



Agenda Item C.1
DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Meeting Date: March 12, 2025

TO: Chair and Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director

CONTACT: Cassidy Le Air, Senior Management Analyst

SUBJECT: Review and Recommendations of Goleta City Grants for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and provide funding recommendations to City Council on twenty-two (22) Goleta City Grant applications to be funded for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025-2026 Combined Goleta City Grant and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant cycle opened on December 12, 2024, and closed on January 31, 2025. During the application period, staff held two mandatory informational workshops which over 105 applicants attended, representing 90 unique organizations.

For this grant cycle, the City received ninety-four (94) applications requesting \$873,156 in funding for both the CDBG and City Grant programs. This is an increase over last year's eighty-eight (88) applications totaling \$721,522.81. Applications were divided into 11 categories: CDBG, Educational Programs, The Arts, Food/Nutrition, Programs for Low Income & Homeless, Programs for Seniors, Recreational Activities, Youth Programs, Environmental/Wildlife and Animal Programs, Community Engagement, and Miscellaneous Programs.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will review the "Recreational Activities" and "Environmental/Wildlife/Animal Programs" applications. Each category was authorized for funding of \$25,000 each, totaling \$50,000 available.

All Commission members are asked to review the specified applications individually and to discuss their recommendations publicly during the meeting. The applications for these two categories can be found in Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION:

There are fifteen (15) applications in “Recreational Activities” and seven (7) applications in “Environmental/Wildlife/Animal Programs.” The Commission is being asked to consider each of the City Grant applications and provide recommended funding amounts. To establish a foundation for this discussion, staff requests that the Commission complete their funding recommendations independently and bring those recommendations to the meeting.

A worksheet with the applicant names and requested funding amounts has been provided to assist Commissioners in this effort, as Attachment 2. Staff will compile all the individual funding recommendations into a spreadsheet to be reviewed at the meeting. The Commission will receive public comments, discuss the worksheet results, and adjust the funding amounts as necessary.

The funding will be available to the granted applicants beginning July 1, 2025. Additionally, each granted applicant must submit an “End of Year” Report by June 30, 2026, showing how their funds were spent for the grant period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

The Commission’s recommendations will go to City Council for final approval in June of 2025.

Environmental/Wildlife/Animal Programs Applications				
<i>No.</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount Received FY 24/25</i>	<i>Amount Requested FY 25/26</i>
1	C.A.R.E. 4 Paws	Mobile Spay/Neuter Outreach	Did not apply	\$5,000
2	Ellwood Friends	ACCESS Program	Did not apply	\$10,000
3	Los Padres ForestWatch	Fire in Focus	Did not apply	\$10,000
4	Santa Barbara Audubon Society	12 th Winter Bird Count for Kids	\$2,300	\$5,730
5	Santa Barbara Channelkeeper	Watershed Brigade	\$2,400	\$5,000
6	Santa Barbara Humane Society	TLC Program	\$2,300	\$10,000
7	The Fish Reef Project	Sea Cave Monitoring	Did Not Apply	\$10,000
TOTAL				\$55,730

Recreational Activities Applications				
<i>No.</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount Received FY 24/25</i>	<i>Amount Requested FY 25/26</i>
8	Dos Pueblos Little League	Purchase and installation of water bottle filling station and drinking fountain	\$3,200	\$10,000
9	Girls Inc.	Afterschool Education & Enrichment Program	\$4,000	\$10,000
10	Goleta Valley Historical Society	Camp Stow Program	\$4,000	\$10,000
11	Ice Skating Association	Afterschool Skating and STEM Program	\$1,700	\$10,000
12	Los Padres Forest Association	Goleta Trail Research and Development	Did not apply	\$5,000
13	NatureTrack Foundation	Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature	\$3,500	\$5,000
14	Santa Barbara Maritime Museum	Tall Ship Program	\$3,000	\$5,000
15	Santa Barbara Water Polo	Equipment for Youth Water Polo	Did not apply	\$3,500
16	Wilderness Youth Project	Wilderness Youth Project	\$4,500	\$10,000
17	La Patera PTA	Physical Education Program Enhancement	\$750	\$7,376.98
18	Los Padres Council	Outdoor School Funds	\$3,800	\$10,000
19	Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Campership Alliance	\$2,800	\$10,000
20	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation	\$3,000	\$10,000
21	Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Goleta Beach Ocean Enrichment	\$2,800.00	\$10,000
22	OMG Youth Sports	OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub: Inspire, Achieve, Explore	Did not apply	\$10,000
TOTAL				\$125,876.98

Approved By:

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JoAnne Plummer
Neighborhood Services Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Grant Applications
2. Prioritization Spreadsheet

ATTACHMENT 1

City Grant Applications



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2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

C.A.R.E.4Paws

Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach for Goleta Pet Families

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\$ 5,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

C.A.R.E.4Paws works to reduce pet overpopulation and improve pet family welfare.

Key Programs and Services:

Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach: Offering low-cost spay/neuter and other surgical/medical services, routine vaccinations and preventative care.

Pet Resource Assistance: Distributing food and other supportive supplies to pet owners facing economic hardship.

Bilingual Community Outreach: Educating and assisting pet owners on pet care.

Domestic Violence Support: Providing boarding for the pets of individuals fleeing domestic violence situations.

Care for Pets of the Unhoused: C.A.R.E.4Paws provides a range of services to support unhoused individuals and their pets.

Target Audience:

Low-income families, seniors, individuals experiencing economic hardship, and underserved communities in Santa Barbara County.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

C.A.R.E.4Paws' Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach program, which represents 80% of our total operating expenditures, is central to our mission. Powered by two state-of-the-art mobile veterinary clinics—including a newly acquired 37-foot unit—our team delivers free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, veterinary care, vaccinations, and other preventative treatments, such as flea medication, dewormer and nail trimming. We propose holding two pet wellness clinics in the City of Goleta during 2025, with funding from this grant covering half of the cost of both events. We expect the event to be attended by both the unhoused and other lower-income citizens of Goleta.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

Approximately 350-400 Goleta pet families will benefit because their pet received our services at a Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach event.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, this program addresses a critical unmet and under-met need in the community by providing accessible pet wellness services to families struggling to afford veterinary care.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the demand for our services on the Central Coast of California has surged by 150%, reflecting the growing need in our own community. In 2019, we treated 7,000 dogs and cats. By 2023, that number more than doubled to 17,500 pets, and in 2024, we served an astounding 19,200 family pets with essential wellness services in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

Our program is designed to ensure that pets remain healthy, happy, and with the families who love them. This is especially vital in the City of Goleta, where high housing costs leave many families financially stretched. In such circumstances, veterinary care often becomes an unaffordable luxury for pet families who are already struggling to pay rent or meet basic needs. Without our services, families may be forced to make heartbreaking decisions, such as surrendering their beloved pets to shelters or forgoing necessary medical care, putting both pets and their owners at risk.

Our program fills this gap by offering affordable mobile wellness services, ranging from spay/neuter procedures to vaccinations and preventative care, reducing the burden on local shelters and helping families gain access to veterinary care. By addressing this need, we are not only improving the well-being of thousands of animals but also strengthening the fabric of our community by keeping families intact and reducing emotional and financial stress.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes, the program plays a vital role in preventing future problems and conditions on multiple levels, addressing not only the immediate needs of pets and their families but also contributing to the long-term well-being of the community.

For many individuals and families, pets are more than just animals—they are beloved members of the family who offer stability, comfort, and unconditional love during difficult times. By helping people keep their pets healthy and at home, C.A.R.E.4Paws ensures these vital bonds are preserved, offering a preventive buffer against feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression that might otherwise worsen without the presence of a trusted companion.

Additionally, our program reduces strain on animal shelters and rescues, which often face overcrowding and resource limitations. By preventing pet surrenders through accessible wellness services—such as vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, and preventative care—we address the root causes that might otherwise lead families to relinquish their pets. This not only keeps pets out of shelters but also reduces the financial and operational burden on local animal welfare organizations, allowing them to focus on more acute cases.

On a broader level, C.A.R.E.4Paws promotes a healthier and more compassionate community. By ensuring pets remain in loving homes and fostering responsible pet ownership, our program contributes to a reduction in pet overpopulation, decreases the spread of preventable diseases, and minimizes incidents of animal neglect and abandonment. These outcomes have far-reaching benefits for public health and safety while strengthening the bond between humans and animals.

In essence, our work addresses immediate challenges while also laying the groundwork for a more stable, healthy, and resilient community.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

C.A.R.E.4Paws is committed to ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all individuals, including those with disabilities, in our employment opportunities, community events, and service offerings. Our programs are designed to be accessible to individuals with verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, and other disabilities.

While our mobile veterinary clinic is equipped with stairs, access to the interior is primarily limited to veterinarians, staff, and volunteers responsible for providing care to pets. Clients and the general public, including those with disabilities, receive services outside the mobile unit in easily accessible locations.

For individuals with mobility challenges who may seek employment with our organization, we are dedicated to providing reasonable accommodations, such as modifying job responsibilities or offering alternative workspaces that do not require access to the mobile unit. Additionally, our community events are held at ADA-compliant venues or public spaces that accommodate individuals with a wide range of abilities.

C.A.R.E.4Paws continually evaluates and adapts its programs to eliminate potential barriers and ensure that all individuals, regardless of ability, can fully participate in our mission to support pets and their families.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes, funding from the City of Goleta may well result in additional government funding for C.A.R.E.4Paws from other municipalities. Other grant sources include the following:

Grants that C.A.R.E.4Paws will be seeking this year include the following:

Animal Charitable Foundation
Carter fund
Chrissie's Fund
Christian Science Legacy Fund
Community Foundation SLO/Cocks Fund
Dr. Hildegard Balin Charitable Trust
Edwin and Jeanne Woods Family Foundation
Ethel Friends Foundation
Glide Foundation
Grey Muzzle Organization
Good Samaritan Shelter
Henry Bull Foundation
Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation
Harold J. Miozzi Charitable Trust
Hexberg Family Foundation
Jewish Community Foundation
La Centra Sumerlin
Manitou Fund
Mark and Dorothy Smith Family Foundation
Mary H. Storer Foundation
May and Bill Allison Foundation
Mildred G. Federico Foundation
Montecito Bank & Trust Community Dividends
Patricia & Paul Bragg Foundation
Petco Love
PetSmart Charities Access to Care
Raintree Foundation
Ronald & Phyllis M. Bruce Trust
Rotary Foundation Montecito
Rotary Club of Santa Maria
Rotary Club Solvang

Roy & Ida Eagle Foundation
SB Foundation Capacity Building Grant
SB Foundation Seniors Program
Santa Ynez Valley Foundation
SLO County Board of Supervisors
Sparacio Foundation
Tom and Nancy Elsaesser Foundation
Walter & Holly Thomson Foundation
Whittier Trust / WWW Foundation

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Requested funds are necessary and vital in carrying out mobile clinic events such as this in the City of Goleta. If we are not awarded funding, we will continue to seek funding from private and public foundations and donors to cover costs associated with our mobile pet clinics, and we will use this strategy as well if we are awarded partial funding.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, C.A.R.E.4Paws primarily serves pet families who are low-income and face financial hardship. Our programs are designed to support individuals and families in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties who are struggling to afford essential pet care services. We require clients to provide documentation verifying their financial eligibility for medical, surgical services, dental cleanings and extractions, and tumor removals (but not for vaccinations, flea treatment, deworming, microchipping, and anal gland expression). We accept a variety of official documents to demonstrate financial need, ensuring accessibility while maintaining accountability. Clients must submit at least one of the following forms of documentation with their name clearly visible:

Unemployment verification
Social Security benefits
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Disability
Food Stamps (SNAP)
Medicaid/Medi-Cal
VA Disability benefits
CalWORKS assistance
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program benefits
CalFRESH enrollment
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance
Section 8 Housing assistance

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.
C.A.R.E.4Paws was last audited in 2023 and there were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Our board of directors reviews and approves financial statements at our monthly board meetings.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

Yes, although we will provide services for free if pet families cannot afford to pay. Services are available by appointment. We increased our low-cost clinic fees in January 2024 for the first time in our organization's 14-year history of operations. It was a very small increase...rabies, most other shots and flea treatment, chips, etc went from \$10 to \$15. Exams and medical care procedures went up by \$10-\$50 and they are still very low cost.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

1116078	Total Assets (\$)
63063	Total Liabilities (\$)
1116078	Total Net Assets (\$)
1116078	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
3,411,297.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levey? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

We do not

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Chris Harris, board chair, CPA, Hutchingson & Bloodgood(805) 963-1837. Email: chris.harris@hb.cpa

Tom Fisher, former board member and planned giving committee member, Certified Financial Planner, Montecito Bank and Trust, 831-247-3200, tfisher@montecito.bank

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

	N/A	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
	N/A	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
	N/A	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
	N/A	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
	0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

Not applicable

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 602,694.00	\$ 602,694.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 190,857.00	\$ 190,857.00
Fees	\$ 364,276.00	\$ 364,276.00
Other	\$ 98,296.00	\$ 98,296.00
Total	\$ 1,256,123.00	\$ 1,261,123.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Mobile Clinic Staff Payroll	\$ 721,000.00	\$ 721,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Lead Veterenarian	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	
Vet & Vet Tech Contract Labor	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 500.00
Surgery and Medical Supplies	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Medical and General Equipment	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 500.00
Vaccines	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Microchips	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 500.00
Facility Fee and Parking	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Spay Packs and Laundry	\$ 7,828.00	\$ 7,828.00	

Utilities	\$ 12,195.00	\$ 12,195.00	\$ 500.00
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
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	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 1,256,123.00	\$ 1,256,123.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Narrative

City of Goleta funds would be used to help cover some payroll and contractor costs for the mobile clinic, as well as costs associated with vaccines, microchips, utilities, and medical equipment. All are direct services except utilities.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tax Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Care4Paws Statement of Financial Position 2024.pdf
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Budget
Organizational Chart		
Supplemental or Additional Information		Mobile Clinic Fee Schedule

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Deadline: 1/31/2025

**Ellwood Friends (fiscal sponsor: Legacy Philanthropy Works)
Ellwood Friends ACCESS Program**

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\$ 10,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of Ellwood Friends is to catalyze community stewardship to conserve, access, and celebrate Ellwood Mesa through exemplary public engagement, collaborative partnerships, and habitat management.

Ellwood Friends serves as a vital bridge between governing agencies and the community, creating opportunities for public engagement and inviting community members to actively participate in the stewardship of Ellwood Mesa in meaningful ways. By uniting local expertise with volunteer efforts, Ellwood Friends demonstrates the power of community to drive impactful change. With 374 dedicated 'Friends' and guidance from seven active Steering Committee members, Ellwood Friends exemplifies how collective action can achieve extraordinary results.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The requested funding will support programming for Ellwood Mesa to ensure it thrives as a community-supported landscape.

Key programming includes:

--Community volunteer workdays, where we will offer volunteer opportunities for individuals of all ages to contribute to the care and maintenance of this landscape. These work days will support restoration of critical habitats, safeguard wildlife corridors, and improvement of sustainable trail systems that provide access and opportunities for Ellwood visitors to connect with nature. They take place on Saturdays, from 9 AM - Noon at Ellwood Mesa. They take places in coordination with City of Goleta's Parks and Open Space Division.

--Community Engagement Sessions where we invite public input on habitat management and development projects, promoting collaboration and mutual understanding between neighbors and the City of Goleta during the planning process. These will take place in the afternoons and/or evenings, to increase access. They will take place at the Goleta Valley Community Center or Ellwood Elementary, depending on the event.

--Supporting the City of Goleta's docent program, including recruitment and training to expand community involvement in educational efforts. This will take places in the months leading up to the monarch docent season.

--The Ellwood Mesa Story Capture project, which preserves the stories of those who have played pivotal roles in the conservation and stewardship of Ellwood Mesa. These will be available online to everyone.

Programs at Ellwood Mesa provide opportunities for families, outdoor enthusiasts, conservationists, and residents to benefit from Ellwood Mesa's recreational and environmental contributions. Continuing to connect with community members through programmatic offerings can help to ensure the preservation of this treasured coastal habitat. Ellwood Friends has developed the ACCESS Framework for Stewardship and Connection.

The ACCESS framework offers a structured, comprehensive approach to meeting Ellwood Mesa's current needs. By emphasizing collaboration, active community participation, and proactive stewardship, it charts a clear path for stewarding the area's ecological and recreational value. This approach equips the community to address critical challenges, including habitat degradation, climate impacts, and safety concerns, ensuring Ellwood Mesa remains a thriving landscape for all.

Access

Share clear, timely information and gather community feedback to guide ongoing efforts.

Strengthen communication between governing agencies and the public to promote collaboration.

Conservation

Facilitate meaningful public participation in habitat restoration and management planning.

Share ecological data, such as monarch butterfly counts, to inform science-based decisions that sustain Ellwood Mesa's ecosystems.

Celebration

Build community connections by organizing events that highlight collaboration and collective achievements.

Promote shared appreciation for Ellwood Mesa through inclusive celebrations.

Education

Partner with organizations to develop and deliver educational programs that engage the public with

Ellwood Mesa's ecology and history.

Service

Engage volunteers in restoration and safety projects that enhance habitat, maintain public access, and adhere to regulatory standards.

Stewardship

Cultivate strong partnerships with conservation, education, and stewardship organizations to develop a unified, long-term strategy for Ellwood Mesa.

Collaborate with agencies and community members to address complex challenges, such as climate change and wildfire impacts, through innovative and inclusive solutions.

Ellwood Friends is committed to mobilizing community support towards stewardship, conservation, and celebration. As a community-led organization, Ellwood Friends has forged strong partnerships with local groups, agencies, and dedicated volunteers, demonstrating its capacity to lead impactful initiatives. By securing support for the ongoing management and care of Ellwood Mesa, we can ensure that this treasured resource continues to thrive as a vital haven for nature, wildlife, and community enjoyment for generations to come.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

500+. Programming at Ellwood Mesa is open to all community members. Trail work days can have 50 volunteers per day, and we are scheduling at least 10 days in 2025 for a total 500 people. Community engagement sessions will also be available to all adults.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other: Civicism

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, programming at Ellwood Mesa directly addresses an important need by offering opportunities for community-members to learn about the history of the landscape and to engage in the stewardship of Ellwood Mesa.

Offering community-centered programming provides an opportunity to increase awareness of Ellwood Mesa's ecological and cultural value. Active, sustained community involvement is essential for overcoming the long-term management challenges of public open spaces, such as promoting ecological health, restoring habitats, and maintaining public accessibility. It also increases opportunities for civic engagement and volunteerism. Our goal is to ensure Ellwood Mesa continues to be a well-maintained, treasured landscape, providing these invaluable benefits to the community:

Support for Monarch Butterflies

Adding to the complexity, Ellwood Mesa is also one of the most important national sites for overwintering

monarch butterflies. Monarchs are a migratory species and rely on Ellwood Mesa year after year as a safe harbor in winter until spring when they leave to lay eggs and continue their migratory journey. Due to their alarming decline in population, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed to list monarch butterflies as Threatened Species under the Endangered Species Act, and Ellwood Mesa is designated as critical habitat and of critical importance to the survival of the Western Monarch Butterfly. Ellwood Friends play a key role in preserving and enhancing this vital habitat by engaging the community in habitat restoration efforts, educating the community about monarchs, and supporting habitat management strategies that promote the survival of monarchs and other native species.

Additional Benefits:

- Enhanced Mental Health and Stress Reduction
- Strengthened Sense of Belonging & Community Cohesion
- Decreased Crime and Violence
- Encouragement of Healthy Lifestyles
- A Natural Buffer Against Climate Change
- Enhanced Environmental Education
- Improved Environmental Quality
- Economic Vitality

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes, programming at Ellwood Mesa ensures that essential management of the land continues. Active management of this landscape is essential to maintaining its health, safety, and accessibility. For example, recent challenges, such as increased risk of wildfires and the degradation of monarch butterfly overwintering sites, highlight the consequences of delayed action.

The need for ongoing and collective care requires accessible opportunities for community engagement through programmatic offerings. Funding from the City of Goleta will help to build a corps of engaged community members who can support the City's management of Ellwood Mesa. Proactive engagement is vital to ensuring Ellwood Mesa remains a thriving habitat and valuable resource for future generations.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Our aim is to create programs that are as inclusive as possible, ensuring accommodations for individuals with disabilities. We are partnering with Nature Track, and they have wheel chairs that connect to regular wheel chairs, to enable access to the outdoors for people in wheelchairs.

We will offer educational materials in accessible formats. eg., large print, digital formats) and offer translation of all printed materials in Spanish as well.

We will encourage individuals requiring specific accommodations to contact us in advance of program dates, ensuring their needs are met to the best of our ability.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Absolutely. We anticipate seeking programming support from other community partners as well. Because Ellwood Mesa is a community supported landscape, we hope to draw from the network of community members and organizations involved in the historic and continued efforts to steward this community treasure.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes. The requested funds are vital to the success of continued programmatic offerings at Ellwood Mesa. Funds will directly support wildlife and habitat stewardship, community engagement, and educational programming. Programming is an essential component of ensuring the health and accessibility of this vital community landscape.

If the City of Goleta provides only partial funding, we will adjust program development to prioritize critical goals surrounding habitat restoration and community accessibility. Additionally, we will pursue supplementary funding from other sources, including community sponsorships, in-kind donations from local businesses, and potential grants from conservation-focused organizations.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, programming at Ellwood Mesa is designed to reach and serve low-income populations in the community. We will deploy a range of outreach strategies to ensure that all community members, including those from low-income backgrounds, are aware of and have the opportunity to participate in programs. In addition to partnering with the Goleta Union School District—where six of the nine elementary schools receive Title I funding, and a significant percentage of students qualify for free or reduced meals—we will work with local nonprofits, food banks, the Goleta library and other organizations that serve low-income populations. These partnerships will help us connect with families in need and ensure everyone is invited to attend programs.

All program materials will be made available in multiple languages to ensure accessibility for non-English speaking residents. Additionally, we will work closely with schools and parent-teacher associations to ensure students and families from Title I schools are informed and encouraged to look into participating in programs.

Social media platforms and neighborhood forums such as Nextdoor and Facebook groups will be used to engage with a broader audience, particularly in communities with higher concentrations of low-income families.

Programs are open to all with an emphasis on engaging and welcoming those who may not typically have access to recreational spaces like Ellwood Mesa. Through these strategies, we aim to create inclusive, accessible programs that fosters connection, community stewardship, and a celebration of nature for all residents, regardless of income.

<https://www.greatschools.org/california/goleta/goleta-union-elementary-school-district/>

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sdprofile/details.aspx?cds=42691950000000>

<https://www.ed-data.org/school/Santa-Barbara/Santa-Barbara-Unified/Goleta-Valley-Junior-High>

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Ellwood Friends is fiscally sponsored by LegacyWorks Philanthropy Works, who was last audited in 2024.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial

statements?

The Ellwood Friends Steering Committee reviews and approves financial statements at every committee meeting, which occur 4-6 times per year.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

All programming organized by Ellwood Friends will be free to the community.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

50000	Total Assets (\$)
5000	Total Liabilities (\$)
45000	Total Net Assets (\$)
50000	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
150,000.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levey? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

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CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basicly-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

N/A	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
N/A	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
N/A	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
N/A	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds		\$ 10,000.00
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Fees		
Other		
Total	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 70,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance			
Supplies			

Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Travel, Mileage, Training			
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Insurance			
Other - Admin Fee	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	
Total	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 69,500.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

The funds from City of Goleta will be used to provide free programming to Goleta residents. Our greatest need is to fund volunteer service days. This is also our greatest opportunity for impact because the work days are open to 50+ volunteers per day, inclusive to all ages, languages, and abilities. These volunteer days foster community building and help care for the land, trees, and trails of Goleta. These funds will be used to pay the our contracting partner, Bucket Brigade, who organizes the day, communicates with restoration partners (City of Goleta and UCSB Cheadle Center) and provides the tools and skills. We plan to offer at least 10 service days per year, totaling 500+ participants.

