serve families closest to Cupertino High School due to ease of transportation and reduced time/cost barriers. Priority populations: Youth from low- and moderate-income households who need scholarships or fee assistance Youth who are new to organized sports or have limited access to multi-sport programming Youth from diverse backgrounds, with intentional outreach to ensure an inclusive team environment Overall, the program is designed to be welcoming and accessible to all, while strengthening local participation by providing a consistent, neighborhood-based training option at a central community hub.

a) Number of individuals total

20

b) Number of Cupertino residents

15

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Yes—this program will be available to the entire community/public. Anyone can join, including youth (K-12) and adult ("masters") athletes, regardless of prior experience. There are no strict eligibility requirements beyond standard safety and participation expectations (e.g., completing required waivers and following facility/program rules). While enrollment is open to all, we will prioritize outreach and access for local Cupertino families and the surrounding community due to the program's location at Cupertino High School, and we will provide scholarships/fee assistance to reduce barriers for participants with financial need.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

Yes, fees are outlined in runsignup.com as outlined in previous training events:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/CA/LosGatos/2026WolfpackSpringTrainingSeries> If funding is provided by Cupertino, we will gladly move our services to the city of Cupertino

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will promote the program to ensure broad community awareness and easy access to registration, with an emphasis on reaching Cupertino families: School-based outreach: Coordinate with Cupertino High School and local schools (as permitted) to share flyers, announcements, and digital postings through school newsletters, parent networks, and community bulletin boards. City and community channels: List the program through City of Cupertino recreation/community calendars (when available), and share information with local community centers, libraries, and youth-serving organizations. Digital promotion: Publish clear program details and registration links on wolfpackpentathlon.com, and promote through email, social media (e.g., Instagram/Facebook), and targeted posts in local online community groups (e.g., neighborhood forums and parent groups). Partner promotion: Leverage our training partners and local sports organizations to cross-promote the program to families already engaged in youth athletics. On-site visibility: Post signage and distribute printed materials at Cupertino High School during program seasons and at related community events, encouraging walk-up interest from nearby residents. Equity-focused messaging: Include information about scholarships/fee assistance in all outreach to ensure families understand the program is open to everyone and designed to reduce financial barriers.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full requested amount is not awarded, Wolfpack Pentathlon Club will still operate the program by combining participant fees (kept as affordable as possible), existing in-kind support, and continued use of our established community partners in San Jose and Los Gatos for portions of training that require specialized facilities. We will also pursue additional local sponsorships and small grants to close any remaining gap. That said, our current partner-based model requires athletes and families to travel between multiple venues, which increases transportation time and costs and can reduce participation—especially for families with limited flexibility. Establishing the program primarily at one consistent venue (Cupertino High School) would be the most efficient and equitable approach if Cupertino is able to host us. If partial funding is awarded: the minimum funding amount needed for the Cupertino High School-based program to take place is \$5,000. This level of support would allow us to secure essential space/facility use, provide baseline coaching coverage, and offer at least limited scholarships/fee assistance so the program remains accessible. If funding is below that threshold, we would revert to our previous multi-venue approach using existing partners in San Jose and Los Gatos.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

none

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

none

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

USA Triathlon: granted \$4000 to operate the Wolfpack Super Sprint Youth Triathlon for 2026 The Olympic Club Foundation: Denied, not a valid 503 (c) public charity --classified as a private foundation. However, our classification has been changed to public charity.

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*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

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- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

Wolfpack Pentathlon Club (NEW) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Funds used to expand modern pentathlon training program at Cupertino High School. Will prioritize outreach and access for local Cupertino families and the surrounding community due to the program's location at Cupertino High School, and we will provide scholarships/fee assistance to reduce barriers for participants with financial need.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used for facility/field use fees, coaching services, training equipment
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"		X	Participant fees are charged for training events



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2023

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

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<input type="text" value="Santa Clara"/>	<input type="text" value="California"/>	<input type="text" value="95051"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>	
Federal Tax ID	<input type="text" value="93-4130694"/>	

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget	Total # of Board Members
<input type="text" value="7000"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Total # of Staff	Total # of Volunteers
<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="15"/>
Organization has an endowment fund?	
<input type="text" value="No"/>	

Mission Statement

Born from the vision of middle schoolers in 2020, Active Circle's mission is to create Active Connected Communities. This platform allows you to create or participate in group activities. Our goal is to ignite a movement that empowers people to embrace a holistic approach to well-being, encompassing both mental and physical health.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Mission of Active Circle is to create active connected communities by organizing various events. These events are a great way to stay active or learn about ways to stay healthy while engaging in your community. Our Programs Include: 1) Holistic Health for Thriving Communities - At Active Circle we believe true health isn't just about avoiding illness—it's about thriving in body, mind, and spirit. Thus we conduct Education & Awareness through workshops and webinars/seminars. We also help organize Health fairs and camps. 2) Neuro-Inclusive Picnic with Purpose: At Active Circle Around Holistic Health, we focus on building active, connected communities where every family feels safe, seen, and supported. Our Neuro-Inclusive Picnic with Purpose is more than just a day at the park—it's a space for belonging, especially for neurodiverse children and their families. We conduct about 4-6 picnics annually. These picnics are more than just fun—they are a statement of inclusion, a safe haven, and a celebration of neurodiverse joy. 3) Fundraising and Drives with Purpose; Fundraising and Drives with Purpose At Active Circle Around Holistic Health, our fundraisers fuel meaningful health and wellness programs that support individuals and families facing serious health challenges. Through efforts like Walk a Mile, Spread a Smile, we bring awareness—and joy—to children battling long-term illnesses. We also conduct various drives to help our community and environment thrive. We partnered with local hiking and running communities like ASHA, HikingQueen Buddies, and more and donated more than 600+ pairs of sneakers to GotSneakers. 4) Supporting Local Sports = Strengthening Community Wellness: At Active Circle, we support local sports events because they do more than promote fitness—they help build healthier, more connected communities. Sports bring people together across backgrounds and ages, creating spaces where kids learn teamwork, confidence, and resilience, and families gather to cheer, connect, and belong. These events encourage physical activity, but they also strengthen mental well-being and social bonds—key pillars of holistic health. 5) Family Hikes for Wellness & Connection: Our family hiking events bring this mission to life by creating opportunities for families to move together, unplug from daily stress, and reconnect with nature and each other. These hikes support holistic wellness—nurturing body, mind, and spirit—while also fostering community connection.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Neuro-Inclusive Picnic with Purpose