As a growing organization, we have enlisted Legacy Philanthropy Works as our fiscal sponsor. Legacy Philanthropy Works is a trusted local partner with a strong history of successfully incubating community projects. In exchange for assuming fiscal responsibility for Ellwood Friends, a 10% administrative fee will be charged to cover the costs of bookkeeping, human resources, payroll, financial reporting, technical assistance, liability insurance, and resource-sharing.

Lastly - thank you so much for your consideration. You read a lot of applications so thank you for reading this one for Ellwood Friends.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nonprofit tax exemption letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board Members and Steering Committee Members
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legacy Philanthropy Works Financials Ellwood Friends Financials 2024
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LegacyWorks Org Budget 2025 Ellwood Friends Org Budget 2024-2025
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**Los Padres ForestWatch
Fire in Focus**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Los Padres ForestWatch protects wildlife, wilderness, water, and sustainable access throughout the Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. We achieve this through education, advocacy, and when necessary, legal action for the benefit of our communities, climate, and future generations.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Over the last few decades, climate change has greatly impacted western North America, especially in

California. More frequent and intense droughts coinciding with extreme weather events, a plethora of human-caused ignitions, and increased development in dangerous areas has led to major wildfires and community disasters. Fires such as the 2008 Gap Fire, the 2017 Whittier Fire, and the 2018 Holiday Fire have had significant impacts on Goleta, while other major fires such as the 2009 Jesusita Fire and the 2017 Thomas Fire have impacted nearby local communities and public lands. The response by land management agencies and policymakers to such wildfires and community disasters has been largely to focus limited funding and resources toward vegetation removal, especially in wildland areas. In our region, this has mostly resulted in chaparral clearance projects through the use of masticators and other heavy mechanical equipment, though there have also been large proposals to commercially log high elevation forests as well. These activities can have serious collateral ecological impacts, and they generally fail to protect communities from the wind-driven fires that are of greatest concern to agencies, elected officials, and the general public.

There are science-based solutions that have been shown to be effective at protecting communities, such as home hardening, defensible space, better alert and evacuation systems, and more. However, very little public funding goes to these types of projects compared to large-scale vegetation clearing projects.

Los Padres ForestWatch (ForestWatch) has been fighting damaging vegetation removal activities billed as wildfire mitigation efforts for more than a decade, but our efforts have become increasingly difficult in recent years at both the federal and state level. Therefore, we made the decision to change our approach to how we protect the national forest, local wildland landscapes, and our communities from the impacts of intensive, mechanical vegetation management. Instead of simply fighting every project that is proposed, we are beginning to focus our efforts and resources into increasing the public's understanding about wildfire in our region, how they can protect their homes and communities, and how they can get involved and have their voices heard.

The more people understand local and regional fire ecology, the more likely they will speak out against specific projects and policies that are both ineffective at protecting communities from wind-driven fires and ecologically damaging to the environment. The more that local, state, and federal elected officials understand these issues, the more likely they will propose legislation that focuses more resources on community-based efforts rather than wildland vegetation removal projects. In an effort to provide more educational opportunities for the public, other conservation groups, and elected officials so they can learn about some of the complexities of wildfire in our region and speak out when the time comes, ForestWatch has created a new program called Fire in Focus.

To protect the City of Goleta and educate community members and local elected officials about wildfire ecology and the most effective ways to protect communities, ForestWatch will hold several education events in the community over the next year. This includes hosting wildfire webinars featuring our own expert staff as well as experts from other institutions; hosting an in-person presentation for the Goleta community at a local establishment; leading fire ecology-focused community hikes on our local public lands; creating outreach materials such as StoryMaps, interactive maps, fact sheets, and more, that will be handed out during community forums, published on our website, and distributed via other media outlets; creating fun, approachable video content and other social media to help educate and engage the community of Goleta; creating an official report on our position and the reasoning behind it to share with Goleta City Council; and organizing a film screenings of the documentary *Elemental: Reimagine Wildfire* for the Goleta Community. This film explores how we can reimagine our relationship with wildfire and keep our homes and communities safe.

The immediate goal of the Fire in Focus program is to educate the community about the ecology of our local ecosystems and public lands to change their understanding about how wildfire impacts these places, what we can do to mitigate the impacts on our homes and communities, and how they can get involved to protect the wildland areas they care about. The program will not only serve the community of Goleta but all of the Santa Barbara region. Community presentations and the *Elemental* film screening could be held at the Goleta Valley Community Center with a capacity of 250 at one time. Multiple film screenings and presentations could be held at various locations depending on demand and funding. For those who aren't able to attend in-person events, we will host webinars that can accommodate a larger number of participants and post educational videos on social media. Additionally, educational materials will be available for Goleta community members in both English and Spanish.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

The Fire in Focus program will serve the entire community of Goleta which has a population of approximately 32,665 along with residents of the Santa Barbara community at large.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Currently, no other organization in our region is focusing on providing science-based solutions and increasing the public's understanding about wildfire in our region through fire ecology importance and education. Additionally, no other group or organization focuses primarily on protecting our public lands, communities, and national forests from the detrimental impacts of large-scale mechanical vegetation removal projects through education and advocacy.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

The Fire in Focus program will educate the community about science-based solutions that are shown to be effective at protecting homes and structures from the devastating impacts of wildfire. Home hardening, defensible space, better alert systems, and evacuation plans are all actions that can be taken now that will help protect our communities in the future should a wildfire threaten the City of Goleta.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

No. The Fire in Focus program is open for anyone to participate. All facilities in which we hold events will be ADA compliant and offer accommodation to those with disabilities. Additionally, all program materials will be available in both English and Spanish.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Fire in Focus is a new program at ForestWatch. ForestWatch has not yet secured any additional funding for the program but has identified several sources of funding that we will be pursuing. ForestWatch will

continue to seek additional funding from individual donors and grants and will allocate funds from their general fund to this project as necessary.

Funding from the City of Goleta could be leveraged to entice future funding and partnerships. Additionally, should the City of Goleta provide funding, we could use the funding as a match to further incentive individual donations to support the program.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Funding from the City of Goleta is vital for holding educational events and film screenings in the Goleta community. Should full funding not be available for this project, ForestWatch would continue our efforts but may need to cut back on the scope and time put into advocacy and education specific to the Goleta community, which is critical for the project's success. ForestWatch would continue to seek additional funding from other sources such as grants and individual donations.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Fire in Focus serves the community at large and does not primarily serve those with low incomes.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Given the size of ForestWatch and our organizational budget, we are not required to perform an audit every year. However, we do have internally reviewed financial statements.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

ForestWatch's board of directors meets bi-monthly but approves financial statements on a monthly basis.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

ForestWatch does not charge a fee for any of our services and all our community events, film screenings, and webinars will be free to attend.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

1101830	Total Assets (\$)
94488	Total Liabilities (\$)
1007342	Total Net Assets (\$)
1101830	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
3,305,490.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

n/a

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Anna deLaski, Soliminer Winery, Los Padres ForestWatch Board President, 310-745-3695

Sam Thomas, California Lutheran University, Los Padres ForestWatch Board Vice President, 805-906-1731

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
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19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

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n/a	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
n/a	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
n/a	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
n/a	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	
State	\$ 0.00	
County	\$ 0.00	
Municipal	\$ 0.00	
School District	\$ 0.00	
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 38,331.00	\$ 38,331.00
Fees	\$ 0.00	
Other	\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 78,331.00	\$ 78,331.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 58,195.00	\$ 58,195.00	\$ 7,429.00
Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 638.00
Educational Video	\$ 4,048.00	\$ 4,048.00	\$ 505.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 191.00
Program Supplies	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 159.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 153.00
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 508.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 64.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 160.00
Insurance	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 96.00
Translation Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 191.00
Map Production	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 414.00
Venue Rental Fees	\$ 78,331.00	\$ 78,331.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 78,331.00	\$ 78,331.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

City of Goleta funds would be used to cover costs associated with community outreach and education as well as having community events in the City of Goleta for the Fire in Focus program. Direct program costs covered by the City of Goleta Grant include Spanish translation and production of all outreach materials, venue rental fees and event costs, program director personnel costs, map production and printing, travel reimbursement, program supplies and equipment, and an educational video. Indirect costs include rent and overhead, office equipment, and insurance.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of Board Members
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Previous FY Financial Statement
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Org Budget

Organizational Chart

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**Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.
Santa Barbara Audubon Society 12th Winter Bird Count for Kids**

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\$ 5,730.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Santa Barbara Audubon Society (SBAS) protects area birdlife and habitat and connects people with birds through education, conservation, and science.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The SBAS Winter Bird Count for Kids (WBC4K) is a popular, free, annual event at Lake Los Carneros in Goleta connecting children (ages 8-16) and families with birds in local open spaces, and teaching them about the importance of environmental stewardship. WBC4K is modeled after the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, an annual nationwide community science event that monitors and records bird species diversity in local areas. Expert SBAS volunteer bird guides lead small groups of students around the lake teaching them how to use binoculars and identify birds. SBAS has been grateful for the support of the City of Goleta in past years for this event. Funds will support the 12th annual WBC4K in late January 2026 from 9am to 12pm.

Children are accompanied by adults throughout the event with a typical adult to child ratio of 1 to 7 or fewer. At check-in, children are provided with a picture checklist of birds and a free event T-shirt for the first 75 participants. Binoculars are available for loan to families that need them. After learning to “fox walk” and use binoculars, small birding groups are formed. An SBAS expert guide helps participants find and identify birds. Then, groups convene back at Stow House to review their checklists and celebrate the species seen. There is always a surprise bird not on the list of usual birds. It is an enjoyable day for kids, families, and volunteers.

In 2024, the WBC4K was attended by 31 kids and five high school helpers from 16 schools (including eight Goleta schools). The event was supported by 39 volunteers (including bird walk leaders, administrative helpers, and high school students). Birds seen/heard totaled 49 species, including the Red-breasted Sapsucker, Summer Tanager, Tropical Kingbird, and Violet-green Swallow. We collect data on schools the students attend and the number of families that are Goleta residents.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

Over 50 students and their accompanying adults and about 20 volunteers and SBAS staff were residents of Goleta and Noleta at the 2025 WBC4K (of ~150 total attendees). Families from Santa Barbara and Montecito also attend, with more participants each year.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other: Community Science

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

WBC4K helps address the need for youth environmental programs in Goleta. It is unique in bringing participants directly to an accessible natural space and inspiring the protection of Goleta’s open spaces for local children and families. SBAS conducts outreach to schools and families in Goleta Union School District through ParentSquare and selected science junior high and high school students through Santa Barbara Unified School District. Although these children and families live in Goleta, they may have never visited Lake Los Carneros or learned about the importance of protecting birds and their habitats. Being that the event is free of charge and within walking distance for local neighborhood families, it removes economic and transportation barriers that may prevent children and families from being able to participate in other environmental youth programs or activities. This event connects the community across generations, bringing children, teens, parents, grandparents, and senior volunteers together for a positive, outdoor experience in their own backyard.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

WBC4K promotes appreciation for birdlife, conservation, and community environmental stewardship. This is important on a large scale because birds indicate the health of the natural world. Protecting birds means protecting people and our planet. Since 1970, the number of North American birds has declined by three billion. Bird populations have been drastically shrinking due to habitat loss and climate change. It is critical that we act now to reverse this trend because birds are essential to a rich, healthy, and sustainable environment. Birds control pests, pollinate plants, disperse seeds, scavenge carcasses, recycle nutrients, and provide a greater understanding of the earth’s diverse ecosystems. In addition, birdwatching brings joy to many and can lead to an array of health benefits derived from being in community as well as in nature.

Jessica Prichard, SBAS Board Member, highlights how birding is intertwined with conservation, “The sparks of joy from birding build long-lasting connections with nature and people, which is the most important thing we can do right now to inspire people to care about the natural world.”

According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, birdwatching is the fastest growing outdoor recreation in the country with over 47.8 million participants in the US. Not only does birding improve conservation and science efforts, it is a healthy activity for people that connects them with nature. Adults and children alike are spending less time outdoors than in the past and more time in front of screens. Research shows that not enough time outside can lead to increased risk for a range of behavioral, physical, and psychological problems. WBC4K directly connects children and families to nature (via birding and community science) and reaches community members of all ages, aiding in embracing environmental stewardship and prevention of land harm.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

To comply with applicable laws ensuring equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with a disability, SBAS will make reasonable accommodations for known physical or mental disabilities of an otherwise qualified applicant or employee unless undue hardship would result.

WBC4K is accessible for participants with disabilities (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) and can be adapted based on the individual's needs. Bird viewing opportunities can be undertaken near sidewalks and handicapped parking spots. The path around Lake Los Carneros provides access for participants who use wheelchairs or mobility aids. The wooded parking lot at Stow House, dam, and nearby railroad museum in Goleta also offer excellent and accessible birding viewing areas.

Alternative opportunities available to community members with disabilities include SBAS's and Goleta Coast Audubon Society's "Bird Sits," which welcome mobility challenged birding enthusiasts, often on the Stow House lawn, other local parks, and at retirement communities. SBAS continues to offer programs to the community where our Eyes in the Sky volunteers bring raptors and wildlife education into schools, other local organizations, and senior centers and retirement communities - meeting people where they already are.

The Audubon Aviary housed at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH) is now more accessible after a recent remodel. Our monthly programs are often held at SBMNH's Fleischmann Auditorium, which is ADA accessible.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

SBAS relies on the generosity of volunteers to support the preparation and day-of activities of WBC4K. Staff costs, supplies, and other budget items are kept to a minimum. SBAS has greatly appreciated the support and partnership of the City of Goleta in bringing WBC4K to the community each year and SBAS gratefully acknowledges the City of Goleta's support in marketing materials circulated for the event and on our website, ensuring widespread recognition of the City's generous support.

The City of Goleta's support for WBC4K empowers SBAS to grow partnerships with local Goleta Union School District schools, to which we also offer our Meet Your Wild Neighbor programming (largely provided free of cost). It also increases our reach to families in Goleta to raise awareness about our other program offerings that they may participate in.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

The requested funds are vital for carrying out WBC4K successfully and ensuring that we can match the increased demand and popularity each year. The City of Goleta's support greatly impacts our ability to continue to offer this annual, community event free to the public without drawing funds from our ongoing programs and operations. If partial funding is received, SBAS will have to rely on general funds raised through general operating support grants and donations from individuals. SBAS is committed to continuing the annual event and securing the resources to do so. We are greatly appreciative of the City of Goleta's ongoing support and recognition of the importance of this event for Goleta children and families.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-

incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)? WBC4K is available to community members and children of any income level. The event is offered free of charge to remove any cost barriers for low-income families. As mentioned, SBAS conducts outreach to local schools, some underserved. Please find the 2025 WBC4K's flyer attached that is circulated in English and Spanish. SBAS does not collect income documentation.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below. SBAS was last audited for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. There were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

SBAS's Board of Directors reviews financial statements in a comprehensive quarterly report and reviews and approves updates at each monthly Board meeting.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application. WBC4K is offered completely free of charge to community members. This is supported through the City of Goleta's funding.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

755,448.71	Total Assets (\$)
	Total Liabilities (\$)
755,448.71	Total Net Assets (\$)
755,448.71	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
2,266,346.13	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.
No.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

- (1) Ann Steinmetz, SBAS Board Education Chair (Retired) & Key Longtime Member/Strategic Adviser (Active): amsteinmetz@gmail.com
- (2) Dr. Dolores Pollock, SBAS President Emerita: dolores.pollock@verizon.net; 805-698-0552

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basicly-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in

- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

N/A	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
N/A	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
N/A	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
N/A	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.
N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 5,730.00
In-kind volunteer labor	\$ 20,153.00	\$ 20,849.40
SBAS General Funds	\$ 2,378.25	
Total	\$ 24,831.25	\$ 26,579.40

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes, Consultants, and Contracts	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 140.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Supplies	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 545.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Insurance	\$ 63.25	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
In-kind volunteer labor	\$ 20,153.00	\$ 20,849.40	
Total	\$ 24,831.25	\$ 26,579.40	\$ 5,730.00

Budget Narrative

SBAS requests a \$5,730 grant from the City of Goleta to support staff salaries, rentals, supplies, marketing, and insurance required for WBC4K. Supplies include t-shirts and high quality printed Bird Checklists that participants may keep, and SBAS brochures, flyers, and printed releases.

The budget also includes the value of in-kind volunteer labor, totalling \$20,849.40. This is calculated using the independent sector volunteer rate for CA in 2023 (https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/is-vovt-report-all-years_v2-1.pdf) using approved rate of \$38.61/hour and a

conservative estimates of volunteers' hours:
 4 meetings, 8 people (2 hrs per meeting) = 64 hrs
 Misc errands/other coordination = 120 hrs
 Materials development = 200 hrs
 39 volunteers (including the 15 group leaders), * 4 hrs day of event = 156 hrs
 TOTAL Volunteer Hrs = 540 hrs
 TOTAL Value of Volunteer Hrs = 540 *\$38.61 = \$20,849.40

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board Roster
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FYE 2024 Balance Sheet FYE 2024 Profit & Loss
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Org Budget
Organizational Chart		
Supplemental or Additional Information		2024 WBC4K Flyer Noozhawk WBC4K Article

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Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
2025-26 Santa Barbara Channelkeeper Watershed Brigade

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Santa Barbara Channelkeeper's mission is to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds.

As a grassroots non-profit organization, Channelkeeper works to achieve this mission through science-based advocacy, education, field work, enforcement, and community engagement.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly

how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Channelkeeper's Watershed Brigade is a grassroots community cleanup program that expands our region's capacity to clean up neighborhoods, creeks, and beaches along the South-Central Coast. The program engages the public in cleanup efforts through various volunteer opportunities that address trash pollution issues. Watershed Brigade cleanup activities serve as a critical line of defense for preventing plastic and other trash pollution from entering our waterways and damaging sensitive aquatic habitats, including watersheds leading into the Santa Barbara Channel and further out to the ocean beyond. The program also provides a platform for education about pollution issues, including efforts to reduce the use of single-use plastics.

Over the past four years, Channelkeeper has refined the Watershed Brigade to be a well-established program having a significant impact in addressing our community's trash pollution issues. We aim to build on the successes of the program over the past four years, focusing on two core program offerings in 2025/2026: a) monthly community cleanup events (one per month), and b) "hosted" cleanup events with local businesses, schools, or community groups (one to two per month).

Watershed Brigade cleanup events are held throughout the year, several of which are conducted in neighborhoods, creeks, and beaches in Goleta. Channelkeeper surveys a variety of potential cleanup locations throughout the region to identify pollution, trash, and derelict fishing gear hot spots that need to be addressed through community cleanup efforts. The program also includes the opportunity for community members to report trash pollution issues and Channelkeeper staff determine the most appropriate response to these reports.

One of the most unique and successful elements of the Watershed Brigade program is our large-scale cleanup efforts. Channelkeeper staff leads the coordination of an annual lobster trap removal, in collaboration with the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara, who volunteer their time, boats, and expertise to assist in hauling lobster traps off beaches. Channelkeeper is one of the few organizations in Santa Barbara organizing cleanups targeting derelict fishing gear. So far, the Watershed Brigade has successfully conducted four annual lobster trap cleanups on mainland beaches, removing an estimated 246 traps from seven different beaches. Two of these four cleanups took place in Goleta, with the most recent cleanup taking place in the spring 2024 from Black Rock Beach to More Mesa, east of the Goleta Slough.

Program coordination is ongoing throughout the year, with a dedicated Channelkeeper staff overseeing all program activities. This includes site selection, collaboration with partner organizations, volunteer management, coordination with local businesses and social clubs, cleanup oversight and logistics such as distributing supplies and ensuring proper waste management, outreach and education material production and distribution, and data collection. Pre- and post- event communications efforts also include regular updates on Channelkeeper's social media platforms, monthly e-newsletters, and biannual print newsletters which aim to educate audiences about pollution issues, promote opportunities to get involved, report impact, and build connections that inspire positive change in our communities.

Our efforts in achieving the goals of the Watershed Brigade program are measured by several metrics that are tracked throughout the year including: 1) number of cleanup events, 2) number of volunteers, 3) number of partner organizations, 4) pounds of trash removed, 5) engagement with communication and outreach efforts. The number of cleanup events and volunteer participation demonstrates the magnitude of the community-driven effort and the sense of collective responsibility. Collaborations are also essential for expanding the reach of our cleanup efforts. Thus, the number of partnerships showcases our ability to unite various supporters for a common cause. The amount of trash collected correlates to the amount of litter kept out of our environment. And engagement on our communications platforms indicates the reach of our education and outreach efforts in working to raise public awareness and inspire societal change.

Those engaged in the Watershed Brigade cleanup events and those served by the program represent a broad range of individuals across our community, including a diversity of ages, ethnicities, and socio-economic status. Community cleanup events are open to all community members with a goal of protecting our watersheds and coastlines for the benefit of ALL people. Many of the Watershed Brigade cleanups take place in Goleta and engage Goleta residents.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

We are unable to approximate the number of Goleta residents the program reaches. However, each year, an average of four cleanup events take place within Goleta and since 2020, an estimated 562 individual and group cleanups have been conducted in Goleta.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Trash pollution in our communities and environment is ubiquitous, reaching even the most remote stretches of our coastlines on the Channel Islands. Trash can travel throughout the watershed out to local beaches and ocean. Some studies estimate that up to 12.7 million metric tons of trash enter the ocean each year, and about 80 percent of trash and marine debris found in the ocean is believed to originate from land-based sources, such as urban litter and improper waste management. While statistics vary, a significant source of marine debris also comes from ocean-based fishing activities.

While municipal programs, improved regulatory frameworks, and various other community cleanup programs are all working to address the issue of trash pollution, the problem persists. Despite all the efforts of our community, the Watershed Brigade cleanups continue to remove thousands of pounds of trash from waterways and beaches each year. Until greater systematic change is adopted, dedicated community-driven efforts are essential to help mitigate the impacts from trash and plastic pollution on the environment and human health. The Watershed Brigade engages a broad community of supporters to help address the problem with boots on the ground and a shared sense of collective responsibility to act. In addition to the physical act of removing trash from our waterways, our cleanup events serve as a critical opportunity to educate the public on best practices for reducing pollution at the source and how to contribute to the systemic changes that are needed to address this pressing issue in our community and beyond.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

The Santa Barbara Channel and coastal zone is a biodiversity hotspot that boasts unparalleled species density and diversity. Trash in local watersheds and marine debris in our ocean have the potential to cause significant harm to these critical ecosystems, impacting the wildlife and humans that depend on them. Watershed Brigade community cleanup efforts work to mitigate harmful impacts by removing trash that would otherwise persist in waterways and environment. Reduction in trash pollution decreases the potential for plastics to break down into microplastics which can be mistaken for food and ingested by wildlife; reduces the amount of toxic chemicals that leach into the environment from various materials; and lessens the chances of derelict fishing gear entangling or entrapping marine life.

Additionally, the program engages community members in cleanup efforts, which help to illuminate the

extent of our trash pollution issue and educate community members about what they can do to contribute to systemic behavioral changes with a goal of addressing the issue in the long-term.

Lastly, the cleanup data that is collected can help local agencies pinpoint areas where enhanced best management practices or other cleanup or containment strategies should be employed to prevent or minimize the amount of trash in our local waterways and along our beaches. While Watershed Brigade education, advocacy, and cleanup efforts cannot singularly solve this complex and ubiquitous problem, these efforts are working to prevent the problem from worsening if left unaddressed.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Watershed Brigade cleanup activities generally involve light to moderate physical activity to remove trash from the environment. While individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate and Channelkeeper staff can help make accommodations to support different able bodies, accessibility is only possible to a certain extent. Channelkeeper does offer the opportunity for individuals to conduct their own cleanups at a time and setting of their own choosing, which allows additional opportunity for individuals with varying abilities to participate.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

A grant from the City of Goleta will help Channelkeeper leverage additional funding for the Watershed Brigade program in the upcoming year. Channelkeeper has highlighted the City of Goleta's ongoing support for the program in separate grant funding requests throughout the year. This includes recently awarded 12-month grants from the Crawford Idema Family Foundation and the Santa Barbara Foundation. Funding has also been secured through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Marine Debris Program with the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, focused specifically on large-scale island cleanup efforts. And Channelkeeper has applied for another year of funding from the UC Santa Barbara's Coastal Fund, which would support two interns to assist with organizing cleanup events and engage student volunteers within the UCSB and Isla Vista communities. Ongoing support from the City of Goleta helps attract additional funding sources, such as the grants mentioned above as well as individual, corporate, and institutional partner funding, which make the Watershed Brigade possible year after year.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

While the Watershed Bridge program receives funding from other sources, dedicated funding from the City of Goleta is used specifically for cleanup efforts within Goleta. While the Watershed Brigade prioritizes cleanup activities in neighborhoods, creeks, and beaches most in need of trash removal, the amount of funding received from the City of Goleta will be a factor in determining the amount of time and resources Channelkeeper allocates to cleanup efforts within Goleta. If we receive partial funding, we would utilize Channelkeeper's annual fund, to support the proposed activities in this application. While much of the funding request covers the costs of cleanup supplies and event execution costs, much of the success of the Watershed Brigade program relies on staff time to coordinate program elements such as pre-and post-volunteer engagement, program reporting, outreach and education activities. The City of Goleta grant provides vital funding to support the Watershed Brigade, and our hope is that we can

continue to secure ongoing and new funding to grow and further amplify the impact of the program. However, program effort and output can be adjusted based on the amount of funding received throughout the year.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

The Watershed Brigade focuses on cleanup efforts in locations in Goleta, and adjacent areas, that benefit low-income households. For example, Goleta Beach, which serves as primary coastal access point for many low-income households Goleta, is a regular community cleanup site, as well as a chosen location by individuals who conduct their own cleanups using Channelkeeper cleanup supplies. Cleaning up this portion of the coastline, along with other cleanup events in neighborhoods and creeks in Goleta, helps to protect the environment and community health, while beautifying the area for recreational use for the benefit of ALL households, including low-income residents, within the City of Goleta limits and beyond.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Channelkeeper is independently audited each year. Channelkeeper's last audit was completed in September 2024 for the 2023 Tax Year. No findings or concerns were identified. Channelkeeper has posted Audited Financial Statements and IRS-990 forms from 2016 to 2023 on our website. An audit for the 2024 fiscal year is planned to start in the spring.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Channelkeeper's Board of Directors approves audited financial statements annually, and reviews ongoing financial statements at bi-monthly board meetings.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No, Channelkeeper does not charge a fee for any services provided through the Watershed Brigade program.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

1,524,567	Total Assets (\$)
68,278	Total Liabilities (\$)
1,456,289	Total Net Assets (\$)
1,524,567	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
4,573,701.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Ana Paula Dutra, Watershed Brigade Volunteer, anapauladutra2000@hotmail.com

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

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- Yes
 No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
 Address or City last resided in
 Number of family members
 Total family (household) income
 Race and ethnicity
 Proof of age
 My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
<input type="text" value="N/A"/>	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
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<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		

Foundations/Trusts	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 8,930.00	\$ 14,020.00
Fees		
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 56,330.00	\$ 74,020.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 38,470.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,200.00
Consultants and Contracts			
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 5,120.00	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 650.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 300.00
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 350.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)			
Insurance			
Other	\$ 4,290.00	\$ 14,290.00	
Total	\$ 56,330.00	\$ 74,020.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Narrative

Salaries, Benefits (\$3,200) - To support staff organization and communications of the Goleta-specific Watershed Brigade activities.

Rent, Utilities (\$500) - Calculated at 10 percent of grant budget.

Supplies (\$650) - Trash bags, gloves, hand sanitizer, trash pickers, garbage disposal, food and water, etc.

Marketing (Printing, Advertising) (\$300) - activities to share information about the Goleta-specific Watershed Brigade events and impact with the community.

Travel, Mileage (\$350) - local travel costs for staff estimated at 500 total miles at 0.70 cents per mile.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBCK IRS 501c3 Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBCK Board of Directors 2025
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBCK Balance Sheet Statement and P&L through 123124 as of 011425
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2025 SBCK Budget Summary
Organizational Chart		2025 SBCK Org Chart
Supplemental or Additional Information		SBCK Watershed Brigade Newsletter Jan2025

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TLC Safety Net Program**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Santa Barbara Humane's mission is to be champions for animals and the people who love them. Our Vision is to create a happy, healthy community for all animals.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Santa Barbara Humane's donor-supported TLC Program is a vital safety-net program that provides low-cost or free veterinary services to low- to moderate-income households in Santa Barbara County who cannot afford critical care for their pets. These services include spaying and neutering, vaccinations,

wound care, X-rays, surgeries, dental care, microchipping, preventative care, and more.

The TLC Program prevents thousands of qualifying families from unnecessarily surrendering their animal family members to a shelter, deciding to forgo treatment that may prolong a pet's suffering, or even unnecessary euthanasia. These services are vital to our continued commitment to the animals and people who love them.

We also address behaviors that often isolate dogs from their families or eventually lead to their surrender to the shelter. With trainers, we offer group classes, one-on-one consultations, and phone consultations. Force-free behavioral courses focus on common issues, including reactivity, shyness, and basic manners. Fees are affordable, and pet owners are never turned away because they cannot afford them.

Santa Barbara Humane's gold-standard veterinary program is fully staffed with 8 veterinarians and 14 veterinary technicians and assistants. Being fully staffed has enabled us to extend clinic hours at both locations and increase the number of procedures we can perform to help meet a growing need in the county. The Santa Barbara and Santa Maria clinics are open year-round, seven days a week, with extended hours to serve the community's needs. Both clinics perform surgeries five days a week. Appointments may be made online in English and Spanish.

We also conduct extensive community outreach and emphasize our low-cost or free medical care, including Spanish language outreach initiatives that communicate our services to the large Spanish-speaking community.

Santa Barbara Humane uses Clinic HQ to collect consistent data and provide accurate reporting of key metrics for each campus, such as the number of pets served by the clinic, whether from a shelter or family, the type of service/care provided to each pet, and the cost per pet. For grants received, Clinic HQ allows us to track the distribution of grant funds within the grant period and identifies which pets were served through that funding source. These tools are essential for measuring outcomes and success.

Additional software programs track appointments, visitors, surrender rates, adoptions, training classes, and more. Data collected on owner surrender rates at Santa Barbara Humane and the Santa Barbara County public shelter help us determine our program's impact on pet retention in the community. More importantly, the data allows us to analyze the causes of pet surrenders, address those issues, and adjust our programs accordingly. We have found that increased attention to animal wellness, medical care, and behavioral training correlates with a decreased rate and number of owner surrenders.

Information about our clients, constituents, and stakeholders is maintained in a database, enabling ongoing and targeted communication through email, USPS mail, and social media. Responses to mailings, emails, and social media are also tracked so we can deliver appropriate services to meet pet and family needs. All data is reviewed and analyzed monthly by clinic leadership and our Board of Directors.

The TLC Program and support from the City of Goleta will serve an increasing demand from low- and moderate-income Goleta residents who self-identify financial need and cannot afford veterinary care vital for their pets' good health and survival.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

3,925

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)

- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Santa Barbara Humane is the largest and most comprehensive social service non-profit organization serving people with pets and pets without people in Santa Barbara County. Sixty-six percent of US households report having pets, but we believe the percentage is higher in our service area.

As of 2022, Goleta had a population of 32,600 and a poverty rate of 10.6 with a sizeable Spanish-speaking community. Affordable veterinary care is a vital community need that continues to grow year after year in Goleta and throughout Santa Barbara County. Since 2020, financial pressures and high veterinary costs have been two primary reasons pets have been surrendered to shelters. Providing affordable veterinary care is a critical part of our philosophy and a vital safety net for community families experiencing hardship who would otherwise be faced with making unnecessary decisions such as pet surrender, foregoing treatment, or unnecessary euthanasia.

In 2024, over 35,000 families received pet veterinary services in Santa Barbara County, with over 92,000 total veterinary services performed (a more than 12% increase from the previous year and a 40% increase over 2022). The TLC Program provided subsidized services valued at \$640,000 in 2024 (a 25% increase from 2023 and a 51% increase over 2022). Specific to Goleta, 3,469 animals received vital veterinary services in 2024, and we anticipate a 10% increase in need in 2025, with an estimated 3,925 Goleta families and pets served.

As a nonprofit animal welfare organization not funded by any federal agency, Santa Barbara Humane relies on generous community support to fund the TLC Program, which is 100% donor-supported. This critical safety-net program and supporters like the City of Goleta are vital to alleviating potential adverse consequences and keeping pets healthy, happy, at home with their families, and out of the shelter system.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Santa Barbara Humane serves all pets regardless of age, breed, condition, or prior circumstance. We practice Socially Conscious Sheltering, a compassionate, transparent, and thoughtful model that includes placing every healthy and safe animal; ensuring every unwanted or homeless pet has a safe place to go for shelter and care; assessing the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensuring those needs are thoughtfully addressed; assessing the medical and behavioral needs of homeless animals and ensuring these needs are thoughtfully addressed; alleviating suffering and making appropriate euthanasia decisions, if necessary; enhancing the human-animal bond through safe placements and post-adoption support; considering the health, wellness, and safety of animals for each community when transferring animals, and fostering a culture of transparency, ethical decision making, mutual respect, continual learning, and collaboration.

We regularly partner with Santa Barbara County Animal Services, Animal Shelter Assistance Program; C.A.R.E.4Paws; ResQcats, Santa Ynez Humane Society, Stray Cat Alliance, Feline Network, Aussie Rescue, Catalyst for Cats, and VIVA, Kittcrusaders. Our leading transportation partner is the ASPCA, and we work closely with regional shelters with inadequate medical and shelter care resources. We also partner with Domestic Violence Solutions to care for pets of individuals who need to leave abusive situations, with People Assisting the Homeless to provide critical pet care, and with the Police Department to board pets of hospitalized seniors. In addition, our shelters provide emergency boarding and needed medical care for animals during natural disasters and other local emergencies. Local private veterinarians throughout the county also regularly refer families to us who cannot afford the cost of private

care.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Both Santa Barbara and Santa Maria campuses are fully accessible to those with disabilities and are ADA-compliant. There are no barriers for any person with a disability from gaining employment or obtaining services, and volunteers with disabilities are welcome.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

The City of Goleta is a vital community partner whose assistance and support of Santa Barbara Humane and the local business community help create a sustainable economy and good quality of life for Goleta residents. Your continued assistance and valued support will help leverage additional funding to meet an increased need for subsidized veterinary care for thousands of Goleta residents and pets alike. In addition to the City of Goleta funding, other primary grant sources we plan to apply to include:

Approved

The Brittingham Foundation, \$2,500

Submitted

Eugene DeMarco Trust, \$50,000

Pet Lover's Foundation, \$50,000

Pending for 2025 (as of the date of this application)

The Walter and Holly Thomson Foundation, \$60,000

Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation, \$40,000

Edwin and Jeanne Woods Family Foundation, \$30,000

Roy & Ida Eagle Foundation, \$25,000

Hildegard H Balin Charitable Trust, \$25,000

Mark and Dorothy Smith Family Foundation, \$20,000

Ann Jackson Family Foundation, \$20,000

The Volentine Foundation, \$20,000

Animal Charitable Foundation, \$20,000

Hutton Parker Foundation, \$15,000

June G. Outhwaite Charitable Trust, \$10,000

Montecito Bank & Trust, \$10,000

Arthrex Charitable Foundation, \$10,000

Ronald & Phyllis M. Bruce Animals Protection Trust, \$6,000

Herbert and Gertrude Latkin Charitable Foundation, \$5,000

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Santa Barbara Humane has a comprehensive development plan focused on increasing donations through expanded outreach and has full investment from our board of directors. To meet our goals and expense needs, the organization draws from diverse revenue streams, including grants, major giving and annual giving, bequests, fundraising events, program fees, and retail sales of pet supplies at our campuses.

We are seeking increased support from foundations and individual donors as we ramp up overall development efforts to support the increasing need in our community and, in fall 2024, launched a capital improvement campaign, the outcome of which will yield a re-envisioned campus and enlarged Veterinary Medical Center, offering the highest standards in animal welfare that will serve the community for years to come.

The requested funds and ongoing support from the City of Goleta are critical to meet the increasing demand for subsidized veterinary care for Goleta residents while we continue to fundraise for the capital campaign. Any shortfall in funding for Goleta will be addressed through expanded outreach and fundraising from individual donors and grants to ensure we have the funding to meet the community's need for subsidized care. Serving Goleta residents is a priority for Santa Barbara Humane, and we are committed to remaining an accessible, affordable, and sought-after benefit for Goleta residents.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes. Families self-report their income status and need for subsidized care.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Our last audit was for the calendar year ended 2023. We had two findings related to technical accounting issues related to the discounting of pledges and the impairment of bequests. It is important to note that for 2023, our accounting and financial reporting was outsourced to a third-party firm. In August 2024, we hired a CFO to establish an internal accounting function.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Financial Statements are reviewed monthly by our Finance Committee and again by our Board of Directors.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

The regular fee schedule for 2025 is attached in the Documents Tab of this application. Low-income residents receive low-cost or free veterinary care through the TLC Program.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

49378401	Total Assets (\$)
143301	Total Liabilities (\$)
49235100	Total Net Assets (\$)
49378401	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
148,135,203.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

N/A

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Dr. Katie Marrie, Santa Barbara Humane, (805) 879-9706

Jeffyne Telson, ResQcats, 805-563-9424

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you **MUST** obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)

Very low income (30-50% MFI)

Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)

Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contributed Revenue	\$ 995,500.00	\$ 1,005,500.00
Clinic Service Income	\$ 3,150,000.00	\$ 3,150,000.00
Shelter Service Income	\$ 554,200.00	\$ 554,200.00
Other (Bequests; Endowment; Facilities Rental; Investment Income; COGS; Special Event; Volunteer Revenue)	\$ 4,234,254.00	\$ 4,234,254.00
Total	\$ 8,943,954.00	\$ 8,943,954.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Vet Clinic Expenses (TLC)	\$ 1,196,500.00	\$ 1,196,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Personnel Expenses	\$ 6,653,616.00	\$ 6,653,616.00	\$ 0.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 217,600.00	\$ 217,600.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 64,500.00	\$ 0.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 195,550.00	\$ 195,550.00	\$ 0.00
Information Technology	\$ 73,688.00	\$ 73,688.00	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 0.00
Office Expenses	\$ 58,300.00	\$ 58,300.00	\$ 0.00
Professional Fees	\$ 287,500.00	\$ 287,500.00	\$ 0.00
Taxes & Business Expenses	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 0.00
Travel, Conf. & Meetings	\$ 100,700.00	\$ 100,700.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 8,943,954.00	\$ 8,943,954.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

The City of Goleta funds would be used for the direct Veterinary Clinic Expense budget (\$1,196,500) that supports the TLC Program.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
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List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2025 Board of Directors
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2024 Financial Statements SBH Internal
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2025 Org Budget SBH
Organizational Chart		
Supplemental or Additional Information		2025 Fee Regular Fee Schedule

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The Fish Reef Project
The Fish Reef Project Sea Cave Monitoring

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of The Fish Reef Project is to Help Ocean Life Thrive. We will accomplish this goal by creating a global network of designed reefs. The reefs will stimulate all manner of marine life and help the seafloor recover thousands of acres of silted-in, dead or dying reefs in tropical and temperate marine ecosystems.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The Fish Reef Project is a 501(c)3 non-profit and has been in action for over twelve years to restore the

Goleta Bays historic kelp forest and marine ecosystem. The Fish Reef Project has created the Sea Cave, a biogenic reef system, designed to offer ideal structure for kelp holdfasts to establish and grow on. Giant Bladder Kelp (*Macrocystis Pyrifera*) lays the foundation for a healthy local marine ecosystem; providing food, habitat and aiding in species abundance and biodiversity. This crucial part of the marine ecosystem was decimated in the Goleta Bay location due to an extreme El Nino event in 1983. It has been The Fish Reef Projects mission to re-establish a vital and once thriving kelp forest habitat.

The Fish Reef Project has established all necessary legal permitting to implement Phase One of the Goleta Bay Sea Cave Project. In March of 2024 sixteen Sea Caves were strategically placed offshore of Goleta Bay. In just nine months of the Sea Caves being set, the ecosystem is rebounding. Giant Bladder Kelp along with other red brown and green algae are thriving on the Sea Caves, many reaching the surface of the water.

Monitoring of the Sea Caves has confirmed that the biomass and biodiversity that the Sea Caves are supporting continue to increase, with an abundance of Invertebrates and fish inhabiting the Sea Cave ecosystem. Monitoring of the Goleta Sea Caves have shown a rebound in invertebrates such as California Spiny Lobster, Spider Crab, Kelp Crab, and Nudibranch. The Sea Caves are also supporting fish populations of Calico Bass, Cabezon, California Sheep Head, Vermillion Rockfish, Bocaccio, California Halibut, Pacific Sand Dab, Silver Surf Perch, Plainfin Midshipman, Kelp Perch, and Horn Shark. While this is great news for the local habitat and wildlife, continuing monitoring of the project is necessary. The City of Goleta funds would be utilized for continued monitoring of the Goleta Sea Cave Restoration Project.

The Sea Caves are thoughtfully designed to be in balance with the Ocean's natural chemistry, and matches the Ocean's pH levels. They are made from marine concrete so as not to have adverse effects on the marine ecosystem. They are heavy enough, 2822 pounds, so as not to be displaced or buried during heavy storms and wave action. Sea Caves are expected to sustain ecological benefits for upwards of five hundred years. The Sea Caves mimic natural reef material and are effectively not just attracting life, but are producing new marine life.

The Fish Reef Project has been predominantly Volunteer Based. Hours of dedicated volunteer work over the past twelve years have been necessary in order to establish the current permitting and funding for the sixteen Sea Caves off of Goleta Bay. A team of dedicated people ranging from researchers to program directors have been necessary in making the project a success. The Fish Reef Project is now in Phase Two of the Goleta Sea Cave Restoration Project. As the Sea Caves are being proven effective, the goal is to expand the project. The Fish Reef Project is in the process of obtaining necessary permits to expand the Goleta Sea Caves to sixty-five acres. Funding to support ongoing monitoring of the Goleta Kelp Forest Restoration Project is necessary to make this possible.

Sea Cave monitoring for Goleta Reef is to be conducted three times annually over the next five years. The Fish Reef Project also has an Annual Sea Cave Report. Additionally, Goleta Sea Cave dives are and will continue to be conducted intermittently to provide ongoing monitoring and photo, video, and drone documentation of the Goleta Sea Caves Reef performance. The monitoring and Science team is made up of a dedicated group and led by Founder and CEO, Chris Goldblatt and Aquatic Biologist and Field Operations Lead, Andrew Taylor.

The Goleta Bay Sea Caves have the potential to benefit everyone in the community. The Sea Caves attract a variety of fish species that are both recreationally and commercially valuable. The local fishing community is already utilizing the establishing reef for fishing opportunities. Crab and lobster traps have been spotted around the Sea Caves on monitoring dives with the target species being captured, demonstrating the positive impact on local fishermen and potentially the local economy. The restored Kelp Forest habitat and biodiversity it provides will also serve the local recreational Scuba and Free Dive community, offering opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty and abundance that our local waters offer.

The Goleta Bay Sea Caves also offer an educational opportunity for Goleta's youth. The Sea Caves provide an example of a local restoration project that young people can experience in real time. It not only offers an opportunity for environmental education and local marine biology to be studied in the classroom but for young people to find a sense of ownership and pride in their local wild and natural places. Now

more than ever, there is a growing need to get young people outdoors and connected with their environment. The Goleta Bay Sea Caves offer a tangible connection for youth to engage with their local environment and experience how humans can provide positive impacts on the local marine ecosystem. Sea Cave monitoring and research opportunities are also available for UCSB undergraduates, graduates, and PhD students.

Another vital role that restoring the kelp forest offers is the kelp's natural ability to serve as a carbon sequestration system. Kelp can remove twenty times more CO₂ from the atmosphere than trees. Kelp also has the ability to reduce ocean acid levels within the marine ecosystem. One established Sea Cave can sequester or avoid up to five tons of atmospheric CO₂ per year. In addition, a healthy kelp forest can buffer the coastline from storms and erosion. This natural ability of an established kelp forest to offset carbon emissions and offer natural protection to erosion is invaluable and has a positive impact on all of the Goleta community.

Restoring the Goleta Bay kelp forest helps to support biodiversity and biomass, gives back to the local fishing community, feeds the community, generates local income, buffers the coastline from storms and erosion, provides recreation opportunity for scuba and freediving, offers education opportunity for youth as well as research opportunities for UCSB students. The Sea Caves and kelp forest also act as a natural carbon sequestration system, offsetting carbon emissions and harmful greenhouse gases. The Fish Reef Project has taken action toward climate change mitigation with creation and establishment of Sea Caves. The Fish Reef Project serves all of the Goleta community.

The Fish Reef Project also supports 5 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals:

- *Life Below Water-Generates Marine Life
- *Climate Action-Removes CO₂ from the Ocean
- *Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure- Fair access to nutritional food
- * Zero Hunger-Sustains large volume of high quality low cost food
- * No poverty- Creates food and jobs in at risk communities

The Fish Reef Project's work is measurable and guaranteed. For every Sea Cave established, approximately one ton of marine life is guaranteed annually. One established Sea Cave can effectively sequester or avoid about five tons of atmospheric CO₂ per year.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

All of the 32,000 plus residents of Goleta will be served in some way. As The Fish Reef Project continues to grow, the positive impact will expand.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities

Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

The Goleta Sea Cave Fish Reef Project satisfies a variety of under-met and unmet needs in the community. Below is a list of under-met or unmet needs that The Goleta Sea Cave Fish Reef Project will benefit.