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

We conduct 4-6 picnics annually in and around Cupertino

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 4000

4. Requested Amount

\$ 2000

Percent of total program/project/event budget

50

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

30

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2024

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Active Circle Around Holistic Health seeks funding from the City of Cupertino to support our Neuro-Inclusive Picnic with Purpose, a free, community-based program designed to foster inclusion, connection, and well-being for neurodiverse children and their families. These picnics create welcoming, judgment-free spaces where families feel safe, seen, and supported—something that is often missing for families navigating neurodiversity. We host approximately 4–6 Neuro-Inclusive Picnics each year. These events are intentionally designed to reduce stress for families by eliminating cost and logistical burdens. All picnics are offered completely free of charge, with the Active Circle team planning, coordinating, and covering all expenses. Families are able to simply arrive, relax, and enjoy quality time together. This helps prevent burnout for caregivers. Each picnic includes inclusive food and beverages, sensory-friendly entertainment (including our much-loved dancing bear), music and movement, arts and crafts, and opportunities for social connection. The events are structured to accommodate a wide range of sensory needs and comfort levels, ensuring participation is accessible and enjoyable for all attendees. Whenever possible, picnics are held in local city parks. However, due to weather or accessibility considerations, indoor venues are sometimes necessary, requiring rental of appropriate community spaces. Active Circle also works closely with PTSA partners within the Fremont Union High School District to engage families and strengthen school-community connections. A significant number of participating families reside in Cupertino. Grant funding will be used to offset program costs including venue rentals, food, entertainment, activity supplies, and accessibility accommodations. This support will allow Active Circle to continue offering these inclusive gatherings at no cost while expanding our reach and strengthening a supportive community network for families facing ongoing social, emotional, and developmental challenges. Through the Neuro-Inclusive Picnic with Purpose, we are not only hosting events—we are building belonging, resilience, and community care for Cupertino families who need it most.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 700

c) Entertainment

\$ 1000

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 300

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Neuro Inclusive picnics help 1) ENSURE A BALANCED COMMUNITY. These picnics use universal design principles meaning activities and spaces are created to work for a wide range of sensory communications and social preferences. These picnics also help reduce power imbalances between families. In many public space, neurodiverse families are expected to "manage" or mask differences. Many of our picnics are held at Inclusive parks where spaces are made to make everyone feel welcomed. At Active Circle's picnics differences are welcomed and normalized and no one is singled out for extra support. Our picnics aim at building empathy, and social flexibility across the whole community. Thus our Neuro-Inclusive picnics help build a balanced community by creating environments where all families feel respected and supported. This allows families to connect and thrive together. 2) EMBRACE DIVERSITY: Neuro Inclusive picnics help embrace diversity by making differences visible, valued and normal rather than tolerated. We help families to interact organically without pressure or judgement. Diversity thrives when people can be together without having to be the same. 3) SUPPORTS EDUCATION: Education is not just what kids learn in school classrooms. Education is what kids learn in their everyday life - parks, plays, shared meals - neuro inclusive picnics teach children inclusive values through experience. See what the attendees of these picnics have to say <https://youtu.be/FhtH74NizTQ?feature=shared> Glimpse of one of our picnics <https://youtu.be/PYKgTnBjQgs?feature=shared>

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

All families are invited to these picnics. Active Circle works with PTA at Fremont Union High School District and socialize these events through various parents group (specially neuro diverse families). Also since picnics are mostly held in parks, many families enjoying the parks also join our activities and become part of the neuro diverse picnics.

a) Number of individuals total

b) Number of Cupertino residents

70

40

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

These picnics are open to all residents. There is no eligibility criteria. We also have grandparents with neurological illness attending these picnics and going back with smiles. See what the attendees have to say about these picnics: <https://youtu.be/FhtH74NizTQ?feature=shared> Glimpse of our Halloween Picnic: <https://youtu.be/PYKgTnBjQgs?feature=shared>

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No charge these are free of cost to participants.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We promote our events through 1- Socializing these events through various neuro-diverse parents groups 2- Connect with PTA at FUHSD and reach out to families 3- Partner with other non profits working with neuro-diverse families 4- Our own website and Social Media

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If we do not get funding, we will have to rely on donations from local Businesses. We would need atleast \$1000 in case of partial funding.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes we have received grant Funding from City of Cupertino in 2025. We received \$2000. Funds were used for - ordering food and materials for the picnics - hiring entertainers - reserving space (when weather is bad and picnics cannot be held in public parks)

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

No

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

None

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

[501c3_approval.jpg.pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[active circle budgeting - cupertino grant.pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[Event Written Report \(1\).docx](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

Active Circle (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Picnics create welcoming, judgment-free spaces where neurodiverse children and their families feel safe, seen, and supported. The picnics will include food and beverages, sensory-friendly entertainment, music and movement, arts and crafts, and opportunities for social connection.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to conduct 4-6 picnics annually in and around Cupertino
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		N/A
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1989

Sponsor Name

NA

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

93-1055362

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

20,000.00

Total # of Board Members

8

Total # of Staff

1

Total # of Volunteers

46

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

To foster the musical talent and education of its members and provide quality musical entertainment to the community.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

The Cupertino Symphonic Band (CSB) provides free concerts throughout the year for Cupertino and other south bay communities.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Music, Band Equipment, Venue Rental

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

September 2026 - July 2027

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 20,000

4. Requested Amount

\$ 4870

Percent of total program/project/event budget

24

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

24

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7. _____ established in

Existing program/event

1989

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

New sheet music, band equipment (scanner, music stands, percussion, drums, cymbals, bells, etc.), concert venue rental fees, and concert program printing.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 3850

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 1020

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

CSB performances allow the entire community to listen and enjoy all types of live music. The concerts also allow the children in the community to see all the different wind and percussion instruments up close. This in turn may spark school age children to start learning a musical instrument.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

The city and residents of Cupertino, CSB members, and residents of several south bay cities. Everyone from all ages, groups, and backgrounds are invited to attend concerts.

a) Number of individuals total

2000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

500

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Yes

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No. All concerts are free.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Publicity for all performances is announced on city CATV channels, CSB audience email lists, social media, flyers posted at local libraries, senior centers, music stores, etc., and in all south bay community newspapers such as the Cupertino Courier, etc.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

CSB would have to reduce the number of line items purchased, and analyze which items we could still purchase using our existing savings account.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes, thank you. 2025, \$3000, music, venue rental, band equipment, etc. 2024, \$3000, music, venue rental, band equipment, etc. 2023, \$4000, music, band equipment, etc. 2019, \$2000, timpani.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

None.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Silicon Valley Creates grant application filed in March 2025 was denied.

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*501(c)3 affirmation from the IRS

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- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

[FY2025_CSB_Treasurers_Report2026Jan.pdf](#)

Cupertino Symphonic Band (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		CSB provides free concerts throughout the year for Cupertino and other South Bay communities
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used for sheet music, band equipment, concert venue rental fees, and concert program printing
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

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Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

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99-3646096

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

\$21,300

Total # of Board Members

14

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

333

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

Remember the ToothFairy is a student-led non profit organization working to instill healthy brushing habits in children through early education and exposure. We work with children from low-income and underprivileged communities worldwide through our three service programs. We donate toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other types of dental hygiene equipment, host interactive, educational outreach events in the community, and partner with dental clinics to provide discounts and easier access to oral health. Our team understands that poor oral health goes beyond cavities and gum diseases. In fact, children who have bad brushing habits often miss school more and receive lower grades than children that don't. Through our worldwide service events, fundraisers, chapters, and partnerships, Remember the ToothFairy is ensuring a future with healthy smiles. From our members to our volunteers, we are devoted to the mission of helping as many children as we can.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Remember the ToothFairy is a nonprofit based in the San Francisco Bay Area aimed to instill good brushing habits in children from low-income communities nationwide through our three service programs. We donate toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and other types of dental hygiene equipment, host interactive, educational outreach events in the community, and partner with dental clinics to provide discounts and easier access to oral health.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Dental Educational Outreach Program

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

Ongoing

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 11,939.96

4. Requested Amount

Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 2,000

17

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

9

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2024

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support free dental health education presentations for elementary-aged children through Remember the ToothFairy's Outreach Program. These funds will help deliver in-person and virtual programming, educational materials, and oral hygiene supplies to students in public schools and their respective after-school programs. Services provided include a 30-minute interactive brushing routine presentation featuring live demonstrations, followed by engaging reinforcement activities such as educational games or arts and crafts. Each student receives a "Smile Bag" with essential oral care supplies, helping reinforce healthy habits at home. All programs are provided at no cost to the community.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 2,000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

None

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

None

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

No

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Our request aligns with Cupertino's General Plan Principles, particularly the focus on Improving Public Health and Safety and Supporting Education. The General Plan highlights the importance of promoting community-wide health by ensuring access to health services and enhancing supportive programs, as well as partnering with local schools and organizations to expand learning opportunities for all residents. The funds will be used to provide free dental health education presentations that teach elementary-aged students the importance of oral hygiene and preventive care. By offering these educational services and dental care resources, we support the city's goals of enhancing public health outcomes and fostering healthy, informed youth within the community.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

This program is designed for elementary-aged children (typically ages 5–11) attending public schools across Santa Clara County, with the goal of fostering early dental education literacy in public school communities.

a) Number of individuals total

2000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

1500

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The program is open to any student attending a public elementary school in Santa Clara County with which we are able to successfully schedule a presentation. There are no individual eligibility requirements beyond public school enrollment.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No, there is no charge or fee for the program.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will promote and advertise our program by directly reaching out to public school principals and after-school program directors via email to gauge interest and schedule presentations. In addition, we will leverage our established partnerships with after-school programs such as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley, CORAL Afterschool Program, and the YMCA of Silicon Valley. Through our existing relationships with site managers and program managers, we are able to efficiently share information about the program and coordinate presentations, increasing awareness and accessibility across the community.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

We are grateful for any level of funding awarded, as every dollar directly supports our mission. Each \$1 enables us to serve one child with dental health education and oral care supplies, meaning partial funding will still have an immediate and measurable impact. The more funding we receive, the more children we are able to reach. Our goal is to serve a minimum of 7,000 children in 2026, and funding from this grant will play a critical role in making that possible. If full funding is not awarded, we will supplement remaining program costs through additional grant applications, community fundraising efforts, and partnerships to ensure the program can still take place and continue serving children.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes. In the previous grant cycle, our organization received \$1,000 in funding from the City of Cupertino. The funds were used to support our dental clinic partnership program, which provided free dental hygiene cleanings for low-income elementary-aged children living in Cupertino who had never visited the dentist before. This funding directly supported a first time visit to one of our partnering clinics, and allowed children to receive a free cleaning and oral health screening, allowing them and their families to take their first steps toward improved oral health.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

We have never received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of the Community Funding Grants.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We are actively seeking funding for this program through additional public and private grant opportunities. At this time, funding requests to other agencies and organizations are pending, and no final funding decisions have been made. We will continue to pursue supplemental funding to ensure the successful implementation and expansion of this program

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*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

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Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[Remember the ToothFairy – Financial Report for Cupertino Community Funding Program.pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[Cupertino Community Funding Program 2025 - Written Report.pdf](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

[2025 Impact Report \(1\).pdf](#)

Remember the ToothFairy (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Through interactive and education outreach events, children from low-income and underprivileged communities in Santa Clara County learn about health brushing habits
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will support free dental health education programs for elementary-aged children in public schools and their respective after-school programs. Students will receive goodie bags with oral care supplies
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

\$200,000

Total # of Board Members

14

Total # of Staff

0

Total # of Volunteers

220

Organization has an endowment fund?