- > The kelp forest is a natural Carbon Sequestration system, offering climate change mitigation. This allows access to a healthier environment and clean air for all in the community.
- > Kelp filters the water reducing pollution and ocean acidification. Kelp also photosynthesizes and as a byproduct, produces oxygen allowing for a healthier and cleaner environment for the community.
- > The restored kelp forest allows access to recreation: Scuba Diving, Freediving, and underwater photography.
- > The restored kelp forest allows access to subsistence fishing. Residents have an opportunity to provide for themselves and families locally and sustainably. High quality protein is made available without having to spend on costly fuel to distant areas.
- > Local commercial fishermen have an opportunity to benefit from the available resources, potentially stimulating the local economy.
- > Educational opportunities regarding a local ocean restoration project as well as educational opportunities regarding marine habitat, species abundance, and biodiversity. Ongoing research opportunities for students, specifically, UCSB students specializing in Marine Biology and Environmental Studies.
- > The access to a healthier and cleaner environment as well as climate change mitigation has no socioeconomic barriers and has the potential to positively influence everyone in the community.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes, the Goleta Sea Caves and restored kelp forest have the potential to prevent and aid in future problems. The Sea Caves and established kelp forest can aid in buffering storms and prevent coastal erosion. Historically, a healthy kelp forest allowed for a wider beach due to wave attenuation. The restored kelp forest has the potential to offer a form of long-term soft sea defense. Upwelling can be a result of the Sea Caves and kelp forests, creating more nutrient rich waters which increase species abundance and biodiversity. Opportunities for local fishermen to fish closer to shore which decrease fuel demand will also be present. Also, CO₂ sequestration offers an overall healthier environment and helps to mitigate climate change.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

All persons, regardless of disability can and will benefit in some way from the program.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If

yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

The City of Goleta's funding would help to catalyze the positive movement forward of the Fish Reef Project. The intention of the Fish Reef Project is to expand the Goleta Sea Cave system. In order to do this, effective monitoring of the current sixteen Sea Caves is necessary. The funds from the City of Goleta would allow the project to conduct the ongoing research to prove the effectiveness of the project and move forward with expanding of the Goleta Sea Cave Project.

The success of the Fish Reef Project is dependent on donations and grants to move forward. The Fish Reef Project recently received a grant from the Department of Fish and Wildlife in order to purchase a boat for the purpose of monitoring the Goleta Sea Cave Reef. The grant from the DFW along with the City of Goleta Grant would work in sync to continue effective monitoring of the Goleta Sea Caves.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes, the requested funds are vital for the Goleta Sea Caves Monitoring Project. The Fish Reef Project relies on Grants and Donations in order to operate. The Fish Reef Project has recently aligned with the Blue Carbon Market in order to scale and grow the Project. However, the Fish Reef Project is in the beginning phase of working with the Blue Carbon Market to effectively fund the project and grants and donations are the primary source of funding at this time. Ongoing monitoring of the Goleta Sea Caves using experienced Marine Biologist's and effective equipment is vital to ensure the data gathered is accurately collected and analyzed. If partial funding was provided, The Fish Reef Project team would have to continue to source funding through donations and grants to ensure the integrity of the Sea Cave Monitoring was upheld.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

People with low incomes are served in many ways. The benefit of captured CO2 has no barriers for income and serves all in the community in regards to climate mitigation. The Goleta Sea Caves will also provide new opportunities for local sustainable fishing practices closer to shore. This can allow for easier access to a healthy and sustainable food source. Another benefit is access to recreation and enjoyment of the beautiful natural resources that Goleta has to offer. Education opportunities for the community to learn about the Goleta Bay Kelp Forest Ecosystem and the ongoing Kelp Forest Restoration Project will also exist.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

The Fish Reef Project has not been required to do an audit thus far, and therefore we have not expended funds on an audit.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Every quarter.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No fee charged.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

247,000	Total Assets (\$)
30,000	Total Liabilities (\$)
217,000	Total Net Assets (\$)
277,000	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
771,000.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

None.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Malachai Isaacs. Underwater and Drone Photographer. Provides Monitoring Images 925.808.5601.

Peter Carlson. UCSB Researcher. Compiles field data for State required monitoring reports. 303.263.7524

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

NA	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
NA	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
NA	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
NA	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 100,410.95	\$ 90,000.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 116,549.07	\$ 50,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 13,965.18	\$ 428,500.00
Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 230,925.20	\$ 578,500.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 67,603.42	\$ 45,000.00	
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 32,320.71	\$ 20,000.00	
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 56,238.30	\$ 8,000.00	
Supplies	\$ 8,025.60	\$ 75,000.00	
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 1,369.87	\$ 3,000.00	
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 12,363.21	\$ 8,500.00	
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 128,648.48	\$ 60,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 3,561.57	\$ 15,000.00	
Other	\$ 8,539.55	\$ 62,000.00	
Monitoring	\$ 1,401.93	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Permitting Goleta Phase 2		\$ 307,000.00	
		\$ 0.00	
		\$ 0.00	
Total	\$ 320,072.64	\$ 628,500.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

The City of Goleta funds would be used for ongoing monitoring of the Goleta Bay Sea Cave Kelp Restoration Project. The Goleta Sea Cave Monitoring Project is set to be ongoing for the next five years to determine the effectiveness of the Project. Monitoring takes place three times annually, as

well as intermittent site inspection throughout the year. There are three main sites to be monitored including a soft bottom control site in Goleta Bay, a natural reef site located approximately 10km from the Sea Cave site, and the Goleta Bay Sea Cave site.

The ongoing monitoring is led by Andrew Taylor, Aquatic Biologist and Research Dive Team Field Operations Lead. A variety of methods are used to monitor the Sea Caves including Benthic Swath transects, Uniform Point Contact Surveys, and Fish Band Transects. The research and monitoring is conducted by teams using Scuba. It is necessary to take a boat to reach the sites. Underwater photography and video is also used to monitor the ongoing changes on the Sea Caves. The data is then analyzed and The Sea Cave Reports are created.

The funding that The City of Goleta would be providing The Fish Reef Project would be going directly to all costs associated with the continued monitoring of the Goleta Bay Sea Cave Project.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	501c3
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board Members
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2024 P&L
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Budget
Organizational Chart		
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2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

**Dos Pueblos Little League
DPLL City of Goleta Grant 2025-2026**

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\$ 10,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The object of DPLL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

DPLL is requesting financial support in the form of \$10,000 to purchase and install a water bottle filling

and drinking fountain station at the large baseball diamond adjacent to the Phelps Rd parking lot. Currently- there is no potable water source at or near this baseball diamond. Players and patrons must walk over to the Marborg Fieldhouse to use the water bottle and drinking fountain stations. DPLL's Challenger Division which serves players with mental and physical disabilities also plays Saturday morning games on this diamond and would benefit from not having a long walk or be wheeled to access potable water.

DPLL has researched and explored the project which will include the following scope of work:

- * Install new water line including trenching and cutting and repairing concrete sidewalk(s), at Marborg Fieldhouse and running underground piping for approximately 500' to the scorekeeper shed area of the Juniors Field
- * Install drain, concrete foundation for water station
- * Purchase and install Elkay Bottle and Drinking Station (LK4420BF1UEVG, outdoor rated and designed specially for educational campuses and recreational areas. This is the same model as what is currently in use at the Marborg Fieldhouse).
- * Project has been approved and encouraged by Girsh Park administrative staff

The total project cost is estimated to be \$11,239.

DPLL Baseball Program/Operation:

DPLL was founded in 1974 to provide a youth baseball program to the Goleta area. DPLL serves any family with children residing west of Kellogg Avenue. Schools within the DPLL boundary include Mountain View, Kellogg, Coastline, Montessori Center School, Santa Barbara Montessori, La Patera, Brandon, Isla Vista, Ellwood, Santa Barbara Charter, Goleta Valley Junior High and Dos Pueblos High School. Residency is verified at registration in December and January each year by inspecting utility bills or similar documents.

The 2024 registration fees are \$190 for Challenger Division players ages 4-14, \$190 for T-Ball players ages 4-6, and \$260 for all other players in divisions that serve ages 6-14. Games and practices are in the evenings and weekends. The main facility is Girsh Park. The time period including player evaluations to national playoffs runs from January to August each year.

DPLL is authorized by and associated with the national Little League Baseball non-profit organization and receives guidance from the parent organization. Within the league there are the following player divisions:

- 1) T-Ball - for beginning players who are 4-6 years old;
- 2) Coach Pitch (aka Coast Division) - for players who are most commonly 6-7 years old;
- 3) Machine Pitch and Kid Pitch Divisions (aka Farm, Minor, Major and Juniors Divisions) - most commonly for ages 7-14; and
- 4) Challengers Division - for children with disabilities ages 4-14.

DPLL has well-established governance with an active volunteer board and members that provide training for coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, and guidance on safety procedures.

DPLL's Target Population:

DPLL serves youth, including children with disabilities and low-moderate income families. Boys and girls ages 4-14 years, including players with disabilities, and attending school are eligible. The league has about 425 children including approximately 20 individuals with disabilities.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

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4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes! With year round youth and adult sports and recreational activities taking place at or near this baseball diamond, there is a big need for a water bottle refilling and drinking fountain station.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes- by providing immediately accessible drinking water, youth athletes are more likley to remain hydrated during physically demanding activities. The benefits of remaining hydrated are widely known. DPLL also recognizes the convenience of having water available for adult volunteers, families and younger siblings who are attending baseball events as well. As mentioned before, this station will be utilized by all patrons in this area of portion Girsh Park throughout there year.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

No, and in fact, this baseball diamond is home to DPLL's Challenger division for children ages 4-14 with mental and physical disabilities during the baseball season. The water station will be accessible for all Girsh Park patrons.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes. DPLL will match funds to cover any costs associated with the project that exceed \$10,000.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes- the City of Goleta Grant is vital for DPLL to move forward with the project. Due the fact the project cost exceeds the \$10,000 maximum grant amount, DPLL is planning on making up the difference by a partial match funding contribution.

For as long as this baseball diamond has existed, there has been no drinking fountain or filling station. We would like to avoid another 2-3 decades of not having one there.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, Girsh Park is the largest community park in Goleta and serves the low- income population in general, as does DPLL and AYSO.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

DPLL financial statements have not yet been audited for calendar year 2024. Financial statements were audited for 2023 and there were no concerns. DPLL currently is in a healthy financial position with money in the bank and a supportive business community that provides sponsorships every year.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

DPLL's Board of Directors approves an annual budget each October, but we review financial statements monthly at board meetings to ensure we are in good financial standing.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

Yes. The 2025 registration fees are \$225 for every T-Ball player and players with disabilities in the Challengers Division. The registration fee for all other players in other divisions is \$290. Fees are collected beginning in December through January each year. 2025 is only the second time we've increased our registration fees in at least 7 years. We have remained committed to keeping these costs as low as possible for families, but with the rising costs of facilities and maintenance fees along with rising costs in equipment, jerseys, etc.. in the past few years, we made the decision to increase our registration rates this year.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

249730	Total Assets (\$)
0	Total Liabilities (\$)
249730	Total Net Assets (\$)
249730	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
749,190.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Patty Harrison- President. 805-350-8509

Dan Brennan- Advisor and Former President 805-403-8252

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

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- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

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	NA	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
	NA	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
	NA	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
	0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

NA

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	
State	\$ 0.00	
County	\$ 0.00	
Municipal	\$ 0.00	
School District	\$ 0.00	
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 0.00	
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Fees	\$ 104,250.00	\$ 104,250.00
Other	\$ 23,600.00	\$ 23,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 72,894.00	\$ 76,528.00	
Fees	\$ 13,380.00	\$ 14,049.00	
Equipment and Uniforms	\$ 39,200.00	\$ 41,460.00	
Scholarships	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	
Merchandise	\$ 4,250.00		
Marketing	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 16,275.00	
Supplies	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 9,240.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other			
Total	\$ 159,024.00	\$ 163,052.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

Publicly accessible water bottle filling and drinking fountain station, specially for the use of DPLL during the months of Feb through July. DPLL Juniors division, comprised of 13,14 and 15 years and Challenger division, comprised of players between the ages of 4-14 years old, practice and play daily on this field.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non- Profit
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DPLL Board of Directors
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Financial Position
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DPLL Financial Activity
Organizational Chart		Board Members
Supplemental or Additional Information		

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Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara
Afterschool Programming at Girls Inc. Goleta Valley Center

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara (GIGSB) inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Our vision is powerful girls in an equitable society.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Proposed Program: GIGSB provides afterschool programs at our Goleta Valley Center to approximately 240 girls in TK-6th grade and workshops and camps to approximately 50 teens each year. GIGSB staff and volunteers are trained to build mentoring relationships in safe, pro-girl environments. Our

programming is evidence-based and guided by the three core components of STRONG (Healthy Living), SMART (Academic Enrichment), and BOLD (Life Skills Instruction). We strive to help all girls reach their full potential through our programs and outreach and the majority of families we serve receive some level of scholarship based on their annual income.

Program Operation: Afterschool programming is offered weekdays after school release (1:30-2:30pm) to 5:30pm during the school year. Programming is focused on afterschool academic enrichment and social-emotional learning for elementary-aged girls and afterschool workshops and year-round enrichment day camps for teen girls. Programming is ongoing throughout the year and is designed to build on itself from one grade level to the next to best support girls' ability to set and achieve their goals, maintain a healthy life, attain academic success, and build their self-confidence and life skills to lead independent lives.

Target Population: GIGSB thoughtfully outreaches to the girls in our community who are most in need of the supportive programming that we offer and who may not be able to access it otherwise. Around 70% of afterschool participants are BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and around 60% are from low-income households.

Program Monitoring: Participant demographics and attendance are collected in GIGSB's new CRM and database, Compass 360. Each year, girls served participate in the Girls Inc. National Strong, Smart, Bold Outcomes Survey (SSBOS), which assesses progress towards program goals across the National Girls Inc. network and provides outcome data specific to each affiliate.

Funding Use: Funding from the City of Goleta will support GIGSB to expand equitable access to low or no-cost afterschool programming, including our new free transportation services to be provided to one to two schools in Goleta Unified School District.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

GIGSB anticipates serving approximately 300 elementary-aged and teen girls through our afterschool programs, with about 80% being Goleta residents.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy has brought attention to the concerning decline in children's mental well-being, deeming it the 'crisis of our time.' This is particularly urgent when considering our girls, who bear a disproportionate burden of mental health challenges.

Research consistently shows that adult mentorship has a positive impact on youth development, leading to improved academic performance, increased self-esteem, better social skills, reduced risky behaviors,

and higher aspirations for the future. Positive adult mentorship provided by GIGSB's programs is critical and at the forefront of programming, as many participating girls may not have that kind of mentorship elsewhere in their lives.

GIGSB cultivates a pro-girl environment. It has been shown that all female environments increase girls' willingness to engage academically and that they speak more openly, feel more encouraged to pursue their interests, and experience less pressure to look or act a certain way in accordance with gender stereotypes.

GIGSB is a reliable, constant place of support and positivity for girls and their families. Mia's (name changed) mother shared, "As an immigrant single mother without a family in the USA or any other support, I don't know how my life would look without the support of Girls Inc." Mia joined GIGSB during a time of great loss. First, her father passed away and, then, a year later, her paternal grandmother. "Those were incredibly difficult moments for both of us, but Girls Inc. became a place where she felt safe, loved, and empowered. The impact you have on our lives and the lives of every family involved is immeasurable." In Mia's own words, "I have a dream to be a lawyer so I can help people in my community."

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

The Rand Corporation's research study, "The Value of Out-of-School Time Programs," found that out of school time programs benefited participants with improved academic achievement, increased engagement and regular participation, provided additional learning opportunities for students who were struggling academically, promoted positive peer bonding, fostered the development of social skills, helped youth build authentic relationships, and supported family employment by alleviating childcare burdens for parents. The need for out of school time enrichment programs is underscored by the realities that unsupervised youth may engage in risky behaviors, youth access to enrichment activities is highly dependent on family income, and low-income students trail substantially behind more affluent peers in terms of academic achievement.

Of GIGSB youth surveyed in 2024, 100% say they will graduate from high school and college, 94% feel confident that they are good at math, 94% say they respect and trust adult staff at Girls Inc., 94% work to make sure that all people are treated fairly, 100% say that Girls Inc. helped them understand that they can do anything a boy can do, and 100% say they feel safe at Girls Inc.

It is widely known that there is a lack of access to child care throughout Santa Barbara County, and especially quality, affordable, and convenient options that meet the needs of parents. The lack of child care negatively impacts our community's economy. In fact, Santa Barbara County experiences an annual negative economic impact of \$305 million in lost revenue for families, businesses, and government due to the limited supply of licensed child care options (Bipartisan Policy Center Child Care Gaps Assessment, 2019). GIGSB's affordable afterschool programming not only provides valuable enrichment for girls served, but also helps to alleviate the severe need of safe and healthy environments for youth to go when they are not in school that allows parents to work, earn a living, or provide caregiving to aging or unwell family members.

The Public Policy Institute of California's report, "Understanding Poverty in California" (2023), found that almost 70,000 people in Santa Barbara County live at or below the federal poverty line. That means 1 out of 6 adults and 1 out of 5 children. Our county has the second highest percentage of its population living in poverty out of the 58 counties in California.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

GIGSB has multiple staff with various levels of disabilities, learning challenges, or impairments, and significant accommodations are made for their employment and success, such as remote-working capabilities and necessary technology, standing desks, extended deadlines, and providing low-sensory working environments.

GIGSB's facility is ADA compliant. For participants who need additional support, such as an aide or paraeducator, GIGSB works closely with families to identify and coordinate resources.

On a case by case basis, GIGSB makes every effort to ensure that all who seek information, services, or employment with the organization are able to obtain access. Our program administrative staff accommodates families seeking services who may have mental or physical impairments that prevent them from easily registering their youth in our programs or accessing our information. We design flyers and outreach materials to be accessible for folks with low visual acuity.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

GIGSB is focused on increasing accessibility to our programs for all girls, regardless of their families ability to pay. To raise additional funds for this initiative, GIGSB launched the Equitable Access Fund this year, which will ensure that the families in our community who need our programs most have access to programming at no cost or with substantial financial assistance. This initiative demonstrates our dedication to breaking down barriers and ensuring that every girl, regardless of her circumstances, has the chance to benefit from our programs. The Equitable Access Fund will expand access to our afterschool programs, teen outreach, and in-school programs at Santa Barbara Unified School District and Lompoc Unified School District schools. Funding from the City of Goleta will be leveraged with funds raised from individual donors, foundations, and corporations to expand financial assistance and no cost programming.

GIGSB greatly values the City of Goleta's continued investment in our programs and proudly shares the City's support and would welcome conversation and collaboration to determine the best way to leverage funds and highlight the City's commitment. A potential opportunity for maximizing and leveraging the City of Goleta's investment could be found in a targeted appeal highlighting the City's investment in expanded access to low and no-cost afterschool programming to greater incentivize individual donor support.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Funding from the City of Goleta is critical to support afterschool programs for 300 girls at our Goleta Valley Center. If partial funding is received, GIGSB will continue to pursue funding from other sources including individual donors, local foundations, government grants, corporate partners, and through our annual fundraising events.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Approximately 60% of girls served by GIGSB's afterschool programs are from extremely low- or low-income households. GIGSB offers financial assistance (reduced fees) at three different tiers based on economic need. As mentioned previously, GIGSB is making intentional efforts to increase accessibility and raise additional funds to ensure that economic barriers do not prevent low-income families from accessing our programs. We collect annual household income on our registration form.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

GIGSB was last audited in 2023. There were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

GIGSB's Board of Directors reviews and approves financial statements quarterly.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

GIGSB charges an annual registration fee of \$25. At full cost, full time (3 days or more per week) membership is \$140/week and part time (2 days or less per week) is \$85/week. GIGSB provides three tiers of financial assistance available for families with an economic need, including full coverage for families experiencing homelessness or who demonstrate extreme financial hardship. Fee amounts and financial assistance rubric are evaluated twice each year and updated, if needed, once a year. GIGSB strives to provide services at an affordable rate and in accordance with youth-serving agencies. Currently, GIGSB has the most affordable summer camp in both Goleta and Santa Barbara.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

16,700,483	Total Assets (\$)
1,979,964	Total Liabilities (\$)
14,720,519	Total Net Assets (\$)
16,700,483	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
50,101,449.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Tracy Jenkins, GIGSB Vice Chair: 314-239-9205

Luz Reyes-Martin, GIGSB Board Member and former Goleta City Council: 805-403-3920

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basicallly-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

107	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
58	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
103	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
126	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
394.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

GIGSB's afterschool programs take place at our Goleta Valley Center.

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Individual Contributions	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 690,000.00
Foundations	\$ 420,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Corporations	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Program Contracts	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Endowment Transfers	\$ 180,500.00	\$ 180,500.00
Program Revenues	\$ 852,000.00	\$ 872,000.00
Fundraising Events	\$ 183,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 24,075.00	\$ 24,075.00
Total	\$ 2,419,575.00	\$ 2,672,575.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,034,283.00	\$ 2,100,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Direct Expenses	\$ 340,789.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Shared Expenses	\$ 386,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	
Total	\$ 2,761,072.00	\$ 2,850,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

A \$10,000 grant from the City of Goleta will support GIGSB to expand equitable access to low or no-cost afterschool programming, including our new free transportation services to be provided to one to two schools in Goleta Unified School District. The Board has committed to closing the deficit gap with board-restricted funds. We intend to continue closing the gap between revenue and expenses through the end of 2026. GIGSB has been operating without a Director of Development since 2017 and is currently hiring for this role. This position is expected to have a significant impact on the financial sustainability of the organization.

Please note, GIGSB operates with a calendar year budget. The Current Year columns reflect 2025 and Next Year columns are estimated for 2026.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board Roster
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023 Audited Financial Statements
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Org Budget
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**Goleta Valley Historical Society
Goleta Valley Historical Society-Camp Stow and Music at the Ranch**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of the Goleta Valley Historical Society is to collect, preserve, interpret, and foster appreciation of Goleta Valley's history through exhibits, programs and stewardship of the historic Rancho La Patera, home to the Stow family.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Camp Stow: In 2019, the Goleta Valley Historical Society introduced Camp Stow, a program designed to immerse children in early California ranch life through hands-on demonstrations and interactive activities

at Rancho La Patera, the historic site of the Stow Family's lemon ranch established in the late 1800s. The program engages children aged 6-10 (1st to 4th graders in the fall) from the Goleta/Santa Barbara region for week-long, half-day camps. GVHS has expanded the program to offer an afternoon extension for those children who require quality childcare while parents are at work.

Each day includes a busy schedule of four activities (such as butter making, branding, viewing through Stereopticons, etc. These activities are:

- Lunch (which children bring with them from home),
- A walk around Lake Carneros on the La Patera Ranch grounds,
- At least one game, and
- A craft which the children take home at the end of the day.

All activities relate to some aspects of ranch life around the turn of the 20th century, including such things as music, animals, Chumash history, lessons on the natural world (engaging arborists and bird watchers), and general life on the ranch in the early 1900's. The final day of camp includes a family Roundup BBQ.

Camp Stow is staffed with three adults and several teen volunteers to oversee the maximum of 20 students per session. The cost per camper/week is \$400 for the half-day program and \$150 for the afternoon extension.

Scholarships are offered to qualifying campers each session at \$375 each. Parents contribute \$25 per child for the camp fee, with no additional cost for the extension program.

Of the children who have participated to date, over 50% have received scholarships, the need for which is determined by their families' income-qualifying status as low to moderate income based upon the Area Median Income (AMI) set by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Children are referred to our program primarily by the local schools who collect this data.

We will host four (4), week-long camps in July (2), August (1), and December (1) 2025, and to provide scholarships for five (5) children each session for a total cost of \$7,500.

Music at the Ranch: This is a free, weekly, summertime concert series featuring local bands. The Goleta Valley Historical Society hosts seven (7) scheduled concerts that draw approximately 500 - 700 locals to the venue. Guests enjoy music, comradery, food and the opportunity to further strengthen connections and relationships with fellow community members.

The overhead cost to put on each individual concert is approximately \$2,500. This includes band fees, sound system, staging, paid staffing, parking, security, and clean-up. We are asking for \$2,500 in funding from the City of Goleta to help offset the \$17,500 projected overall cost to execute this free community event series in 2025. We are seeking donations from local individual sponsors and foundations to underwrite the difference of \$15,000. At each concert we collect nominal donations from the attendees as well.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

Our annual visitors number approximately 25,000

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs

- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Community provides us with a sense of belonging and helps us better understand our place in the world when we interact with each other.

Rancho La Patera/Stow House is equipped with the staffing and physical assets to provide the kind of unique, large-scale community gatherings such as the Music at the Ranch concerts provided. The expansive outdoor space of the ranch is so beautiful and provides a sense of intimacy that our local community has come to appreciate in a huge way.

Additionally, our "Camp Stow" campers gain a greater appreciation of their physical world through our interactive, outdoor program.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

We believe that the more connected a community is, the fewer problems it has. When people feel a greater connection to their community, they are more inclined to take action to improve their own situation and the situation of others."

Camp Stow provides an opportunity for children from various backgrounds to come together in unison and in nature to bond and share their lives with one another when perhaps they may not have had the opportunity to do so outside of their camp experience.

The Music at the Ranch concert series is a "feel-good" opportunity for folks to gather together, listen to the sounds of local artists, let go of the stresses of the day, share experiences and a meal with each other, and build stronger community ties for our future. We have people and families who have come to the concerts for years because it is such a positive experience.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

No, Rancho La Patera does not contain any physical barriers for persons with disabilities. The grounds, while not paved, are level, and accessible by all. The only potential disability that might not be addressed directly is for those with visual or hearing impairments; however, those with either of these impairments will still benefit from the property's ambience to which their other senses will be heightened.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes. GVHS takes advantage of leveraging funding with other opportunities for funding. The City of Goleta's high-profile grant for these two offerings will not only help us secure additional funding for these, but for future educational programs for our youth and future community events in collaboration with other community based organizations. We have received partial funding in the past for Camp Stow through the generosity of local foundations and GVHS Members. The Ann Jackson Foundation has generously

supported our Music at the Ranch 2024 concert series along with several local business owners and local citizens. Two local business owners sponsored our "Veterans & Active Duty" night and "First Responders" night. Their generosity provided our local Veterans, Active Duty personnel, and First Responders (present at the concert on these nights) with a copy of the "Goleta the Goodland" book and a one-year GVHS Family Membership.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Given that the Camp Stow program and Music at the Ranch series are intended as community-wide offerings, we intend to approach local businesses and foundations for support. We will be applying for other grants and will seek private donations from the business community and our membership to make up for any shortfalls.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Camp Stow serves approximately 50% of low-income children. We obtain documentation as part of the scholarship application process.

We do not primarily serve those with low-incomes, for the concert series; however, we intend to serve ALL of the Goleta Valley community; including those individuals with low-incomes. As such, we do not obtain documentation from anyone who wishes to attend the free Music at the Ranch concert series.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

The Goleta Valley Historical Society is not formally audited. However, its finances are maintained by a Certified Public Accountant. Our current treasurer is a former First Vice President and Audit Manager at a local community bank.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

GVHS' Board of Directors meets monthly and reviews/approves financial statements at each meeting and annually at the Annual Membership meeting in January.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

For Camp Stow tuition is \$400/camper/week. Camp fees are reviewed and adjusted once a year to be in line with our costs. We ask that those who receive a scholarship pay \$25 of the \$400 total fee.

The Music at the Ranch concert series is a Free event and we pass a basket at each concert and ask for a nominal donation from those who attend to defray overall costs to the Society.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

1,880,768	Total Assets (\$)
1,108	Total Liabilities (\$)
1,879,660	Total Net Assets (\$)
1,880,768	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
5,642,304.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No, GVHS does not have any past due obligations. We have never had an IRS or State levee.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Zach Rissel, La Patera Ranch Manager, 805.722.2103

Fermina Murray, GVHS Advisory Board, 805.448.4011

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

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Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

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Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)

Very low income (30-50% MFI)

Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)

Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

n/a

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Fees		
Other		
Total	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 35,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Travel, Mileage, Training			
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Insurance			
Other			
Total	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

Salaries/Payroll Taxes: \$25,000 total projected next year for Staff-Camp Stow and Concert Series. (\$4,000 from grant to be applied)

Consultants/Contracts: \$4,000 total projected next year \$3,000 for bands and \$1000 for Camp Stow. (\$2,000 from grant to be applied)

Facilities, Utilities, Maintenance: \$1,000 total for janitorial and gardener clean-up Camp Stow and Concert Series (\$1,000 from grant to be applied)

Supplies: \$3,000 total photography, printing, decorations and food and drink for Camp Stow and Concert Series. (\$500 from grant to be applied)

Equipment: \$2,500 for rental of sound system for Concert Series (\$2,500 from grant to be applied)

These are all direct costs & services.

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Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status

Required? Attached Documents *[IRS Letter](#)

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Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association/Ice in Paradise
Free After-School Skating and STEM Program for Goleta Youth

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Our mission is to provide a wide variety of recreational ice-skating programs for all members of our community to enjoy at affordable prices within a state-of-the-art facility. We strive to deliver this within a safe, friendly and fun environment with unparalleled customer service.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL SKATING & STEM PROGRAM FOR GOLETA YOUTH

We are excited to propose a new partnership with the City of Goleta to offer a free after-school recreational program for Goleta youth, ages 5-12, that combines skating with STEM education. The After-School Skating & STEM Program will include skating instruction and educational components, such as lessons on kinetic energy, states of matter, physics, and more.

The program will take place every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and will run for four 8-week sessions throughout the 2025-2026 school year (September 2025 to June 2026). Each session will accommodate up to 20 students (2 groups of 10). The program is designed to provide both skating instruction and STEM-based activities that engage youth in learning through fun and movement.

The total cost of providing this program to 80 youth annually is \$14,496, which will cover ice time, staff time, supplies, and marketing. We are asking the City of Goleta to support this effort with \$10,000.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

We can serve up to 80 Goleta Youth (Ages 5-12) annually with 20 youth in each session (Fall, Winter, Spring I, Spring II).

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, there is a clear need and significant benefit to providing free after-school activities particularly for students in underserved communities. After-school programs offer crucial support for academic achievement, social-emotional development, and overall well-being, especially for those who may lack access to resources or enrichment opportunities. Additionally, this free After School Skating Program aligns with the City of Goleta Citywide Key Initiative #2 to support community vitality and enhanced recreational opportunities as well as Strategic Goal 2.2: Support programs that enhance quality of life in the Goleta community such as recreation. This partnership would give the City of Goleta the opportunity to provide a free recreational program for 80 children annually.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes, research consistently shows that youth sports participation offers both immediate and long-term benefits for young people, their families, and communities. These benefits include improved mental, emotional, and social well-being, better physical health, enhanced educational and career outcomes, increased lifelong engagement in sports, and a positive impact on the community.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Ice In Paradise is the first indoor ice skating facility west of the Mississippi River designed to offer full-service adaptive ice sports capabilities. We are fully ADA-compliant, ensuring accessibility for all. Our facility features sled- and wheelchair-accessible ice rinks, locker rooms, restrooms, benches, penalty boxes, and viewing areas. Additionally, we offer adaptive sports programs developed in collaboration with local nonprofits, aimed at empowering individuals with disabilities to engage in ice sports.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Currently, we do not have plans to engage with other organizations for this program. Instead, we see this as an opportunity to collaborate with the City of Goleta exclusively to offer a sponsored free Learn to Skate recreational program alongside STEM education to the youth of Goleta.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

The requested funds are essential for the creation of this program, as they will enable us to offer a fully funded recreational opportunity within the City of Goleta. This program will provide free Learn to Skate/STEM instruction to 80 youth annually, exclusively serving residents within the city limits of Goleta. We will reach out to private donors to make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Our new afterschool Learn To Skate/STEM program will be offered free of charge to any youth residing in the City of Goleta regardless of income.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Ice in Paradise is audited annually as a nonprofit. The audit for fiscal year 7/1/23 – 6/30/24 is currently underway and no findings or concerns have been found. Our prior fiscal year audit conducted in Q1 of 2024 also had no findings or concerns

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Our organization's Board of Directors meets bi-monthly and reviews and approves financial statements at every board meeting.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

We plan to offer this after school Learn To Skate/STEM program to Goleta Youth free of charge.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

12,758,262 Total Assets (\$)

4,293,640 Total Liabilities (\$)

8,464,621	Total Net Assets (\$)
8,464,621	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
33,981,144.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levey? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

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Breanne Bonilla, General Manager, Ice in Paradise
general.manager@iceinparadise.org , 805-432-6970

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basicallly-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

na	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
na	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
na	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
na	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds		
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts		
Donations/Fundraising		
Fees		
Other		
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll		\$ 576.00	\$ 576.00
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts			
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance		\$ 11,520.00	\$ 8,320.00
Supplies		\$ 0.00	
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 704.00
Travel, Mileage, Training			
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)		\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Insurance			
Other			
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,496.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

The City of Goleta Grant Funds would be used for: ice time, staff time, equipment, supplies, safety equipment, and marketing.

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City of Goleta

2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

**Los Padres Forest Association
Goleta Trail Research and Development**

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\$ 5,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Founded in 1979, the Los Padres Forest Association (LPFA) is an official 501(c)(3) non-profit partner of the Los Padres National Forest. Our mission is to care for the Los Padres Forest, ensuring it thrives and remains safe and open for the people to use and enjoy. LPFA supports the forest and forest users through a variety of programs including trail maintenance, graffiti removal, outreach, and educational and interpretive services.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The goal of this project is to research, evaluate and determine if and what would be a realistic recreational trail that would connect the Goleta Valley with the Los Padres National Forest. The first step after securing funding will be to create a community group focused on exploring trail options, determining land ownership, contacting landowners and eventually exploring trail options deemed viable with "boots on the ground" surveys. This group will meet monthly and be organized by an LPFA representative. It will be run in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Trails Council. LPFA has years of research on historic trail options in the Goleta Valley that should increase the speed with which decisions can be made about which property owners to reach out to and make connections with. We expect the outreach and planning portion of this project to occur over summer and fall 2025. By early 2026, we expect to explore the trail options on the ground and categorize them based on viability. Our hope is to have 1-5 good options for trails that we can take into the next stage (beyond this grant) of proposing and constructing the trail by June 2026. Funding from the Goleta City grant will provide 120 hours of LPFA staff time dedicated to organizing and leading meetings, outreach initiatives, and trail exploration. This project will lay the groundwork for a Goleta Trail that will serve all members of the community searching for outdoor recreation opportunities, as well as provide new opportunities to those who did not know they were available.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

20,000: estimated on the 2023 census count of 33,665. We hope all those interested and many more who become interested will enjoy this trail.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Goleta is a bit of an anomaly in the greater Santa Barbara area as it is the only city without a trail to access the Los Padres National Forest. Santa Barbara has Jesusita, Tunnel and Rattlesnake Canyon. Montecito has Cold Spring, San Ysidro and Romero. Carpinteria has the Franklin Trail. But Goleta, although sitting right at the foot of the western Santa Ynez mountains, does not have a trail to provide National Forest access to its community. There are numerous historic trails, of which the Gato Trail is the most famous, beginning near the end of Glen Annie Road and continuing up and over the ridge between Lizard's Mouth and Santa Ynez Peak before descending to the Santa Ynez Valley. We are grateful for the numerous coastal trails and parks Goleta has to offer, but feel that a trail that reaches up into the National Forest is important to satisfy the outdoor recreation needs, as well as the mental and physical health of the community, and promote community engagement and togetherness. We recently saw great success with the restoration of the historic Franklin Trail in Carpinteria. We believe it's time to explore Goleta for historic and novel trail options as well.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

This project will lay the groundwork for a Goleta Trail that will serve all members of the community

searching for outdoor recreation opportunities, as well as provide new opportunities to those who did not know they were available. This trail will provide an outdoor space for casual and experienced walkers, hikers, runners, bikers, and equestrians, of all ages, and all those looking to explore and enjoy the outdoors to share and enjoy. The trail will benefit individual and community mental health and physical health, as well as provide a space for community engagement (stewardship, group activities, outreach). It has also been proven that access to the outdoors increases individual awareness of the environment and leads to a better understanding of place and human-environmental interactions and issues, a relationship shown to be increasingly important as populations continue to grow. What better way to engage with the local environment than to provide community access to the expansive Los Padres National Forest.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

No.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

LPFA has \$2,500 of funding dog-eared for researching trail options in the Goleta frontcountry that we would leverage with funds requested from the Goleta City grant. As the project takes shape, we will be partnering with the Santa Barbara County Trails Council to engage and share our findings with the community through meetings and online outreach, as well as gauge support for the project as it progresses. We also have a robust network of Goleta-based volunteers who support the creation of a Goleta Trail and are willing to donate their time to see this project through.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

LPFA is passionate about spearheading a Goleta Trail to access the Los Padres Forest from Goleta. This idea has been in the works for years and we will not give up if we do not receive full funding. We will work with what we are given and adjust our time and efforts accordingly.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

This activity will serve all income levels.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

No audit is required since we don't receive over \$500,000 of federal funds annually. Our treasurer does an internal audit periodically.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Quarterly.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please

include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

1826829.09	Total Assets (\$)
63458.58	Total Liabilities (\$)
1763370.51	Total Net Assets (\$)
1826829.09	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
5,480,487.27	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Ashlee Mayfield, Executive Director, Montecito Trails Foundation, 805.698.7424

Mark Wilkinson, Executive Director, Santa Barbara County Trails Council, 805.708.6173

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

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Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

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Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)

NA	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
NA	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
NA	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

The program does not take place on school grounds.

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts		
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00
Fees		
Other		
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,500.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts			
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance			
Supplies			
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)			
Travel, Mileage, Training			
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)			
Insurance			
Other			
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Narrative

The City of Goleta funds would be used to provide 120 hours of LPFA staff time to create a Goleta Trail group, research potential routes and land rights, contact property owners, make community connections, and eventually explore trail options on the ground.

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Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status



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2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

**NatureTrack Foundation Inc.
Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature**

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\$ 5,000.00 Requested

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Director**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of NatureTrack is to provide opportunities for K-12 students and wheelchair users of all ages to connect with the natural world with respect and wonder, inspiring lifelong learning and thoughtful stewardship of our natural resources. We fulfill this mission through cost-free, docent-led outdoor field trips for K-12 students, beach trips and events for wheelchair users, a Freedom Trax lending program that enables independent outdoor exploration, and the NatureTrack Film Festival, which highlights the beauty and importance of the natural world through inspiring films.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly

how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

NatureTrack's "Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature" program ensures access to nature for all by providing cost-free K-12 field trips and Freedom Trax accessibility events for wheelchair users of all ages. Our program directly serves approximately 750 Goleta residents each year, with eligibility open to:

- All schools within the Goleta Union School District (GUSD).
- All senior-assisted living facilities within Goleta.
- All Goleta residents who use wheelchairs or have mobility challenges.
- Any Goleta resident interested in borrowing a Freedom Trax through our lending program.

Eligibility and Operations:

All participants receive services at no cost, including transportation for schools and, when needed, for assisted living facilities. NatureTrack covers these costs to ensure equitable access to nature for everyone.

NatureTrack provides:

- **K-12 Field Trips:** These are held on weekdays during the school year, averaging 85 trips annually. Trips typically last from 9 AM to 2 PM and take place at local beaches and trails.
- **Senior Beach Trips:** Weekly outings (approximately 50 trips annually) for residents of senior living communities, usually on weekdays between 10 AM and 2 PM, depending on group needs.
- **Trax Lending Program:** Freedom Trax devices are available year-round for Goleta residents to borrow, ensuring access to nature on their own time. Lending periods average 3-5 days per participant, with no limit on frequency.
- **Monthly Beach Events:** Hosted on weekends or holidays to maximize community participation. Events last 4-5 hours and include hands-on assistance to fit Freedom Trax to participants' wheelchairs and instructions on how to use the joystick.

Monitoring the Program

NatureTrack ensures the program is well-managed and impactful through:

- **Participant Tracking:** Recording attendance for all events, field trips, and lending program users.
- **Feedback Surveys:** Gathering input from participants, schools, and assisted living facilities to assess satisfaction and areas for improvement.
- **Volunteer Oversight:** Maintaining a 1:5 volunteer-to-student ratio for field trips and a 1:2 or 1:1 ratio for wheelchair users during Trax events.
- **Usage Logs:** Monitoring the lending program to track equipment use, maintain Freedom Trax devices, and ensure availability for wheelchair users.

Target Population

This program focuses on serving Goleta residents of all ages:

- **Students:** Attending Goleta Union School District schools. Teachers reserve the field trip, select the location, and specify the trip's emphasis so the docents can weave the curriculum throughout the trip as they are on the trail or beach with the students.
- **Seniors:** Residents of assisted living facilities in Goleta, offering them opportunities to connect with nature, socialize, and explore the outdoors.
- **Wheelchair Users:** Any Goleta resident who is a wheelchair user can participate in beach events or borrow a Freedom Trax device, ensuring independence and accessibility.

Hours and Total Days Served

- **Field Trips:** ~1600 hours across 100 days annually.
- **Senior Beach Trips:** ~200 hours across 50 days annually.
- **Trax Lending Program:** Year-round access with ~375 days of cumulative device use annually.
- **Monthly Beach Events:** ~60 hours across 12 days annually.

Use of City of Goleta Funds

The funds requested will directly support:

1. **Transportation Costs:** Ensuring that schools and assisted living facilities have access to free transportation for field trips and beach outings.
2. **Program Coordination:** Covering staff time for scheduling field trips, coordinating Trax events, and maintaining our Freedom Trax devices.

3. Equipment Maintenance: Funding repairs, parts, and upkeep for the Freedom Trax devices, ensuring they remain safe and operational.

4. Volunteer Support: Covering training and resources for volunteers to maintain high-quality service and safety for participants.

By providing these services, NatureTrack ensures that every Goleta resident—regardless of age or mobility—has the opportunity to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors more fully.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

We serve over 5,000 Santa Barbara County residents annually, including approximately 750 Goleta residents (15% of participants). Additionally, 15 of our dedicated NatureTrack volunteer docents call Goleta home.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, NatureTrack provides a program that is unmet in the community as we are the only nonprofit in Santa Barbara County that provides:

* cost-free outdoor field trips for K-12 students AND aligned with classroom curriculum. NatureTrack pays bus transportation costs, too!

* wheelchair users and others with mobility challenges the opportunity to access beaches and trails that were once inaccessible to them by using Freedom Trax

* wheelchair users and others with mobility challenge the opportunity to borrow Freedom Trax, at no cost, to use wherever and whenever they choose.

* residents of senior living communities/centers with the use of Freedom Trax so they can fully enjoy our local beaches (and the benefits of being outdoors). NatureTrack covers the cost of transportation if the senior living facility or center does not have a vehicle to transport residents.

* provides Goleta residents who use wheelchairs the opportunity to volunteer to assist with field trips and events on local trails and beaches for K-12 students and other wheelchair users.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Kids today spend significantly less time outdoors, often trading "green time" for "screen time" compared to previous generations. Research consistently concludes that a connection with nature contributes positively to key aspects of positive youth development, often referred to as the "5 C's": competence, connection, confidence, character, and caring. One study found that young people who reported a personal bond with nature also reported stronger and more wholesome relationships within their families, peer groups, schools, and communities.

Our program for senior living communities/centers has profound health benefits. Studies show that being outdoors helps seniors sleep better at night, can reduce pain and improve mental health, improve vision through the added Vitamin D, and decrease feelings of isolation.

The health benefits of our program also extend to our volunteer docents. Recent studies have reported that volunteering extends one life span! The age of our NatureTrack volunteers ranges from college-age to 90+ years young!

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

NatureTrack's "Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature" program does not have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability from participating. By providing access to Freedom Trax, NatureTrack removes the physical barrier that wheelchair users and others with mobility challenges face when they want to enjoy beaches or trails independently and/or alongside family/friends. Using Freedom Trax, wheelchair users can volunteer with NatureTrack and other organizations. Wheelchair users can borrow the Trax to participate in beach clean-ups, natural history classes, and more. We've broken down the barrier for wheelchair users to participate in many outdoor activities!

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

The Goleta City funding could prove helpful in our efforts to secure funding from other grantors based in Goleta. With additional funding, we can serve even more Goleta residents, including K-12 students, senior adults, wheelchair users and other with mobility challenges, as well as provide volunteer opportunities for Goleta residents of all ages.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

NatureTrack will provide K-12 field trips and beach events tailored for wheelchair users. The extent of our offerings is dependent on available funding. We seek funding from various sources, including private foundations, local and state government entities, corporate foundations, and individual donors.

When requesting funds from the City of Goleta specifically for NatureTrack's K-12 field trips and wheelchair events, our focus is benefiting K-12 students attending schools within Goleta, senior living communities/centers within Goleta, and any Goleta resident interested in volunteering with NatureTrack. The allocation of funds from the City of Goleta is directed towards creating more opportunities for Goleta residents to engage with our programs.

Annually, we submit 30-40 grant applications, with an 85-90% success rate. This enables us to continue our "Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature" program, providing as many K-12 field trips, wheelchair-user beach events, and volunteer opportunities as possible.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

NatureTrack programs are open to people of all ages and income levels, and as such, we do not collect income data or documentation from participants. However, we do have insight into the socioeconomic status of some participants through school data: approximately 65% of K-12 students who attend NatureTrack field trips are enrolled in the Free and Reduced Price Meals program, which serves low-income families. Additionally, many of the seniors we serve in assisted living facilities come from diverse economic backgrounds, and we recognize that some likely fall into the low-income bracket.

Our Freedom Trax lending program further addresses economic disparities by providing wheelchair users access to all-terrain devices at no cost. Many of these individuals cannot afford to purchase their own Freedom Trax, which limits their ability to independently explore natural areas. By offering this resource free of charge, we ensure that economic barriers do not prevent wheelchair users from experiencing and connecting with the natural world.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

NatureTrack is not required to have audits performed. However, every year our 990 tax return is reviewed by our Executive Board Treasurer (who is a Certified Public Accountant) to ensure we are meeting IRS requirements for 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

The NatureTrack Board of Directors meets quarterly to review and approve financial statements.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

All NatureTrack programs are cost-free to participants, including K-12 field trips, beach experiences for wheelchair users, and the Freedom Trax lending program. We even pay bus transportation costs for all K-12 field trips and offer transportation assistance for wheelchair-user participants when needed.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

192028	Total Assets (\$)
3000	Total Liabilities (\$)
189028	Total Net Assets (\$)
192028	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
576,084.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levey? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

NatureTrack does not have any past due obligations from any funding source.
NatureTrack has never had an IRS or State levey.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

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CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

N/A	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
N/A	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
N/A	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
N/A	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

NatureTrack's program takes place on local beaches and trails, not on school grounds.

Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Year Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 85,000.00
County	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 365,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Fees (Film Festival)	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 120,000.00
Other		
Total	\$ 588,500.00	\$ 650,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes - Field Trip, Trax	\$ 236,000.00	\$ 260,000.00	
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 35,000.00	
Field Trip and Trax Trips/Events include - Materials/Supplies & Equipment, Snacks, Restroom Rentals, and Transportation. Docent/Volunteer Program includes - Uniforms, Appreciation Event, Materials & Supplies, Stipends, Training & Honorariums	\$ 105,300.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	
Other - Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Contracts/Consultants - NatureTrack Film Festival	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	
Film Festival Advertising/Marketing/Promotion	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Lodging	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
Misc	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Total	\$ 567,300.00	\$ 644,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Narrative

Field Trip and Trax Trips/Events include - Materials/Supplies & Equipment, Snacks, Restroom Rentals, and Transportation.
 Docent/Volunteer Program includes - Uniforms, Appreciation Event, Materials & Supplies, Stipends, Training & Honorariums

Funds from this grant request will be allocated to Field Trip/Trax Trips/Events expenses for K-12 students and wheelchair users of all ages who reside in Goleta.

Documents Requested ***Required? Attached Documents ***

Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status

[IRS Letter](#)

List of Board Members

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Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year

[NatureTrack Financial Statements](#)

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**Santa Barbara Maritime Museum
Tall Ship Program: Echoes of a Merchant Mariner**

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\$ 5,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum's mission is to create excellent exhibits and educational experiences that celebrate the Santa Barbara Channel and illuminate our rich connections with the sea.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) requests your consideration of funding to support the tall ship program Echoes of a Merchant Mariner on board the schooner Mystic Whaler.

At SBMM, educational programming incorporates experiential learning outside the traditional classroom, going beyond the walls of the museum. Programs encourage curiosity and community outreach with special emphasis on California's maritime history and human interactions with the sea. Students will engage with museum educators and crew members to learn more about their local environment and its cultural value and significance.

Echoes of a Merchant Mariner is a 3.5-hour program combining a reflection on the historical uses and methods for sailing a 110-ft tall ship in the past while simultaneously challenging students to operate a similar vessel in the modern day. Students will gain a clearer understanding of the 19th-century lives of those that brought cargo around the county to Santa Barbara and bear the same responsibilities that persist into the 21st century. Students will spend the day aboard the majestic Mystic Whaler, a historic tall ship that serves as a unique platform for experiential learning.

This immersive adventure integrates engaging activities into the very fabric of the sailing experience, allowing students to grasp abstract concepts through hands-on exploration.

Activities include:

- Hoisting the sails and navigating the sea, gaining practical understanding of wind patterns, angles, and teamwork.
- Plotting their course using maps and compasses, applying geometry and spatial reasoning in a real-world context.
- Learning about marine life and the delicate balance of the ocean, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and stewardship.

This is not just a field trip; it's a transformative journey that sparks curiosity, ignites a passion for learning, and builds valuable life skills. Students develop:

- Problem-solving abilities through critical thinking and collaboration.
- Communication skills through clear and concise instructions during teamwork.
- Confidence and resilience as they overcome challenges and learn new skills.

From SBMM's inception, the organization has been a resource for and an active partner with schools throughout the county, providing award-winning educational opportunities at the museum, in the harbor, along the coast, and in the classroom. This experience not only fosters intellectual growth but also instill a sense of responsibility and stewardship of their community.

The population served are students in fourth grade from El Camino Elementary, a Title 1 School in Goleta Union School District.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

This program will benefit over forty students at El Camino Elementary. Students are from low-income households in Goleta.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities

Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes. Focusing on outdoor education meets the need for connection with nature. Providing learning experiences in the natural environment can foster a deeper understanding of ecosystems, promote physical fitness, reduce stress, and build teamwork.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes. "Research has shown that outdoor learning can have huge benefits on student mental health and academic performance. Students are often calmer and better able to focus when learning in nature, and teachers have reported better behavior and social interactions with fewer disciplinary issues." -Harvard Graduate School of Education

<https://naaee.org/eeopro/research/library/outdoor-education-and-science-0>

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

No.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes. Funding would support our partnership with local schools and other organizations, as well as catalyze educational initiatives focusing on low-income and underrepresented students. Grant funding is essential other sources include: The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation, The Wood-Claeysens Foundation, the Brown Family Foundation, the Ann Jackson Family Foundation, the Griffiths Foundation, Henry Bull Foundation, Sidney Stern Foundation, the Towbes Foundation, the Herb Simon Family Foundation, George B Page Foundation, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Mosher Foundation among others. These entities support programming annually, however as requests for additional classrooms to be included in programming increase annually, we need to seek additional funding so that all can participate, regardless of socioeconomic status or any other precluding factors.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes. The funds requested are vital in carrying out the program which costs \$5,000 per class (\$10,000 to fund two classes) from El Camino Elementary. SBMM will pursue sponsorships and/or restricted donations to fund the program.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes. SBMM's educational programs primarily serve local students from families facing socioeconomic hardships. We prioritize the provision of programming for students attending Title 1 Schools. Funding is requested from the City of Goleta to provide programming to students attending El Camino Elementary in

Goleta.

El Camino Elementary 2023-24 Demographics

-Census Day Enrollment - Race/Ethnicity: 74.5% Hispanic or Latino (ed-data.org)

-Free and Reduced-Price Meals: 54.8% (ed-data.org)

-Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: 55.7% (caschooldashboard.org)

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

June 30th, 2024

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

SBMM's Finance Committee and Executive Committee review the financials monthly. Our Board of Directors approves the financials every other month. An annual audit is also done by an outside CPA.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

4,991,337	Total Assets (\$)
528,469	Total Liabilities (\$)
4,462,868	Total Net Assets (\$)
4,991,337	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
14,974,011.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No, SBMM does not have any past due obligations, IRS or State levies, or repayment schedules.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

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CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you **MUST** obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
- No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
- Address or City last resided in
- Number of family members
- Total family (household) income
- Race and ethnicity
- Proof of age
- My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

N/A	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
N/A	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
N/A	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
N/A	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
0.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other		
Total	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 81,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,489.00	
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 61,100.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance			
Supplies			
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)			
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 5,035.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)			
Insurance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Other			
Total	\$ 72,135.00	\$ 80,989.00	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Narrative

Funds requested are specific to serving students from El Camino Elementary in Goleta: CCOAF program cost (20 programs @ \$3,500 per program) - funds from City of Goleta grant would be used to pay the vendor (this is a direct service - vendor is centralcoastocceanadventures.org) Docking Fees: City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department (20 nights @ \$385 per night) Student Transportation: Bus to/from the Santa Barbara Harbor (20 programs @ \$350 per roundtrip-estimated) SBMM Education Department Salaries: Education Director, Education Coordinator, Education Specialist General Liability Insurance: \$1,000

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Documents Requested *

Required? Attached Documents *

Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBMM Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBMM List of Board Members
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBMM Financial Statements
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBMM Organizational Budget
Organizational Chart		SBMM Organizational Chart
Supplemental or Additional Information		SBMM Tall Ship - Image and Quote Noozhawk- Students Sail Through Santa Barbara History

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**Santa Barbara Water Polo Club
Equipment for Youth Water Polo**

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\$ 3,500.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

By empowering athletes to excel in the pool and beyond, the Santa Barbara 805 Water Polo Club (SB 805 WPC) is dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. We invite athletes of all levels to join our community, where expert coaching, passionate teamwork, and a love for the game come together to create a truly unforgettable experience. Through competition, hard work, and mutual support, we strive to inspire our members to reach new heights, both in and out of the water.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

We are aiming to purchase two 10 & Under size water polo goals to be kept and used at Dos Pueblos HS. Through standard agreement, the goals would be available for use by all water polo programs in the area but would primarily be used on weekdays between the hours of 4:30 and 7:00pm. Goals have a life expectancy of ten years so the impact would be far-reaching.

Currently, the goals would be used to serve and develop local athletes ages three through ten.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

Goleta - 14 ; Unincorporated Goleta/Santa Barbara - 25 ; Santa Barbara - 17 ; Out of Area - 2

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, swim instruction for children ages three through ten has many restrictions including the lack of facilities, providers, and cost. We are one of the few organizations in town that offers both year-round swim instruction and more than one session per week.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

No

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Yes, we are not equipped to handle all disabilities. Since the service occurs in water there is an inherent safety concern for participants. We are able to accommodate certain disabilities (some neurodivergent and behavioral) but lack the resources to accommodate more severe disabilities.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

We have an on-going fundraiser to purchase water polo goals and equipment and have, to date,

purchased twelve goals of different sizes to be used at Dos Pueblos, San Marcos, and Santa Barbara High Schools. The City Grant would be used to motivate additional donors as we would enter into the 'final push' stage of the fundraiser.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Though not necessary, the funds would increase the timeline in which we would be able to purchase and provide the equipment for the youth water polo community. We would make up for partial fundraising through continued ask of our current members and a greater push towards our alumni network.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

No

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Our organization undergoes a basic audit annually through an outside accountant. There were no findings or concerns of note.

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Our Board of Directors meets every two weeks and review the financial statements monthly.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

We charge monthly dues to all members and scholarships are available. Fees were last evaluated and updated in August 2024.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

104897.28	Total Assets (\$)
39741.82	Total Liabilities (\$)
65155.46	Total Net Assets (\$)
104897.28	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
314,691.84	TOTAL

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No

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Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

William Parrish, Dos Pueblos HS Aquatics, 805-689-1494

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- Yes
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<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	TOTAL

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SBUSD via Facilitron - Elizabeth Palafox, SBUSD Purchasing Department

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
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County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Foundations/Trusts	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Fees	\$ 364,152.00	\$ 370,000.00
Other	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 369,152.00	\$ 376,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 110,400.00	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 0.00
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 140,400.00	\$ 156,400.00	\$ 0.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 0.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 0.00
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 332,750.00	\$ 353,350.00	\$ 3,500.00

Budget Narrative

The City of Goleta funds would be used solely on the purchase of new 10 & Under water polo goals to be used at Dos Pueblos High School. These would be direct services.

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2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

**Wilderness Youth Project
Wilderness Youth Project**

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\$ 10,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Our mission is to foster confidence, health, and a life-long love of learning for young people and families through active outdoor experiences and mentoring. While furthering our mission, our work also helps to close the academic and enrichment gaps that exist for underserved students.

We offer nature connection programming in partnership with other organizations serving individuals and families who are low-income, experiencing homelessness, have insecure immigration status, and otherwise face barriers to accessing nature and mentorship. We focus on creating culturally sensitive and supportive spaces for children and we provide training opportunities for our staff in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

By providing children a safe space as well as gentle guidance to be themselves and learn at a pace that is comfortable to them, we offer youth a chance to heal and teach the next generation of children to be peaceful, respectful, and confident stewards of our world. There is no other organization providing this type of nature-based mentorship programming in our region.

In our organization's 26th year of operation, WYP is recognized for its success and efficacy at a regional and state level through awards, commendations, and testimonials. Chris Ragland, WYP Board Member and Founder of The Sea League writes:

"WYP is the backbone for any outdoor immersion activities involving kids in Santa Barbara. With deep dedication to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, WYP is influencing the hearts and minds of underserved community members that never saw themselves fitting into or passionate about the natural world. WYP also works closely with other nonprofits, government agencies, and private businesses to enhance our community and not work in isolation. The result is a more abundant, collaborative effort to create resiliency against worsening mental and physical health conditions that so many youth are experiencing in our county. They are responsible for a lot of smiling faces, both young and old."

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

***Program Activities and Participants**

Every day of the school year and all summer long, South Santa Barbara County kids go outside to play, learn, reconnect with nature, and build resilience through Wilderness Youth Project (WYP). We serve approximately 1,200+ youth ages 2.5-7 annually through school year and summer camp programs, focusing on serving marginalized youth who face uneven access to nature and educational and health disparities due to the systemic inequities.

We provide 65-70% of all WYP participants with subsidized programs and/or scholarships based on financial need. A \$10,000 City of Goleta grant would allow us to provide scholarships for low-income Goleta youth to attend our scholarship-based after-school and summer camp programs. We plan to serve approximately 133 youth from Goleta in 2025.

Youth in our programs begin their program days by being picked up from their after-school and summer camp sites by WYP staff and gathering in a nearby green space. After circling up and sharing gratitude, one of the mentors announces it's time to go "to the van!" and the adventure begins. We take youth to diverse locations such as beaches, creeks, and trails in South Santa Barbara County's abundant front country for our nature-based mentoring. The activities we facilitate— self-directed inquiry, mindful awareness, respect for all life, naturalist skills, conflict resolution, communication, and peacemaking—all support youth's well-being, joy, learning, and self-esteem.

WYP after-school participants go on weekly field trips with WYP staff throughout the year, building connections with their mentors, the group, and the places they go. Summer camp participants attend our camps for one or two weeks in the summer, experiencing all the good things about childhood: freedom, creativity, play, adventure, and spending time outdoors.

Our programs are so impactful because connection is our bottom line. Our low 4:1 staff to student ratios means individualized attention for kids and families. Many students continue in our programs year after year and develop strong bonds with our skilled, compassionate staff mentors. This helps students create safe, nurturing relationships that they can rely on and trust.

As described above, City of Goleta funding would support our ability to provide scholarships to low-income Goleta youth during summer 2025 and the 2025-2026 school year.

Tucker's Grove is our main program meeting site in Goleta. Programs we provide there include the following:

*Woolly Bears preschool age program Monday-Friday 9 am - 1 pm,

- *Chickadees preschool age program Fridays 9am - 1pm
- *Tree Frogs, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school (Grades K-2)
- *Dragonflies, Tuesdays and Thursdays after school (Grades 3-5)
- *Mockingbirds, Wednesdays (homeschool/ Grades 1-6)
- *Roadrunners, Thursdays (Grades 6-8)

Thirteen of our summer camp programs also meet at Tucker's Grove in Goleta. Most of the Goleta youth we serve participate in our Goleta-based programs, and a few Goleta youth participate in our programs in other locations.

***Program Monitoring**

We utilize internal and external measures to help us improve and evaluate our programs. Internally, we engage in reflective practice and evaluation every day. Our program staff engage in a 30-minute pre-brief before participants arrive and a 30-minute debrief after the end of the program. This daily practice helps ensure that we reach our overall outcomes in our logic model.

Externally, we administer post-program surveys to the parent or guardian using Google Forms with a paper option if preferred. Surveys are conducted after each season of programming. To collect additional qualitative information, we contact parents/guardians who indicate concerns or specific appreciations as a way to more fully understand their experiences. Our post program evaluations pose a combination of true/false and open-ended questions to measure growth in the following categories:

- 1.) Individual (self-confidence, love of learning)
- 2.) Interpersonal (respect for others and conflict resolution abilities)
- 3.) Physical (physical confidence and agility)
- 4.) Environmental (respect for the natural world)

The notes we received from teachers and parents are one of the best demonstrations of our impact. One teacher says:

"If you're looking for an enriching, educational, and truly unforgettable experience for young learners, look no further than the Wilderness Youth Project. Their dedication to fostering a love for nature and empowering children through outdoor education is unparalleled. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with such an outstanding organization and look forward to continuing our collaboration in the future."

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

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4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If

yes, please explain.

Amber Fyfe Johnson ND, PhD, and an expert in pediatric health equity describes: “Current literature supports a positive relationship between nature contact and children’s health, especially for physical activity and mental health... The evidence supports ... advocating for equitable nature contact for children in places where they live, play, and learn.” Over our many years of facilitating WYP programs, we have witnessed the numerous benefits of nature connection and mentoring on youth. Nature helps youth grow smarter, healthier, and happier.

However, our community is structured such that not all students have equal access to these opportunities, leading to uneven access to nature. In fact, despite living a mile or two from the ocean, many WYP youth are visiting the beach for the first time through our programs. Once, a kid noticed dolphins leaping in the surf. He stopped and stared, transfixed. Then he said, “Dolphins are REAL?”

Cost and transportation are two major barriers to accessing nature for low-income families. Despite the perception that Santa Barbara is an enclave for the wealthy, it currently ranks second among California’s 58 counties in its poverty rate and 1 out of 5 children countywide live below the poverty line (PPIC, 2023). Additionally, the absence of meaningful training in and focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion in many outdoor education programs can leave communities of color unsupported and excluded. Moreover, for children with disabilities, opportunities for outdoor education may be few or available only in separated settings.

WYP is dedicated to creating access by providing inclusive and culturally-competent nature connection programming, where each participant feels a sense of belonging and care. We remove barriers by offering scholarships and subsidized programs, providing transportation to nature sites, and providing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion training for our staff. We facilitate ongoing instruction and guidance for our staff to ensure they can fully accommodate all children and families and meet their individual needs.

In supporting our ability to provide scholarships for low-income Goleta residents, City of Goleta grant funding will help us to build a bridge to nature for Goleta children and families, especially those who have uneven access to nature and high-quality outdoor education experiences. One teacher describes:

“WYP creates a beautiful experience for children, specifically for children whose families may not have the same time or accessibility to nature as others. I have seen over the years how WYP supports student’s social and emotional development for the better. Students are so excited to share about their experiences when they return from a WYP field trip: They are smiling ear to ear and eager to tell me everything they experienced in nature. The leaders are experienced, professional, and wonderful with children. This program is an incredible asset to our community.”

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Outdoor education isn’t an “extra” right now: it is critically needed. On average, U.S. children typically only have four to seven minutes of unstructured outdoor play per day yet spend 7.5 hours in front of electronic screens, with disastrous implications for health and learning. Obesity, asthma, attention-deficit disorder, and vitamin D deficiency have all increased in recent decades (National Environmental Education Foundation, 2020). Moreover, over one in 10 U.S. youth are experiencing depression that is severely impairing their ability to function at school, at home, or in their social life (State of Mental Health in America, 2023).

S.B. County Public Health M.D. Tony Rogers writes, “Nature Deficit Disorder is a serious risk in our community, even right here in nature-rich Santa Barbara. WYP provides a powerful antidote. Nature connection provides incalculable benefits to mental health. WYP is the best way to connect with other children and trained adult mentors, safely and smartly outdoors. As a community public health M.D., I am very concerned about the lasting behavioral health impacts of social isolation, which threaten the future wellness of children in our community. WYP is a leader in providing nature connection programming as a critical evidence-based health intervention for youth.”

The benefits of nature and outdoor education are well-documented. One landmark study showed that a

group of at-risk students in California who participated in outdoor education over the course of several weeks raised their science scores by 27%. Teachers also reported gains in those students' self-esteem, conflict resolution skills, relationships with peers, problem solving, motivation to learn, and behavior in class. (Effects of Outdoor Education Programs for Children in California, 2005). There is also evidence that contact with nature may disproportionately benefit disadvantaged populations by attenuating the toxic effects of poverty (Jimenez et al, 2021).

Our own observations, data, and parent testimonials echo this research. Our most recent evaluations reflected the following outcomes:

- *97% of parents said they noticed growth in their child's love for nature
- *95% noticed growth in their child's physical confidence
- *81% noticed growth in child's liking themselves and feeling valued by others
- *85% noticed growth in their child's curiosity
- *76% noticed growth in their child's listening, being empathetic, and helping others

One parent says:

"WYP has transformed my child's sense of confidence in the outdoors, something that I didn't grow up with myself. The leaders are always thinking of how to make the kids feel empowered and connected to one another and the earth. WYP is truly a gift to our community."

A teacher says:

"We cannot recommend the Wilderness Youth Project highly enough ... Their dedication to experiential learning and connecting children with nature is nothing short of transformative. Our students had the opportunity to participate in a series of outdoor adventures and nature immersion experiences facilitated by skilled instructors who not only taught wilderness skills but also fostered a deep sense of respect and stewardship for the environment.

We also collaborate with many other youth-serving organizations in order to support community-wide investment in nature connection opportunities for youth. For example, we are a part of a Cottage Population Health Pediatric Resiliency Initiative, a network dedicated to improving behavioral health outcomes and quality of life in Santa Barbara County. Participation in this initiative broadened our partnerships to include community clinics and referral agencies such as Family Service Agency and Child Abuse Listening Mediation.

WYP has also received requests from other youth-serving peer agencies to provide their organizations' staff with training in nature-based education, and we are seeking funding from foundation sources in 2025 to be able to do so.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

WYP is committed to ensuring our programs are integrated, inclusive, and accessible for youth with disabilities. We work closely with schools to ensure all students—regardless of ability—are able to participate in WYP, and we provide staff with ongoing training in working with youth with disabilities. Our low 1:4 staff to student ratio ensures each child receives individualized support and modifications as needed. Our school-based programs also typically provide an aide for students needing extra one-on-one support. This support means a child can safely participate, have their individual needs met, and reap the benefits of inclusion in a diverse group of children.

Additionally, through our partnership with NatureTrack (our sister organization in North County), we now have access to a Freedom Trax, an innovative wheelchair accessory that increases independent outdoor accessibility for manual wheelchair users. NatureTrack has trained our staff in using the Freedom Trax so that WYP participants in wheelchairs can be supported in our programs.

While our current office is not ADA accessible, we offer remote working so ensure that we are not creating barriers to employment for people with disabilities.

We recently received this note from a parent of a child with ADHD and autism:

“Our son doesn’t fit anywhere in society easily. It has been amazing for him to feel like he belongs somewhere and is okay just as he is. He told me we could never move away because he never wants to stop coming to WYP.”

And one teacher describes,

“This year, I had a student that had a medical condition that caused his parents some hesitation about letting him participate in WYP. After explaining the program and the safety measures that are taken [in WYP programs], the mother agreed to have her child participate. The child has had a wonderful time on the WYP trips. This has been a great testimony to the level of cooperation, care, and planning that the WYP organization has in place to ensure that all children can safely participate in their program.”

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes, a City of Goleta grant would leverage other funding sources. We will be seeking funding from Yardi again this year. They are a Goleta-based company, and they invite their employees to vote on philanthropic priorities. If the City of Goleta continued support for WYP this year, it would encourage Yardi employees to do so in the fall. Deckers is also a WYP supporter; and therefore support from the City of Goleta would be leveraged to continue our partnership with Deckers.

Over the past few years, we have begun applying for institutional and government funding, a strategy which has been successful thus far. In the past few years, in addition to City of Goleta funding, we have been awarded governmental funding from Youth Community Access, Coastal Conservancy, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and California Coastal Commission. Demonstrating City of Goleta’s continued support would be leveraged in our efforts to apply for other government and institutional funding in 2025.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes, the requested funds are necessary in carrying out the program. We need to raise funds in order to cover the cost for youth who would otherwise not be able to attend due to socioeconomic challenges, while continuing to support our staff at a living wage.

If we only receive partial funding, we will continue to seek funding from community and family foundations and individual donors to continue offering our program at low or no cost to youth who will most benefit from nature connection.

One parent of a 2024 participant shared the following note which demonstrates the impact and importance of our scholarship-based programs:

“As a single, low-income parent, it means so much to me that my child is able to attend a program like this that would otherwise be out of reach for our family. My younger son is more timid and 'sensory-sensitive' than his older brother, especially about trying new experiences. Since participating in WYP, his confidence and curiosity have blossomed. He is much more willing to try new things, even if they seem

intimidating. His confidence in his own body has grown, whether it's climbing trees or jumping over rocks, and he is so eager to explore his world. I love how proud he is to show off the crafts he makes. I also love how excited he is to share the new facts he learned about the natural world. Those facts often spark his curiosity to learn more about the topic, which has led to some great learning opportunities for us to do together at home."

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, approximately 70% of all WYP participants are in the low-moderate and below HUD income bracket levels. For our scholarship-based after-school and summer programs (the subject of this request), families self-report income level and family size, and scholarships are then calculated based on HUD income level guidelines.