Yes

Mission Statement

The Rotary of Cupertino is one club within Rotary International - a global network of 1.2 million friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

Cupertino is a service club that is a local arm of Rotary International. We plan, fundraise for, and implement projects that fall into one of the following categories/committees of charitable projects (examples given for each): **CLIMATE ACTION** We are reducing carbon emissions while delivering tangible benefits to our beneficiaries and supporting the environment. Projects include installing rooftop solar & heat pump water heaters for nonprofits, leveraging club volunteers and grants to reduce payback periods to just 1-2 years. We partnered with our city to install artistic bike racks and with FUHSD to sponsor their Earth Day event. We recover edible food for the food-insecure while helping reduce methane emissions. **COMMUNITY SERVICE** Our hands-on projects foster club spirit and meaningful connections with those in need. We feed the homeless, deliver Thanksgiving meals, send care packages to troops, provide toys and supplies for foster youth, bring comfort animals to visit seniors, and improve homes for low-income elderly residents in partnership with Rebuilding Together. **YOUTH SERVICE** We empower local youth by partnering with community organizations to provide support, mentorship, and leadership development opportunities. Ongoing projects include Back to School with Dignity with West Valley Community Services, Winterfest with Via Services, Read Across America for first graders in the Cupertino Union School District, and support for three local scout troops. **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** We support inclusive, career-focused development with programs for entrepreneurs, English learners, and veterans transitioning to civilian jobs. We assist special needs youth and FUHSD students through scholarships, career events, and reentry support for formerly incarcerated women. Our scholarships support De Anza College and SJSU students. **WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE** Partnering with clubs worldwide, projects address access to clean water, primary education, economic development, child & maternal health, peacebuilding, disease prevention & treatment, and environmental change. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) co-funds and oversees these efforts to ensure impact and accountability.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Pollinator Garden at McClellan Ranch Park (Phase 2 timeframe)

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 14,450

4. Requested Amount

\$ 4000

Percent of total program/project/event budget

28

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

2

%

6. Type of Request

One-time project

7.

established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The purpose of this project is to establish a permanent ~2,000 sq. ft. native pollinator garden at McClellan Ranch Park that supports local biodiversity, enhances public open space, and serves as an ongoing educational resource for the community. Awarded funds will support the purchase of native plants (\$2,000 of \$2,400) and professional ecological services (\$2,000 of \$7,600) provided by Grassroots Ecology. These services include site planning, soil preparation, supervision of four volunteer workdays, and post-installation establishment support such as watering and protective cage maintenance. Rotary Club of Cupertino members and community volunteers will prepare the site, construct protective cages, and install the plants under professional supervision.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 2000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

4 work days + maintenance activities

\$ 2000

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

This project aligns with Cupertino's Vision 2040 and General Plan Principles by advancing environmental sustainability, habitat restoration, and community education. Specifically, it supports: Chapter 6: Environmental Resources Element through native plant restoration, biodiversity enhancement, and pollinator habitat creation. Chapter 9: Recreation, Parks, and Community Services Element by improving McClellan Ranch Park as a multi-use public space that supports education, volunteerism, and passive recreation. The project is consistent with the City's long-term vision for McClellan Ranch Park developed in collaboration with Cupertino Parks & Recreation and Grassroots Ecology.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

The number of individuals listed below are the estimated total number of people who will volunteer to implement the project being counted as those served by this grant. However, it is the City of Cupertino and its residents who will be served by the results of this grant as the project enhances McClellan Ranch park. In addition, non-Cupertino residents of the public visit McClellan ranch. Master gardeners will benefit from this project because it supports pollinators that help increase garden yields as this garden is adjacent to the Community garden boxes.

a) Number of individuals total

b) Number of Cupertino residents

100

80

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Yes. While approximately 100 Rotarian and other community volunteers will directly participate in implementation, the primary beneficiaries of this project are the residents of Cupertino and visitors to McClellan Ranch Park. The garden will be publicly accessible and provide long-term environmental, educational, and aesthetic benefits to the entire community.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

no

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

Promotion will include press releases, social media, club newsletters, website features, the club's annual report, and interpretive signage at the completed garden. Pending stakeholder discussion, the Club would like to explore naming the garden in memory of Hung Wei. Having served concurrently as Mayor of Cupertino and Rotary District Governor, she built strong partnerships and worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life. Much like a pollinator, she connected people, ideas, and institutions—helping our community flourish in ways that will be felt for years to come.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

The Rotary Club of Cupertino has a strong track record of funding community projects through club fundraisers and we are committed to this project. If partial funding is awarded, the Club will supplement the remaining costs through internal fundraising, phased implementation, or downscaling the project. The minimum funding from this grant required to proceed with the project as envisioned is \$4000, which would allow for site preparation, initial planting, and four supervised volunteer workdays, with additional planting completed as funds become available. Note that the amount requested already assumes the successful award of another grant that is awaiting decision.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes, we have received several Community grants from the City. 2014- 16: \$10,000 Fall Festival 2017- 21: \$12,000 Fall Festival 2022 & 2023: none 2024 - \$1600 funds to support our project to make repairs on the home of a senior in the Community identified by Rebuilding Together. 2025 - \$4000 funds to support our Thanksgiving dinners given to needy families in our community identified by WVCS Note: We have completed the 2025 Community grant project, but have not yet been prompted to submit the reporting so we are providing the official report for our 2024 Community grant, the last official report, that was submitted in July 2025. We are happy to provide the results of the 2025 report (project was executed in Nov. 2025) if needed for this 2026 determination. We are including the verbal report that was made to our club as an additional document with this grant.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

Yes. Starting in 2022, Fall Festival began receiving in-kind support in the form of fee waivers to conduct our annual Fall Festival that is held for the citizens of Cupertino and the surrounding community.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Grassroots Ecology - Pledged funding of \$4500 toward this project Happy Hallow Foundation - Still Pending. Applied for \$2500 funding through the "Progress for Pollinators" grant. Rotary Climate Action Committee - Pledged funding of \$3500 toward this project.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the

IRS

[IRS Letter 501\(c\)\(3\) Exemption Dated July 23 2005.pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[2024 Community Funding Report - signed.pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[2024 Community Funding Report - signed.pdf](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

[2025 Thanksgiving Dinner Project.pdf](#)

Rotary Club of Cupertino (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		The project will support local biodiversity, enhances public open space, and serves as an ongoing educational resource for the community
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to build a native pollinator garden and McClellan Park
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		N/A
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

AINAK

Total # of Board Members

5

Total # of Staff

21

Total # of Volunteers

21

Organization has an endowment fund?

No

Mission Statement

Our Mission: No Child should be left behind in the classroom due to an inability of a parent or a guardian to afford proper eye care. A 20/20 vision can help a child succeed in classroom and thrive in life.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

AINAK is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that no child is left behind due to a lack of access to vision care. We provide free vision screenings, comprehensive eye examinations, and prescription eyeglasses to under-resourced children and families. In 2025, AINAK launched a new initiative offering mass vision screenings in schools and local communities to identify eye health issues at an early stage using a Spot Vision Screener. This preventive approach aligns with the principles of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and focuses on early detection to reduce the risk of future vision loss. Children and adults identified as needing further care are referred to licensed optometrists, and prescription eyeglasses are provided when needed. AINAK program has identified conditions such as childhood cataracts in Central Valley and color blindness in a student in San Joaquin County. In one case, a child in Santa Clara schools was referred to an optometrist and subsequently identified as needing surgical intervention. The surgery was successful and helped prevent permanent vision loss.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

On going program

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

July 1 2025 to June 2026

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 245,700.00

4. Requested Amount

\$ 6500

Percent of total program/project/event budget

3

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

3

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

2015

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support free comprehensive eye exams, vision screenings, and prescription eyeglasses for under-resourced children and families who cannot afford vision care. Funds will cover optometric services, eyeglass frames and lenses. AINAK will also host mass vision screening events, and individuals who do not pass the screening will receive free follow-up eye care. By removing financial barriers, these services will help children see clearly, succeed in school, and thrive in daily life. On January 27, 2026, AINAK was invited to the City of San José Council meeting to receive a Commendation from Mayor Matt Mahan. During the meeting, Council Member Bien Doan highlighted how AINAK's free vision care services are making a meaningful impact by helping school students and community members in District 7 achieve clear vision and improved quality of life.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 4875.00

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 500.

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

CPA

\$ 625

f) Other

Cost

Hosting Vision Care Clinic, food water and supplies

\$ 500..

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

The requested funds will support free vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses for under-resourced children and families in Cupertino and surrounding communities. In 2025, the number of Cupertino and Cupertino Unified School District students receiving AINAK eyeglasses increased, and most of the last funding is directly used to serve Cupertino-based students. This demonstrates both growing local need and strong alignment with the City's goal of supporting community health, equity, and student success. Clear vision is essential for learning, safety, and overall well-being. Per IAPB 80% of what we learn is by seeing. By removing financial barriers to vision care, this program helps children succeed academically, supports preventive healthcare, and strengthens community outcomes, directly advancing Cupertino's goals of fostering healthy, equitable, and inclusive neighborhoods. My wish is that every child should be able to dream big and reach for the stars and that this is possible only with clear, 20/20 vision. Vision and family income should never be barriers to a child's future.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

The grant will serve under-resourced school-aged children and families with annual household incomes of \$50,000 or less who are uninsured or underinsured for vision care. The program primarily serves students in Cupertino and Cupertino Unified School District, other local nonprofits and surrounding communities and works closely with local schools to identify children in need, including Santa Clara County schools. Children covered under Medi-Cal are also served, as many optometrists do not accept Medi-Cal or have long appointment wait times. As a result, children often receive eyeglasses late in the school year. AINAK addresses this gap by providing timely eye exams and prescription eyeglasses so students can see clearly and succeed during the school year. The program is targeted to underserved communities rather than a single neighborhood, with services delivered citywide and county wide through school and community-based referrals.

a) Number of individuals total

30

b) Number of Cupertino residents

15

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

The program is available to the community but is targeted to under-resourced children ages 6 years and above and the families who meet eligibility criteria. Services are provided to households with an annual income of \$50,000 or less who are uninsured or underinsured for vision care. Children covered under Medi-Cal are also eligible, as many providers do not accept Medi-Cal or have long appointment wait times. Eligibility is determined through school and community-based referrals to ensure services reach those with the greatest need. All eligible participants receive services at no cost, ensuring equitable access to essential vision care. In the fiscal year 2025-2026 we see more applications are coming in from Cupertino Schools.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

There is no charge or fee for participants. All services, including vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses, are provided free of cost to recipients. The service providers are compensated directly by AINAK, ensuring that eligible children and families receive care without any financial burden. No vouchers are offered.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will actively promote the program through strategic partnerships with schools education board, school nurses, and local nonprofit organizations, churches and temples, ensuring that families most in need are reached. AINAK has also expanded its mission to include mass vision screenings to help prevent future vision loss and blindness, providing free screenings to all children and covering the full cost of prescription eyeglasses for those who are uninsured or underinsured. In addition, we will raise community awareness by participating in city, county, and school events, leveraging these platforms to engage a broad audience and maximize the impact of our outreach efforts.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