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As described above, for our scholarship-based after-school and summer camp programs (the subject of this request), we use a tiered scholarship system, providing scholarships according to stated family size and income following HUD income guidelines. Beyond our scholarship-based after-school and summer camp programs, we also have a fully-subsidized school year program that we facilitate each school year in partnership with 15 Title 1 school, after-school, and early education programs. Approximately 70% of all WYP participants receive a scholarship and/or subsidized programming. We have included detailed scholarship information in our application attachments under "Fee Donation Schedule".

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

5,245,630	Total Assets (\$)
435,495	Total Liabilities (\$)
4,810,134	Total Net Assets (\$)
5,245,630	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
15,736,889.00	TOTAL

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No

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Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

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Susan Epstein, former Goleta School Board, susan@epstein.net, (805)-729-2227

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- Yes
- No

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- Address or City last resided in
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67	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
388	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
1,298.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,000.00

Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 295,500.00	\$ 290,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 207,290.00	\$ 207,290.00
Fees	\$ 61,835.00	\$ 61,835.00
Other	\$ 6,875.00	\$ 6,875.00
Total	\$ 576,000.00	\$ 576,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 491,846.00	\$ 491,846.00	\$ 10,000.00
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 4,550.00	
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 15,379.00	\$ 15,379.00	
Supplies			
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 10,541.00	\$ 10,541.00	
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 14,918.00	\$ 14,918.00	
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)			
Insurance	\$ 7,949.00	\$ 7,949.00	
Other	\$ 30,817.00	\$ 30,817.00	
Total	\$ 576,000.00	\$ 576,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

A \$10,000 grant from the City of Goleta would be allocated to staffing costs, which will allow us to provide scholarships to low-income Goleta youth. Staff costs are our largest direct program cost. Our team of staff mentors bring many years of experience working with diverse youth, adults, and families in social service, teaching, and mentoring. Our lead staff have an average tenure of 7.5 years at WYP. It is this consistency that develops the level of professionalism which enables the successful outcomes we see in our programs. One parents says,

“I love the WYP staff so much. Despite my kiddo having some challenging behaviors at times, he is always held in positive regard. They are so thoughtful and communicative. I appreciate how they approach different challenges the group might face and turn them into learning and fun skill-building activities. Couldn't love the staff any more. They are the best.”

We prioritize recruiting and retaining staff members who are bilingual and bicultural, belonging to the same communities we serve. Approximately 37% of our program staff are bilingual in English/Spanish, and they help to support the inclusion of Spanish-speaking students and families.

Like many organizations in Santa Barbara County, our greatest challenge continues to be retaining employees in a region with an extremely high cost of living. By assisting us with covering staff costs, the City of Goleta funding will play an essential role in our Goleta programs' success and effectiveness in 2025-2026.

Documents Requested ***Required? Attached Documents ***

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2025-2026 Combined CDBG & Goleta City Grant Application

Deadline: 1/31/2025

La Patera PTA

La Patera Elementary School Physical Education program enhancement

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission statement of La Patera Elementary School reads: La Patera is a safe, respectful, nurturing place where all students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We guide our community in making kind, responsible choices, and have consistent, high expectations in all areas. We believe all students, families, and staff make one La Patera neighborhood.

The mission of the LA Patera PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. We do this by partnering with the local community to provide classroom supplies, extracurricular programs, on-campus educational enrichments, assemblies, and more that are available to every student.

Goleta Union School District Mission: The Mission of the Goleta Union School District is to maximize academic, intellectual, and personal growth in order for each student to prosper in, and positively influence, a diverse and dynamic world.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

La Patera Elementary School's PTA is asking for funding for a new Physical Education (PE) shed that will store and house sporting and play equipment for the school as well as outdoor classroom materials for the Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten play-yard. This will allow the school to acquire more items to enhance the PE program, engage kids in a variety of extracurricular ways, promote physical and mental wellness, as well as hand-eye coordination and team work and provide an indoor-outdoor learning environment for the schools' youngest students.

The PE equipment will be available to all students between 1st-grade and 6th-grade at multiple times throughout the school day. Before school starts, students are invited to arrive 30 minutes before the bell rings to move their body, prepare themselves for a day of learning, have social engagement with other peers outside, and play with PE equipment. During morning recess, lunch and afternoon recess, PE equipment is available for students to use as they choose. Twice a week each student receives a structured Physical Education time when they are introduced to new sports and activities, work on progressing towards a physical goal they selected, or join a team sport working on a group goal.

La Patera's youngest students in the Pre-school, Transitional Kindergarten program and Kindergarten share their own play-yard that has an age and size appropriate play structure. The "TK/Kindergarten yard" as it is called is directly in front of their classrooms and only available to students in these younger grades. The La Patera PTA is dedicated to providing the 103 students who make up the youngest grades with an outdoor zone that fits their needs and learning styles. Most of the PE equipment needed and utilized in the upper elementary classes would not be appropriate for these younger students. In order to meet the needs of the school's youngest learners, the La Patera PTA is looking to enhance a currently empty corner of their play-yard with an outdoor classroom zone, a small designated outdoor space where students can engage in learning outside of the traditional indoor classroom setting using water easels, tree stumps to sit on, weatherproof small tables, gardening beds and a sensory path.

This request will support all 400 students at La Patera from the very youngest three year olds in the inclusion pre-school program to the oldest 6th graders looking towards jr. high. Every student at the school will benefit with outdoor time to learn. The goal is to offer all students a more dynamic, stimulating outdoor environment that can cater to different learning styles.

The Physical Education shed is a critical piece to this as it will be a weatherized central storage place to maintain the supplies the school has, keep items together when not in use, and prevent items from being lost on weekends or during school breaks. It will be large enough to store nets for batting and field games, rackets for tennis and badminton, specialized equipment such as hockey sticks and bowling pins, and balls that range from volleyball to tetherball or soccer. For a campus of 400 students ranging from pre-school to 6th grade, La Patera's Physical Education program requires a good amount of equipment that is age appropriate to each class.

The Physical Education shed will be accessible to all educators, yard duty supervisors, PE teachers, after-school care staff and school staff. It will remain locked on weekends and outside of school hours. It will not be accessible by students. Ball carts will be wheeled out of the shed at the start of every day to allow students to choose what items they would like to play or use.

This new shed is necessary at this time as the old PE shed will be demolished in summer 2025 when La Patera receives a much needed new blacktop thanks to Measure M. The shed location will also be moved to allow for more blacktop space for students to explore and play. The combination of a new blacktop, new play equipment and new shed to store the equipment will lead to a transformed outdoor zone for La Patera students to move, learn and exercise.

The PTA feels strongly that a weatherized shed will be much more effective than the wooden shed that is being demolished and which did not provide the storage, shelving, or weatherization needed.

La Patera is a Title 1 elementary school. La Patera's school population is 48.9% socioeconomically disadvantaged according to the most recent School Accountability Report Card. The school pulls students from the neighborhood surrounding Lake Los Carneros as well as Old Town Goleta. As a densely populated many of the students do not have access to a backyard and therefore even more rely on the school for an active and robust outdoor program.

The La Patera PTA is requesting funds to purchase a Tuff Shed that will be used for the Physical Education program which supports 300 students on campus. We are requesting items to create a stimulating outdoor classroom for the school's youngest learners on the TK/Kinder play yard. Outdoor learning is incredibly beneficial for early childhood development as it taps into their natural curiosity and provides an engaging way to explore and learn the world around them.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

400

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
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- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

La Patera's district boundaries include the neighborhoods of Lake Los Carneros and Old Town Goleta. These are high dense neighborhoods and many students live in apartment buildings where outdoor space is at a minimum. PE and outdoor time during the school day are many students' main opportunities for outdoor activity time. Additionally, team sports in our community are expensive and not financially available to all families. Team sports typically start during the workday and require a parent available to transport kids. Having a robust Physical Education and outdoor program helps meet an underlet need as it supports students that do not have access to these extracurricular activities by providing access on the school campus. La Patera's Physical Education program introduces all students to sports such as tennis, volleyball, soccer, hockey, kickball, baseball, basketball and more.

Physical Education is incredibly important for children. Benefits include developing basic motor skills, stress reduction and improving cognitive function, building social skills and developing goal setting. Many studies have shown that regular physical activity can improve academic performance and that kids who are physically active often perform better in school.

Outdoor learning has many benefits to early education. Outdoor environments often have open-ended spaces for imaginative play where kids are encouraged to think creatively and independently. Outdoor learning often involves group activities, which help kids practice communication, cooperation, and teamwork. These are foundational skills for kindergarteners as they interact with other students and

teachers. Early exposure to nature is thought to foster a life-long appreciation for the environment.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

The purpose of the Physical Education shed is to maintain and house all the components that contribute to a robust PE program. This will allow the money spent on materials (balls, sports equipment, etc) to last the full school year.

It is well documented that physical movement outdoors helps children develop basic motor skills and maintain an active lifestyle which is crucial in combating childhood obesity and other related health issues.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

As a public school in California, La Patera is required by law to admit all students, regardless of their background, immigration status, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, language barrier or any other factor. This policy is guided by several laws and regulations, including the California Education Code.

Physical Education is adapted, as needed, for each student.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes, La Patera will receive a much needed new blacktop in the summer of 2025 thanks to Measure M. This will be the third phase of Measure M which also included a new playground that was installed in the fall of 2024, and roof repairs completed in 2023. We are leveraging these partnerships to create a cohesive outdoor Physical Education and play area for all 400 children on campus.

The kindergarten and TK play areas received a grant from the Teacher's Fund at Village Properties to purchase age-appropriate outdoor classroom tables specific for 4-5 year olds. They purchased outdoor tables and with this funding.

The after school program at La Patera received a grant to support their program which provides after school care for students from 3-5:30pm.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Yes the requested funds are necessary as the current PE shed will be demolished in the summer of 2025 when the blacktop pavement project begins. The La Patera PTA is committed to providing the PE shed and supporting the school in having a robust Physical Education program. We are working on raising money in various ways to support the program to the fullest, through parent fundraising and other local grant opportunities.

The TK-Kinder yard received a new play structure and swing set in the fall of 2024 also thanks to Measure M. The project left a long unused dirt area where the La Patera PTA would like to put the outdoor classroom. As of now it is an unused and under utilized area.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, According to the state of California, 49.2% of La Patera students are categorized as socioeconomically disadvantaged. This is the second highest among the elementary schools that make up the Goleta Union School District and more than 2 or 3 times most.

According to the California Department of Education, a student is considered socioeconomically disadvantaged if they meet one of the following:

- (1) neither of the student's parents has received a high school diploma
- (2) the student is eligible for or participating in the Free Meal program or Reduced-Price Meal program
- (3) the student is eligible for or participating in the Title I Part C Migrant program
- (4) the student was considered Homeless
- (5) the student was Foster Program Eligible
- (6) the student was Directly Certified
- (7) the student was enrolled in a Juvenile Court School
- (8) the student is eligible as Tribal Foster Youth

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

The La Patera PTA is audited yearly. The last audit was completed in December 2024.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

The La Patera PTA board of directors reviews financials at quarterly meetings.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No, as a public school La Patera does not charge admission.

The PTA charges \$8 to be a voting member. Every parent or caregiver is invited to be a member of the PTA. Everyone, regardless of being a member, is invited to the three PTA meetings per year to learn about the PTA's involvement with the school, various ways the PTA is supporting all students and volunteer opportunities with the school.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

159,400	Total Assets (\$)
0	Total Liabilities (\$)
159,400	Total Net Assets (\$)
159,400	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
478,200.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Brigette Haley, Principal, (805) 681-1280

Hillary Yoder, La Patera PTA president, (805) 681-1280

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)

Very low income (30-50% MFI)

Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)

Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

Brigette Haley, Principal, (805) 681-1280

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,376.98
Federal		
State		
County		
Municipal		
School District		
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 2,000.00	
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,126.06
Fees		
Other		
Total	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 8,503.04

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Tuff Shed "Garden Ranch" 10 x 12	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,807.00	\$ 3,807.00
Full service Paint Application (labor, supplies)	\$ 0.00	\$ 476.00	\$ 476.00
Shelving - 24" deep	\$ 0.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
16" x 4" Wall Vent	\$ 0.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
16" x 8" Wall Vent	\$ 0.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00
Delivery fee	\$ 0.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00
Estimated Tax	\$ 0.00	\$ 424.67	\$ 424.67
Outdoor easels - set of 3 - 36"H x 24"W each	\$ 0.00	\$ 899.99	\$ 899.99
Garden beds (2) 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 6 ft. Stock Tank	\$ 0.00	\$ 386.00	\$ 386.00
Outdoor Wooden Movable Multi Tables Unit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3 Bin Outdoor Sensory Table	\$ 0.00	\$ 459.00	\$ 459.00
Outdoor large chalkboard fence	\$ 199.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
flowers			
All Weather Wall Mounted Weaving Frames	\$ 314.08	\$ 0.00	
Tree stumps delivery fee	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Balls	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Soil for garden beds	\$ 0.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00
landscape rock for bottom of garden beds	\$ 0.00	\$ 64.32	\$ 64.32
small outdoor cabinet for supplies	\$ 313.00		
Total	\$ 3,126.08	\$ 7,676.98	\$ 7,376.98

Budget Narrative

A grant from the City of Goleta will purchase a new Tuff Shed for the La Patera Elementary School's Physical Education program. The Physical Education (PE) program at La Patera supports 400

students every school day and offers a well-rounded program that provides students with a variety of benefits that support their physical, mental, and social development. The shed will offer a safe, secure and weatherized location to store sports equipment, gear, and other materials and supplies needed to provide La Patera students from preschool to 6th grade with age-appropriate Physical Education. The shed will help keep the blacktop and field space organized and ensure that everything is in good condition, ready for use for the next classroom of students.

La Patera's current shed will be demolished in the summer of 2025 when the school receives a new blacktop thanks to Measure M. This new and updated shed will be big enough to house all the equipment needed for a large student body. Shelves will be added to provide ease of use for educators, yard duties and PE teachers.

A Tuff Shed "Garden Ranch" style was selected as it has a low price point while maintaining the durability to make it resilient to weather conditions such as rain, wind and sun exposure.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board list
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2023-2024 financials
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Organization Budget
Organizational Chart		
Supplemental or Additional Information		Supply list Tuff Shed Quote

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Los Padres Council, BSA
Outdoor School Funds for Students of Goleta

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The mission of Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people in all of our communities to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The Outdoor School at Rancho Alegre offers 4 day, 3 night programs guiding students to extend their curriculum from textbooks to the enriching outdoor classroom experience. The program is monitored by

the staff of the camp in addition to the teachers that attend the school with their students. The people we intend to serve are fifth and sixth grade students from low income backgrounds who are enrolled in Goleta Schools to attend The Outdoor School. We would like to use \$7000 on scholarships to Goleta students and \$3000 on supplies for the Outdoor School.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

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4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
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- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
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- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Yes, the scholarship funds will be directed to students from lower income families. Low income students are far less likely to have the ability to attend an outdoor school or have any experience in the outdoors. This funding will address the need for financially inclusive outdoor education thereby ensuring that all students, regardless of their economic background will have the chance to engage with the outdoors, learn about their environment and develop a deeper appreciation for nature.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Yes, participation in outdoor education can positively impact academic performance. Research indicates that experiential learning in natural settings enhances cognitive abilities and academic achievement, reducing the likelihood of educational challenges in the future. Students learn to navigate challenges in unfamiliar environments, equipping them with tools to overcome obstacles in various aspects of their lives. Outdoor activities promote physical fitness and well-being. Engaging in outdoor exercises contributes to a healthy lifestyle, reducing the risk of future health problems.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Los Padres Council is committed to equal employment opportunity and compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws that prohibit workplace discrimination and unlawful retaliation, such as those that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical condition), gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or familial status, genetic information, citizenship status, protected activity (such as opposition to or reporting of prohibited discrimination or harassment), or any other status or classification protected by applicable federal, state, and/or local laws.

Funding

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N/A

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No, The Outdoor School will be able to carry out it's program throughout the year regardless of the grants outcome. The students however will not be as diverse. Partial funding would still lead to highly positive impact on the lives of Goleta children, but to fewer of them. Yes, we are pursuing other potential funding sources such as other grants and gifts from individuals.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, this potential funding will provide students from low income families with the capital to attend the Outdoor School at Camp Rancho Alegre.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

2023 was the last audit and there were no concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

The Board of Directors review and approve financial statements on a monthly basis.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

The fee is \$350 a student for the four days at the Outdoor School. This is the current Outdoor School fee per student for Spring 2025.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

15,904,174	Total Assets (\$)
1,210,142	Total Liabilities (\$)
14,694,032	Total Net Assets (\$)
15,904,174	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
47,712,522.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No

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Glen Goddard, Los Padres Council Program Director, (562)760-0256

Amanda Chick, Los Padres Council Camp Director, (904)703-0677

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N/A

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City of Goleta Funds	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 232,047.00	\$ 200,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 221,519.00	\$ 240,000.00
Fees	\$ 172,663.00	\$ 250,000.00
Other	\$ 101,645.00	\$ 110,000.00
Total	\$ 731,674.00	\$ 810,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll	\$ 891,022.00	\$ 915,000.00	\$ 0.00
Taxes			
Consultants and Contracts	\$ 162,694.00	\$ 132,694.00	
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 342,374.00	\$ 342,374.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 90,040.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 25,145.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 60,649.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 62,871.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 293,007.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 30,274.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00
N/A	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
N/A	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
N/A	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Total	\$ 1,958,076.00	\$ 1,960,068.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

This is the budget of Scouting America, Los Padres Council who oversees the operation of the Outdoor School Program at Camp Rancho Alegre. The budget for many of these line items such as salary includes staff whose responsibilities do not solely contribute to the Outdoor School. The council's supply expenditures have increased greatly due to the demands of the Outdoor School and it's reopening this past Spring. If awarded funds, Los Padres Council will allocate them towards direct services for The Outdoor School.

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Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Los Padres Council 2024 Budget
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Supplemental or Additional Information		Outdoor School Budget 2025
		Entity Letter of Good Standing

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**Santa Barbara Police Activities League
Campership Alliance**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

The Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL) strives to build positive mentoring relationships between teens, the police department, and members of the community through leadership, mentorship, and academic enrichment programs.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

Campership Alliance is a community-based collaborative led by the Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL) to provide summer camp scholarships to local low-income youth, ages 3- to 17-years-old.

Campership Alliance advances equity, making it possible for low-income youth to participate in the same summer camps as their peers. In 2024, 222 scholarships were awarded amounting to a value of \$142,059. In the average year, more than 75% of recipients are Hispanic/Latino. This program is unique and rooted in equity as the only offering in the community where youth are able to attend the same camps as their peers from school, instead of a separate camp specifically for low-income youth.

With adequate funding for 2025-26, PAL will offer pre- and post-camp childcare at our facility, the Twelve35 Teen Center, located in downtown Santa Barbara. We will also provide transportation to camps and to the Teen Center for post-camp childcare for participants whose families face transportation barriers. Transportation will also assist families living in Goleta in having their child/ren participate in camps in Santa Barbara. Pre- and post-camp childcare will make the program more accessible for working parents whose schedules do not align with camp schedules. Some camps are half days (until 12pm) and others end at 3pm. Many parents need childcare until 5/6pm until they can pick up their child after work. In past years, transportation and camp hours have been barriers for some families and PAL is working to find funding to address these needs.

PAL begins work for Campership Alliance in January: partnering with camps, translating documents so all are available in both Spanish and English, and ensuring that the enrollment process will be accessible and easily navigable for families. We also visit camps to ensure that youth will have a safe and quality experience. In May, PAL holds a registration day where PAL staff and volunteers work one-on-one with families to determine their income-based eligibility, fill in required paperwork, and select the appropriate camps for their children. The scholarships are for one week-long summer camp. We estimate that PAL staff spend 700 hours on Campership Alliance each year.

As a community collaborative, Campership Alliance brings together 12+ community organizations to offer camp scholarships. In typical summers, camp scholarships are provided by PAL, Elings Park, City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation, Wilderness Youth Project, The Santa Barbara Youth Sailing Foundation, Santa Barbara Zoo, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, MOXI, Boxtales, Circle V Ranch, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, and various other community organizations. PAL manages the registration of families and allocation of scholarships. Each partner agency provides their own scholarship awards. Many agencies have reported that they would not have the capacity without PAL to allocate scholarships and would not be able to provide that service to the community. PAL's management of Campership Alliance allows partnering agencies to use their full funds towards scholarships, instead of administrative support that would be necessary to communicate and allocate them to community members in need.

All information about Campership Alliance is available in both English and Spanish at www.sbpal.org/campership-alliance.

Funding from the City of Goleta will support PAL staff's time to manage the program, translate materials, and provide transportation and pre- and post-camp childcare.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

In 2025-26, we anticipate awarding 400 scholarships with 20-25% to Goleta residents, so around 90 Goleta residents will be served directly through Campership Alliance. Scholarships are available to residents of Goleta, Santa Barbara, and Carpinteria.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)

- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Childcare during the summer is a challenge for all families in our community, but is especially difficult for those who are non-English speaking and socio-economically disadvantaged. In addition to the positive impact on youth of diminished summer learning loss, socialization with peers, confidence building, and fun childhood experiences, summer camps are also important for families as a safe, adult-supervised space that children can go to while their parents are at work. Childcare for working families in our community is an ongoing issue, and out of school times like the summer can mean multiple children in a family need care during the day.

Campership Alliance provides an effective method to distribute camp scholarships based on need. Parents do not need to contact each agency independently to secure a camp for their child/ren, a difficult task for working or non-English speaking parents. In the past, many camp scholarships went unused.

“Both of our kids were very excited to be able to attend camp for the first time! Sophia’s interest for beach volleyball grew thanks to the new skills she learned, and Joseph really enjoyed skate camp! He was able to leave fears behind and meet his goal of going down a ramp at Skaters Point! Both of their interests grew for the activities they were able to be a part of this summer,” shared Rocio, the parent of summer camp recipients.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Summer camp scholarships promote equity for low-income youth and families who cannot afford to send their children to costly summer camp programs. Summer camps provide children with adult supervision, socialization with peers, enriching experiences, and activities away from screens. They provide safety and stability for youth who may otherwise be left home alone or with older siblings while their parents go to work. Providing low-income youth with these opportunities may reduce their exposure to or participation in activities related to drugs, alcohol, and gang activity.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

The Campership Alliance registration form asks families to detail any special needs that their child has and the majority of camps will provide accommodations if possible. The Santa Barbara Department of Parks and Recreation, Wilderness Youth Project, and Museum of Natural History have the capacity to support youth with special needs. No one is turned away due to a disability or special need, although they may be limited for which agencies’ programs they can attend. We also partner with Take Me Care Transportation to provide transportation for youth in wheelchairs or who need other vehicle accommodations to go to camp. The Registration Day takes place at PAL’s Twelve35 Teen Center, which is ADA compliant.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If

yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Securing adequate funding for Campership Alliance has been a challenge, despite the great community value that the program provides. Each year, we receive more applications than the year prior, testament to the need for camp scholarships and support for income-qualifying families to navigate enrollment. For the past ten years, PAL has used general funds to help fill these gaps, as we are committed to this program and the value that it provides to families and youth in the community. In 2024, PAL's administrative contribution was \$20,640, which unfortunately reduces the funding we have for our general operations and core program offerings for teens at the Twelve35 Teen Center.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

The City of Goleta's grant funding is critical to PAL's ability to provide high-quality program management for Campership Alliance, without relying on our general funds. Additionally, in 2025-26 we aim to offer transportation assistance for families, especially Goleta residents whose child/ren would like to participate in a camp in Santa Barbara and may face difficulties being able to drop them off and pick them up.