We continuously raise funds through donations from individual supporters, corporate sponsors, community fundraising events, and grants from other foundations to support our programs. If the full requested funding is not awarded, we will use these alternative funding sources to partially sustain the program.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes, AINAK has received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past. The funding was awarded in 2024 for \$2750.00 and in 2025 for \$4000.00, and the funds were used to provide free vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses to under-resourced children and families in Cupertino and the surrounding communities. The grant directly supported children who are uninsured or underinsured, ensuring they received timely vision care and eyeglasses during the school year, and helped expand AINAK's outreach and impact within the local community. The funds from the 2025-2026 grant are still serving the community residents.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

NO

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

Saratoga Rotary Charitable Foundation: Approved Los Banos Rotary: Approved Happiness Foundation: Approved Bansal Family Corporation: Approved Star One CU: Approved El Camino Health Foundation: Approved Silicon Valley Community Foundation: Approved D4 San Jose: Approved Santa Clara Health: Approved San Jose Rotary Foundation: Approved Cupertino Rotary Foundation: Denied Santa Clara Family Health Plan: Denied (Santa Clara Family Health Plan declined AINAK's grant request, citing the need to allocate all available funds to sustain services for their members due to changes in incoming grant funding.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the

IRS

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Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[Ainak Financials.pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[Cupertino Post Event Report.pdf](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding request

[bm thx letter.pdf](#)

AINAK (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		The requested funds will support free vision screenings, comprehensive eye exams, and prescription eyeglasses for under resourced children and families in Cupertino and surrounding communities.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will support free comprehensive eye exams, vision screenings, and prescription eyeglasses
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

2012

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget

Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff

Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount

Percent of total program/project/event budget

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

2

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

New program/project/event

0

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

We are seeking funding for our signature program in 2026. GRoW: Grocery Rescue Weekly will recover 216 tons of surplus food & provide 360,000 individuals with access to food in 12 months. It will provide the equivalent of 2,500 meals per day, 7,500 meals per week, 30,000 meals per month, and 360,000 meals in 12 months while reducing our CO2 footprint by 117 tons & saving 197 million gallons of H2O. In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, GRoW recovers groceries, including produce, dairy, meat, dry/frozen, prepared/deli, and bakery from 12 grocers weekly. We recover an average of 3000 lbs daily and 9000 lbs weekly. We deliver this surplus food to 16 of our Santa Clara County charitable outreach program partner's: Second Harvest Food Bank, Salvation Army, Life Moves, Catholic Charities; Jerry Larson Food Basket, Sacred Heart Community Services; West Valley Community Services; Moreland Depot; West Valley College Food Pantry, Hello Angels, Our Daily Bread; Human Good (Senior Community); San Jose City College Food Pantry; Bellarmino Place, and Living Water Ministry. For Cupertino, GRoW will provide the equivalent of 120 meals for the De Anza College Food Pantry weekly. For West Valley Community Services, we will provide 1,965 lbs of groceries weekly which is equal to 1,600 meals per week. In total, GRoW will recover 99,150 lbs of surplus food equal to 82,625 meals for Cupertino residents in 2026. In the Bay Area, a low-income family can afford 37.5 meals of the average 90 meals needed per month. A food-insecure person gains access to surplus food equal to 30 monthly meals from our GRoW program. Therefore, low-income families would increase their meals from 37.5 to 67.5 of the 90 monthly meals needed.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 5000

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

f) Other

Cost

Not applicable

\$ 0

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

We are targeting the principle of sustainability, and specifically, accelerating Resource Recovery through expanded recycling, composting, extended producer responsibility and procurement. We are recovering surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. In 2025, we reduced our CO2 waste by 108 tons and saved 181 million gallons of H2O.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

We service Santa Clara County. We serve the at-risk community that is 100% at or below the Federal Poverty Line, including the homeless, seniors, disabled, youth, and veterans.

a) Number of individuals total

360000

b) Number of Cupertino residents

82625

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

There are no eligibility requirements

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

No fee

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We work exclusively with De Anza College and West Valley Community Services in Cupertino as our delivery partners. Both organizations promote surplus meals and groceries available according to their weekly programming schedules. We promote this program weekly through 6 social media channels: Facebook, Instagram, Threads, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

We have earmarked funds in our operational budget, if needed, to be used to fund this program, which is our signature program in 2026 and makes up 80% of our impact.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

Yes. We value our continued partnership with the City of Cupertino. We received funding in 2024 for \$2,500 and \$5,000 in 2025. Funds were used for specific implementation of program support in the direct daily operation of recovering and delivering surplus food.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

n/a

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We have secured 33% of our funding for GRoW through the County of Santa Clara. We have pending/expected grants for the first half of 2026 from Kaiser Permanente, Health Trust, Safeway Foundation, Whole Foods Community Grant and 5 local foundations which will provide another 45% of our funding for this program.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

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Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[2026 Statement of Financial Position \(as of 1_1_26\) - Sheet1-2.pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[City of Cupertino Impact Report.pdf](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

[2025 NTTW Annual Report.pdf](#)

No Time to Waste (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Work with De Anza College and West Valley Community Services in Cupertino to recover surplus food and deliver to charitable partners in Santa Clara County
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used for food recovery program
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		Available to all Cupertino residents grades 2nd-5th



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1973

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SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget
6,166,108

Total # of Board Members
14

Total # of Staff
40

Total # of Volunteers
120

Organization has an endowment fund?
Yes

Mission Statement

Unite the community to fight hunger and homelessness

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

West Valley Community Services is a nonprofit organization providing safety-net services to low-income and homeless individuals and families in the West Valley region of Santa Clara County for more than 53 years. West Valley Community Services offers various services, including a food market, affordable housing, emergency financial assistance, mobile food market, family support, access to public health and food assistance benefits, case management, and referral services. Our programs target families with children, youth, seniors, individuals, and disabled adults who are extremely low-income, living on a fixed income, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

Gift of Hope

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

December 5th 2026

3. Total program/project/event budget

\$ 60000

4. Requested Amount

Percent of total program/project/event budget

\$ 5000

100

%

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

12

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7.

established in

Existing program/event

1990

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

The December holidays are challenging for many people, as the stress of shopping, cooking, and family get-togethers makes for a busy and often draining six weeks. However, the holiday season is particularly stressful for families living in poverty. Homeless and low-income families cannot afford to purchase necessary items such as seasonally appropriate clothing, let alone holiday gifts, and often cannot take the time or pay the travel costs to celebrate the holidays with family. This is particularly difficult for children, who do not understand why they cannot celebrate seasonal holidays like their friends and neighbors. During such intense stress, vulnerable families may feel their situation is hopeless, preventing them from seeing the possibility of a brighter, more stable future for themselves or their families. Studies have shown that the "bleak reality and marginalization of homelessness undermines hope, and often results in hopelessness - a known predictor of increased suffering, poor physical outcomes, and suicide." (Ensign, Abadin-Barrero, Lindgren, Wilstrand, Clarke, Kirkcaldy). The Gift of Hope program was launched to combat the stress and hopelessness that families living in poverty face during the holidays and to replace them with a sense of hope and possibility. The funds requested for the City of Cupertino will help support low-income families living in Cupertino. Last year, we made the Gift of Hope, a holiday around the world carnival. The event featured games, face painting, family photos, food stations, crafts, gifts, gift cards, and a visit from Santa, along with a few other surprises. Every family got a gift card to help meet their needs this holiday. It was very popular, and we will continue to do it the same way next year. Families can take a holiday family photo, and seniors can enjoy a day of social interaction and community engagement. This program helps families reduce stress and isolation and connect with their community.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 0

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 0

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

0

\$

0

f) Other

Cost

Program Cost

\$

5000

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

WVCS work and this program align with Cupertino's General Plan to create a balanced community and accommodate demographic and economic changes. Our services and programs help the city maintain an inclusive community where the most vulnerable residents are supported and thrive.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

Our programs target families with children, youth, seniors, individuals, and disabled adults who are extremely low-income, living on a fixed income, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless in Cupertino. Our services are eligible based on federal poverty determinations, and we serve individuals and families living at or below 275% of the federal poverty line—for example, \$46,000 in individual income or \$ 96,000 in family income (four-person household).

a) Number of individuals total

b) Number of Cupertino residents

1500

300

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Yes, it will be available to the entire community.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

There is no charge or fee for this program

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

We will use our social media network, newsletter, and emails to spread the word.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

In addition to applying for grants and making requests to service organizations, we conduct fundraising with our donor base to help meet the program's growing needs.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

We have received funds for this program. We received \$1000 for this program, which was less than we requested, and it was difficult to serve all Cupertino residents with these funds. We are seeing an increased need and hope to receive the full requested funding of \$5,000.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

Yes, WVCS receives funds to support our unhoused community through the Human Services case management grant. We also receive a CDBG grant to support families at risk of losing housing. None of those funds can be used for Gift of Hope.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We plan to start fundraising for this program around the fall of 2026.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[WVCS 501c3 Status.pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
[GOH 2025 Budget .pdf](#)
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.
[GOH Recap 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

West Valley Community Services (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Program serves families with children, youth, seniors, individuals, and disabled adults who are extremely low-income, living on a fixed income, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless in Cupertino.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Clothing, household items, and food for Gift of Hope 2026 Program
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.	X		

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		



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SECTION 2: NON-PROFIT INFORMATION

501(c)(3)?

Yes

Year Established

1987

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Address

City State Zipcode

Phone

Federal Tax ID

SECTION 3: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Total Organization Budget Total # of Board Members

Total # of Staff Total # of Volunteers

Organization has an endowment fund?

Mission Statement

Heart of the Valley, SERVICES FOR SENIORS, Inc. (HOV), is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) committed to facilitating, advocating, and supporting independent living for seniors residing in West Santa Clara Valley.

Brief Description of Organization and Services Provided

We help all seniors who are 62 or older and reside within our service areas (hence we do not ask about disabilities, income, race, ethnicity, or nationality) Our service area includes Santa Clara, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, Los Gatos, Campbell, and the following West San Jose zip codes 95117, 95125, 95126, 95128, 95129, 95130. To foster senior independence seniors must call us to set up their own appointments. We provide services to over 800 seniors with the help of our 200 volunteers.

SECTION 4: GRANT REQUEST

1. Program/Project/Event Name

2. Date(s) and/or duration of program/project/event

3. Total program/project/event budget

4. Requested Amount Percent of total program/project/event budget %

5. What percentage of your organization's projected income does your funding request represent?

11

%

6. Type of Request

Program Support

7. established in

Existing program/event

2025

8. Describe the purpose of requested awarded funds and the services that will be provided

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors, Inc. (HOV) respectfully requests \$15,000 from the City of Campbell to sustain and strengthen essential services that enable low-income seniors in the West Santa Clara Valley to age safely, independently, and with dignity. Founded in 1987, HOV is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Santa Clara, CA, that serves homebound and isolated seniors through free transportation, light home repairs, yard work, companionship, and mental health support. With the support of hundreds of volunteers, HOV helps seniors remain in their homes, stay connected to their community, and avoid premature institutionalization. As the senior population continues to grow, demand for these services has increased significantly. The requested funds will be used to support staffing, improve volunteer coordination, and enhance service delivery efficiency, ensuring that seniors receive timely, reliable assistance. Specifically, City of Campbell funds will support: Partial staffing support for the Executive Director (\$3,000) to oversee program delivery, partnerships, volunteer engagement, and fiscal accountability. Volunteer Coordination and Administrative Support (\$9,000) to recruit, train, schedule, and manage volunteers who deliver direct services to seniors, improving response times and service coverage. Technology and Systems Support (\$1,500) to partially fund implementation of a client and volunteer management (CRM) system that reduces administrative workload and improves service tracking. Community Outreach and Engagement (\$1,500) to expand awareness of services among seniors and caregivers, strengthen partnerships with senior-serving agencies, and recruit additional volunteers. This investment will allow HOV to maintain critical services for vulnerable seniors while building the operational capacity needed to meet growing demand. City of Campbell funding will directly contribute to improved access to services, increased volunteer engagement, and enhanced quality of life for seniors in the community.

9. Please provide a line item breakdown of how the funds will be used in the categories below. If a category is not applicable, put \$0:

a) Staffing cost

\$ 3000

b) Materials/Equipment

\$ 1500

c) Entertainment

\$ 0

d) Room/Venue Rental

\$ 0

e) Other Professional Services

Cost

Volunteer coordination and recruitment

\$ 9000

f) Other

Cost

10. More than 75% of the requested funds will go towards direct service costs versus administrative costs?

Yes

11. Explain how the request aligns to [Cupertino's General Plan Principles](#). Describe the purpose of requested funds and the services that will be provided

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors, Inc. (HOV) requests \$15,000 to sustain and strengthen essential services that support low-income, homebound seniors in the West Santa Clara Valley. Funds will support staffing, volunteer coordination, and operational systems that enable HOV to provide free transportation, light home repairs, companionship, and mental health support—helping seniors remain safely housed, independent, and connected to their community. Alignment with Cupertino's General Plan Principles The requested funding aligns with Cupertino's General Plan Principles by supporting healthy aging, social equity, and community well-being: Healthy, Inclusive Community: HOV's services promote physical safety, mental health, and social connection for older adults, helping seniors age in place with dignity and reducing isolation. Equity and Access to Services: By serving low-income and mobility-limited seniors, HOV advances equitable access to essential services for vulnerable populations, consistent with Cupertino's commitment to inclusivity and social responsibility. Efficient Use of Community Resources: HOV leverages a strong volunteer base and improved operational systems to deliver high-impact services cost-effectively, maximizing public investment and reducing strain on emergency and institutional care systems. Strong Community Partnerships: HOV collaborates with local agencies and community organizations to connect seniors to resources, reflecting Cupertino's emphasis on collaboration and shared responsibility for community well-being.

12. Who will be served by this grant? Is your event citywide or targeted to a particular neighborhood, demographic or geographic area? If targeted, describe your target audience.

The targeted audience for this grant is low-income, older adults, 62 and older residing in the City of Cupertino who face barriers to aging independently due to limited mobility, chronic health conditions, social isolation, and lack of access to transportation and supportive services. Priority will be given to homebound and socially isolated Cupertino seniors who rely on volunteer-based assistance to remain safely in their homes and connected to their community.

a) Number of individuals total

771

b) Number of Cupertino residents

115

c) Will the program/project/event be available to the entire community/public or are there any eligibility criteria?

Our project services the entire West Santa Clara Valley residents 62 and older. The only eligibility is being a resident of the West Santa Clara valley in particular Cupertino.

d) Will there be a charge or fee for the program/project/event (if applicable)?

NO charge, everything volunteer based and free for our senior community.

13. Describe how you will promote/advertise your event or activity for awareness to the public.

HOV will promote the program to Cupertino seniors and caregivers through partnerships with the City of Cupertino, local senior centers, libraries, faith-based organizations, and senior housing communities. Outreach will include bilingual print materials, community newsletters, digital outreach, and participation in local events and resource fairs, along with direct referrals from service providers serving older adults in Cupertino.

14. How will your organization fund the program/project/event if the full requested funding amount is not awarded? If partial funding is awarded, what is the minimum funding amount needed for your program/project/event to take place?

If the full funding amount is not awarded, Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors, Inc. (HOV) will fund the program through a combination of private donations, foundation grants, fundraising events, and in-kind volunteer support. HOV will prioritize core services and adjust staffing and outreach activities to align with available resources while ensuring continuity of essential services for Cupertino seniors. The minimum funding amount required for the program to take place is \$10,000, which would allow HOV to sustain basic staffing and volunteer coordination necessary to continue delivering services to seniors.

15. Have you received grant funding from the City of Cupertino in the past? If yes, please describe when, how much was received, and how the funds were used.

We received \$6160 from the City of Cupertino in 2022 for a community grant fund. The funds were used to help promote Heart of the Valley after Covid shutdown.

16. If your organization has ever received financial or in-kind support from the City of Cupertino outside of Community Funding Grants, please describe this support

We have not received any financial support outside of Community Funding Grants.

17. Describe any funding requested from other agencies/organizations in regard to this program/project/event request. Indicate whether the funding was granted, denied, or is still pending

We applied for the City of Santa Clara's CDBG funding; however, due to current federal administrative delays affecting HUD approvals, the City has temporarily suspended CDBG funding until further notice. As a result, the anticipated funding is currently pending and subject to federal approval, and it remains to be determined whether and when funds will be released.

SECTION 5: UPLOAD DOCUMENTS

*501(c)3 affirmation from the
IRS

[Certificate of Status_0725 \(1\).pdf](#)

Please attach the following if you are a past recipient of Cupertino Community Funding (from most current program/project/event that has already happened):

- Financial Report (expenses and revenue) for the program/project/event
- Written report submitted after the event that included information about the number of persons served (Cupertino residents versus non-residents, if possible) and other results that benefit Cupertino.

Other documents that may support the organizations funding
request

[GENERAL FACT SHEET 35th logo FINAL-1 \(1\).pdf](#)

Heart of the Valley Senior Services (RETURNING) Eligibility Checklist (staff use only)

<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event.	X		
Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.	X		Program helps foster senior independence. The targeted audience for this grant is low-income, older adults, 62 and older residing in the City of Cupertino who face barriers to aging independently due to limited mobility, chronic health conditions, social isolation, and lack of access to transportation and supportive services.
Be awarded only once per project.	X		
For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs, or endowment funds.	X		Funds will be used to support staffing, improve volunteer coordination, and enhance service delivery efficiency, ensuring that seniors receive timely, reliable assistance
Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs.	X		
Be complete and submitted by the application deadline.		X	Application submitted after the deadline on 2/2

<u>Restrictions/Guidelines</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Festivals currently receiving funding through Festival Fee waivers may not apply for funding through the Community Funding Grant Process for the same festival	X		NA
Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge"	X		