PAL has applied for funding from the County of Santa Barbara and a media grant to help raise awareness of Campership Alliance and hopefully promote individual donations from community members. These grants are both currently pending. If necessary, PAL is committed to the program and will draw from general funds. PAL is hopeful that we will be able to raise funds specifically for Campership Alliance going forward and minimize the impact on our general funds.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Campership Alliance scholarships are allocated on income-based eligibility with 100% of recipients from low-income households. Proof of income is required in the form of a Tax Return, W-2, paystubs, or CalFresh letter. A large part of the work we do is translating all materials to Spanish and providing one-on-one support to families to provide the correct documentation and navigate enrollment, including illiterate parents who need full support to fill out forms. Around 75% of recipients each year are Hispanic and PAL ensures that all outreach and materials are provided in Spanish. PAL has a detailed webpage for Campership Alliance outlining the eligibility requirements, steps for registration, and available camp options. We conduct outreach at local schools, engage local organizations such as the Housing Authority, Transition House, and FSA to refer their eligible clients, and outreach to our extensive mailing list of past participants.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

PAL's CPA does a review, but not a full audit, on a yearly basis. Last year, there were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

PAL's Board of Directors reviews and approves financial statements bi-monthly.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

There is a \$30 registration fee per child to ensure that families are committed to following through with the camp for their child. The maximum registration fees that a family will be charged is \$75, regardless of how

many children they have. This fee is evaluated each year.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

764,871.06	Total Assets (\$)
-77.79	Total Liabilities (\$)
764,793.27	Total Net Assets (\$)
764,793.27	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
2,294,379.81	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

1. Rich Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager, CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, Parks & Recreation: (805) 897-2591 or RHanna@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

2. Marcos Martinez, Spanish Engagement Specialist, City of Goleta: 805.562.5500 or mmartinez@cityofgoleta.org

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

- Yes
 No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

- Name
 Address or City last resided in
 Number of family members
 Total family (household) income
 Race and ethnicity
 Proof of age
 My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

176	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
46	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)
222.00	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 10,000.00
PAL General Funds (individual donors, general operating support)	\$ 19,040.00	\$ 21,750.00
In-Kind volunteers	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
County of Santa Barbara		\$ 24,800.00
Total	\$ 25,040.00	\$ 59,750.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Staff Salary - Campership Coordinator (F/T, temp. 3 months)	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Salary - Program Manager	\$ 4,640.00	\$ 6,750.00	
Staff Salary - Driver & Transportation Costs (fuel, maintenance)		\$ 17,800.00	\$ 8,000.00
Staff Salary - Childcare Coordinator (PT)		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Program Supplies/Printing & Food	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,000.00	
In-Kind Volunteers	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	
Total	\$ 25,040.00	\$ 59,750.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

City of Goleta funding would support staff salaries for the Campership Coordinator, Childcare Coordinator, and the majority of funding would support the Driver and transportation costs. These staff members provide direct services to low-income families. As mentioned, PAL is specifically seeking funding to expand transportation assistance that we can offer to families who cite transportation barriers as a reason they struggle to have their child/ren attend a summer camp. This will be especially helpful for Goleta families who may not be able to drop off and pick up their child at a camp in Santa Barbara. The increase in the Program Supplies/Printing & Food line item is due to

increased costs for providing snacks during post-camp childcare at PAL's Twelve35 Teen Center. The in-kind volunteers valued at \$3,200 reflects 20 volunteers for 8 hours at the Registration Day.

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Documents Requested *	Required?	Attached Documents *
Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of Board Members
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SBPAL FYE 2024 Financial Statements
Organizational Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FY 2024-25 Organizational Budget
Organizational Chart		Organizational Chart
Supplemental or Additional Information		Campership Alliance 2024 Master Booklet
		Campership Alliance 2024 Registration Form English & Spanish
		Campership Alliance 2024 Program Recap

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**Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network: Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network (SBWCN) is a nonprofit organization that serves to rescue, rehabilitate and return to the wild sick, injured, orphaned, or oil-impaired wild birds, reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties and to educate the public about living in harmony with wildlife.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

SBWCN provides critical rescue and care to around 4,000 wild animals each year, comprising over 200

different species. Our state of the art wildlife hospital has dedicated surgery and x-ray rooms, facilities to wash oiled animals, nurseries for baby birds and mammals, 5,400 square feet of space, newly built outdoor aviaries, and professional veterinary staff. SBWCN is the only state-licensed, full-service wildlife rehabilitator in the region and responds to a variety of threats to wildlife. SBWCN is open 365 days a year and offers all services free of charge. SBWCN's wildlife hospital is located at 1460 North Fairview Avenue in Goleta. A City of Goleta grant would support animal care costs of medical expenses and supplies.

Every day, members of the public come across wild animals that need help and SBWCN provides the services needed to assist citizen rescuers and provide treatment to wildlife. Our HELPLine receives around 8,000 calls each year from members of the public. We work to educate community members about the needs of at-risk wildlife, the challenges faced by wildlife in the region, and effective ways to help ensure the health and survival of wild animals.

SBWCN exists mainly due to human related injuries to wildlife: domestic pet interactions, unsecured trash, car strikes, inhumane pest control methods, tree-trimming, derelict fishing gear, direct disruption of dens and nests, and even gun-related injuries. There are also emergency needs that arise for wildlife, such as wildfires, or the recent Brown Pelican dehydration/starvation event. SBWCN is the first responder for wildlife.

In 2024, SBWCN's professional and trained staff cared for 4,111 wildlife patients. One patient was a young female Gray Fox rescued at the Ritz-Carlton Bacara in Goleta. Upon admission, she was moderately dehydrated, burdened with parasites (ticks, lice, and fleas), and suffering from conjunctivitis and suspected mange. Over 116 days of expert care, she received treatments for parasites and eye infections, essential vaccinations, and a tailored diet to support her recovery and growth. Gradually, she regained her strength, gained weight, and showed remarkable improvement. She was in excellent health and ready to return to the wild. SBWCN released the Gray Fox back to the Gaviota Coast. You can watch her triumphant return to her natural habitat in this video: <https://vimeo.com/1036240711/3db2deea3a?share=copy>.

This is just one story of the tremendous impact that SBWCN has on wildlife every day. SBWCN provides care to a wide range of wildlife patients including snakes, coyotes, foxes, bobcats, bats, warblers, scrub jays, woodpeckers, raccoons, hawks, hummingbirds, owls, brush rabbits, grebes, brown pelicans, gulls, mallards, American Crows, opossums, and many more. SBWCN must be resourced and ready for whatever wildlife needs come through our doors.

SBWCN utilizes the Wildlife Rehabilitation Medical Database (WRMD) to track data on wildlife patients while they are in our care. WRMD allows us to aggregate the data to provide an overview of our operations, total species admitted, survival/release rates, and other valuable data that we evaluate or that may be mined by researchers to identify trends and issues. WRMD enables thorough reporting on the disposition of every patient 24/7. We can run analytics on a variety of aspects of our animal care operations including numbers of animals in care at any given time, different species types, survival rates, treatment protocols, and animals released.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

SBWCN is available for every Goleta resident: we can answer questions, help with a rescue, or receive an animal. SBWCN treated 652 animals of 95 species from Goleta in 2024. We receive about 8,000 calls each year to our HELPLine from across SBC.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs

- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

SBWCN's wildlife hospital is supported by 28 staff and 175 volunteers. It is the only facility of its kind in the region. SBWCN's professional animal care staff, including a full-time Veterinarian, provide diagnostic testing, surgery, medication, and wound care while rehabilitating animals with proper enclosures and diets. During the wildlife baby season (March to September), we experience an increased number of wildlife patients, and thus incur increased expenses for the hiring of seasonal staff, food, and medicine costs. During baby season, SBWCN animal care staff work 13+ hours a day, 7 days a week to provide wildlife care, including to many wildlife babies who need to be fed every 20-30 minutes from dawn to dusk.

SBWCN is the only state-licensed general rehabilitation facility in both Santa Barbara and Ventura counties in California. Our services are essential to the wellbeing of wildlife on the central coast. We operate under permits from the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Since SBWCN has a full-time veterinarian on staff, we can provide education for our animal care staff, offer internships and externships, and have controlled drugs on premises. Our veterinarian greatly increases the quality of care that we can provide to patients, including surgery, advanced bandaging, pain control, and anesthesia.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation is unpredictable. SBWCN's wildlife hospital is a resource for all Goleta residents, and remains ready to respond to everyday wildlife needs and emergency situations. Members of the public rely on us when they encounter a sick or injured wild animal. During our busiest times, we may receive 30-50 animals in one day that are in need of care.

In addition to rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife, part of SBWCN's mission is to educate the public on what to do when they encounter an injured animal and to strive to live in harmony with wildlife in our communities. Protecting wildlife is an immediate and hopeful action that people can take in the face of large issues that may seem overwhelming and impossible to address. Our goal is for members of the public to learn about wildlife, be part of the solution, and deepen engagement to work together as a community to help wildlife.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

SBWCN is accessible to all members of the community, 365 days of the year. Anyone who finds an animal that needs help, may call our HELpline or send an email to our helpline desk. Anyone who is physically unable to bring an animal to our center can be assisted by one of our volunteers who can pick up a wild animal that might need care. SBWCN's wildlife hospital is ADA accessible. Due to the nature of the work, there are physical requirements for the safety of employees and animals, such as being able to catch, restrain, and lift animals. Volunteer positions, such as with the HELpline and fund development, are available to people with disabilities.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

The City of Goleta's funding will support SBWCN's animal care costs and our ability to continue to provide our services free of charge to the community.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

SBWCN seeks funding from local foundation grants, corporate gifts, and donations from community members. We also hold an annual fundraising event. The City of Goleta is an important partner and supporter of our work, especially since our wildlife hospital is located in Goleta and available to assist any Goleta resident year-round. If partial funding is awarded, SBWCN will continue to seek additional funding to ensure that the needs of wildlife and operating our facility are met.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

SBWCN is available to anyone in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. We do not collect income information of those who utilize our services.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

SBWCN was last audited in 2021 and there were no findings or concerns. We are in the process of completing the 2022 and 2023 audits.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

SBWCN's Board of Directors reviews and approves financial statements each month.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

No, all of SBWCN's services are free of charge.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

9,639,801	Total Assets (\$)
557,105	Total Liabilities (\$)
9,082,695	Total Net Assets (\$)
9,639,801	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
28,919,402.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g.

disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

No.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Britt Rickman, SBWCN's Director of Rehabilitation: 805-681-1019

Dr. Choolijan, SBWCN's Veterinarian: 805-681-1080 ex. 107

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)

Very low income (30-50% MFI)

Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)

Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
General Donations	\$ 206,000.00	\$ 159,500.00
Grants	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Total	\$ 409,000.00	\$ 369,500.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Expected Expenditures for Year	Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Animal Food	\$ 154,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	
New Veterinary Equipment	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Diagnostics and Labs	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
Medications	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Veterinary Care (relief)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	
Animal Care Supplies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	
General Supplies	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Medical Expense/Supplies	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 409,000.00	\$ 369,500.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

SBWCN respectfully requests a \$10,000 grant to support animal care medical expenses and supplies.

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Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IRS Letter
List of Board Members	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Board Roster
Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FYE 2024 Statement of Financial Activities FYE 2024 Statement of Financial Position
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**Santa Barbara Police Activities League
Goleta Beach Ocean Enrichment**

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

A vibrant community is one that prioritizes expression and social connection by providing opportunities to explore and express oneself in public spaces that are equally accessible to all. Lobster Jo's brings children together from many backgrounds to catalyze connections and foster belonging to the South Coast community.

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

For summer 2025, Lobster Jo's Beach Camp is adding a second location at Goleta Beach under the

supervision of Thomas Oretsky. We are applying to the Goleta Community Development Block Grant hoping to make this camp more accessible by extending our scholarship program. Grant funds will be used to provide scholarships to children from low-income families.

At the Goleta Beach Camp, a weekday camp, campers will be introduced to a variety of activities, ranging from the educational and recreational to the artistic. Counselors will engage with the kids on important South Coast topics such as ocean safety, surfing, environmental stewardship, marine biology and ecology. For example, stand-up paddleboarding is a favorite activity which we plan to host at the Goleta Beach Camp, where campers can see a dizzying variety and abundance of life. Meanwhile, junior counselor campers (between the ages of 13 and 17) take part in everything that campers enjoy while also taking on some responsibilities of working with our counselors to take campers out onto the water and lead group activities.

This program will run at Goleta Beach, a publicly accessible beach park, from 9am to 4pm, with a special events permit from the County of Santa Barbara. Our schedule runs Monday to Friday, with each day covering a different topic and activity. These camp weeks will run from June 16th to August 15th, 2025, with a new group of children each week. Goleta Beach Camp will be open to children ages 5 through 12 (as participants) and 13 to 17 years old (as junior counselors).

Our fee-based curricula holds at \$8.57 an hour, which is below what Children's Resource and Referral has calculated is the maximum reimbursement for the childcare centers of Santa Barbara County, effective January 1st, 2022.

For those unable to pay the fee, scholarships will be provided. These are distributed by the SB Police Activities League, which also decides the criteria for who is eligible. Their program, Campership Alliance, is a community-based collaboration which provides scholarship opportunities to children from low-income backgrounds. Interested campers with financial need are referred to Campership Alliance, which has existing procedures and criteria for determining need and disbursing scholarships.

Our scholarship program will be monitored by SBPAL in collaboration with our on-site director. The program director will coordinate with SBPAL in order to verify attendance records and ensure that scholarship recipients are attending camp, feel welcomed and are able to get whatever assistance they need to participate and attend. After camp, attendees and their families will be given surveys intended to gauge how the program has benefited their child.

The program is intended especially for low-income families in the Goleta area who otherwise could not afford childcare. Goleta as a community with less childcare capacity and less recreational programming than its adjacent city of Santa Barbara offers, and Goleta Beach Camp could rectify this by providing another resource and option for its residents.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

If funded, the camp could serve 35 participants per session. With a total of 9 week-long sessions, this amounts to 315 unduplicated enrollments over the course of one summer season. It will serve another ~100 participants during school holiday weekends.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs

- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other: Community-development

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

Santa Barbara County in general struggles to provide adequate child care resources for families. Goleta is not an exception. Many families cannot access childcare; for instance, less than 15% of infants and small children in Goleta could obtain licensed childcare during the year 2023, according to the 2024 SBC Childcare Assessment. In addition, Goleta has substantially less recreational programming than neighboring Santa Barbara; in fact, it only established a dedicated Parks and Recreation department in 2016. This summer, Lobster Jo's Goleta Beach Camp will be the only beach camp for youth under the age of 8 in all of Goleta.

Lobster Jo's recognizes that summer camps like the Goleta Beach Camp can serve as a form of childcare for many families, but that affordability is an obstacle. The main barrier for many kids who are interested in becoming campers is simply a lack of adequate financial resources. After all, one in every five children in Santa Barbara County lives in poverty, and the county had the second highest general poverty rate of any in California in 2023. Because of this, we have provided a limited number of scholarships to attendees at our other camps in Santa Barbara. In order to administer these, we work with the Santa Barbara Police Activities League (SBPAL); they select scholarship recipients based on a number of established criteria, including availability and need, and provide transportation when necessary. However, the demand and interest in scholarships all of the years we've run this program has far outstripped the number of scholarships awarded due to a lack of funding.

Many of the families the Santa Barbara programs have served live in Goleta, therefore adding a new location would decrease transport time for the parents. This gives the children more time for rest and the parents more time for work.

With additional funding this year for our upcoming Goleta Camp, we can further narrow the gap between the kids who are interested in camp but need financial assistance, and the campers who ultimately receive scholarships.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Summer Camps serve as important secondary intervention measures for youth, and attending summer camp is observed to have a strong positive impact on youth development outcomes, with significant positive effects on skill development and resilience. This is especially beneficial for at-risk or low-income youth, which the SBPAL scholarships target. For instance, at-risk children who attend summer camp have better grades, fewer problems with absences and truancy, and have fewer disciplinary issues than at-risk children who do not attend.

Because summer camp curricula are free from the demands of conventional school-year curricula, they are able to serve as an ideal setting for social-emotional learning. Camp programs can help young people learn how to collaborate with one another, plan things out and make goals, skills which are all important in the academic, intrapersonal and professional settings which people find themselves in outside of camp. The Goleta Camp will be a fantastic setting for children from a variety of socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds to encounter other kids and families in the community, establish and maintain these relationships, and healthily deal with challenges that arise from working and playing with others, being away from parents and learning new skills.

Local recreation opportunities also improve community retention and make people feel more attached and connected to their communities. According to a three-year Soul of the Community study, people's perception of their community in terms of "social offerings, openness and beauty" impacts their emotional attachment to a place more than other characteristics, such as their demographics. In addition, strong

recreation services are correlated with high levels of economic well-being and local gross domestic product. For Goleta, which has historically struggled to establish recreational programming and infrastructure compared to Santa Barbara, the Goleta Beach Camp may serve as a new pillar of community and an anchor point by which people in the community make connections and relationships.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

The physical characteristics of any beach, including Goleta Beach, can limit access to camp for some physically disabled people. However, we can collaborate with local nonprofit NatureTrack in order to provide accommodation for those who need it.

Current programs operate in coordination with the City of Santa Barbara and follow federal and state guidelines for inclusion. They include 1 to 1 supervision for individuals; these are deemed necessary via a pre-program meeting with the participant's parents or guardians. We intend to follow this process at the Goleta camp as well.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes, the more funding a program receives, the more opportunity a program has to provide its own pro bono enrollments for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. The more funding the camp receives, the greater ability for Lobster Jo's to directly finance additional enrollments; this is because the marginal cost of adding individual campers to existing programs is lower than establishing a new weeklong program.

Because we collaborate with SBPAL, which has established criteria for eligibility and an established process for disbursing funding and scholarships, the cost of administering our scholarship program is lower than if we were to do so ourselves.

We are additionally seeking funds from other local grantors in Santa Barbara. This includes the Williams-Corbett Foundation, who in the past has funded two free clinics for disadvantaged youth in Santa Barbara, as well as 80 enrollments for disadvantaged youth in our Santa Barbara location.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

Without additional funding, the program will run; however, we would be enrolling fewer campers and we would not be able to finance nearly as many scholarships, so there would be significantly less campers we could enroll from economically- disadvantaged backgrounds.

We are pursuing a number of grants from other sources, including local private foundations, such as the aforementioned Williams-Corbett Foundation, and service/ community organizations like the Rotary Club of Santa Barbara.

In the past we have also hosted fundraising events for camp scholarships and may do so again, depending on the availability of funding from grants.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

Yes, the scholarship program exclusively serves those with low-incomes. In addition to our scholarship program, which covers the cost of attendance completely, even those campers who pay in full are paying less than the maximum reimbursement for the childcare centers of Santa Barbara, according to Children's Resource and Referral.

SBPAL, which administers scholarships to campers and establishes the criteria for eligibility, also obtains documentation from clients on their income.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.
2024. There were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

The Santa Barbara Police Activities League's Board of Directors meets bimonthly, with committees convening in the alternating months. The Board reviews and approves financial statements bimonthly, while the finance committee conducts monthly financial reviews to ensure oversight and accountability.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

There is no fee for children who qualify for and receive scholarships. For those who do not receive a scholarship, the cost to attend a week of camp is \$300. Our fee structure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure accessibility and sustainability. Additionally, families are encouraged to apply for the California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP), for which we are an approved provider. This program offers subsidized child care services, potentially allowing children to attend our summer camp throughout the entire season. Eligibility is based on income and need criteria.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

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In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

We do not have any past due obligations with any funding source.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Tony Sholl is the Aquatics Director of the City of Santa Barbara. He can be reached at (805) 280-2418.

Judie Lugo is the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Police Activities League. She can be reached

at (805) 331-3095.

CDBG Eligibility

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- Yes
 No

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- Name
 Address or City last resided in
 Number of family members
 Total family (household) income
 Race and ethnicity
 Proof of age
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19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

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<input type="text" value="15%"/>	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
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<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	TOTAL

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

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N/A

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Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00
Federal	\$ 0.00	
State	\$ 0.00	
County	\$ 0.00	
Municipal	\$ 0.00	
School District	\$ 0.00	

Foundations/Trusts	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 0.00	
Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Other		
Total	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Consultants and Contracts			
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance	\$ 540.00	\$ 1,890.00	
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,000.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
Travel, Mileage, Training	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,600.00
Training	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Total	\$ 21,040.00	\$ 40,640.00	\$ 20,100.00

Budget Narrative

Our goal is to increase the number of scholarship-based campers to 50% of enrollees. Presently the number of campers with scholarships is approximately 10%, with the other 90% being fee-based. While we have the organizational infrastructure to bring these ideas to fruition we lack the gross funding to make it accessible at a larger scale. The biggest obstacle to expanding operations is staff costs. Our proposed funding reflects the cost of raising our capacities to accommodate 50% scholarship-based enrollments. Therefore all line items that scale up in proportion to adding more participants have requests for funding. Items such as rent are fixed costs that do not change with one participant or one hundred, whereas staffing, supplies, travel, and insurances are directly impacted by the size of our program.

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Nonprofit Tax Exemption Status



Required? Attached Documents *

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Financial statements from the most recently completed fiscal or calendar year



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**OMG Youth Sports
OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub: Inspire, Achieve, Explore**

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\$ 10,000.00 Requested

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Organization

1. What is your organization's mission statement?

To inspire and empower children, youth, and seniors by providing inclusive, accessible opportunities for physical activity, educational enrichment, and personal development. We are dedicated to serving underserved and at-risk communities, including children with disabilities and senior citizens with neurodivergence or special needs, by fostering teamwork, leadership, and confidence through sports, wellness, and adventure-based programs. Our goal is to create a safe, supportive environment where every participant has the opportunity to thrive, learn, and achieve their full potential, regardless of financial, physical, or cognitive barriers."

Our motto is:

"Inspire. Achieve. Explore."

Program Information

2. Describe the proposed program, activity, or event for which you are asking for funding. Please

share how it will operate (days, hours, eligibility, etc.), how it will be monitored, and the people you intend to serve (target population).

Please be specific about the hours and total days that people will be served by the program and exactly how/for what City of Goleta funds will be used to support the program.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is an innovative, year-round program designed to ignite the passions and unlock the potential of Goleta's youth. We aim to create a vibrant and inclusive space where young people can explore their interests, develop essential skills, and become empowered leaders in their community.

The Hub will initially offer four distinct programs, each running in 6-8 week sessions throughout the year (excluding December) to provide diverse learning opportunities and accommodate varying schedules:

1. Goleta Young Inventors Lab:

Focus: This program fosters STEM skills, creativity, and problem-solving in a dynamic, hands-on learning environment.

Activities:

Makerspace Exploration: Youth will have access to a dedicated makerspace equipped with 3D printers, coding tools, robotics kits, electronics components, and a wide array of craft supplies. They will be encouraged to experiment, design, build, and bring their innovative ideas to life.

Weekly Workshops: Expert-led workshops will delve deeper into specific areas of interest, such as: **Robotics and Programming:** Learn to build and program robots, exploring the exciting world of automation and artificial intelligence.

Game Design: Develop video games, learning coding, design principles, and storytelling through interactive experiences.

Sustainable Invention: Explore eco-friendly technologies and design solutions to environmental challenges using recycled materials and renewable energy concepts.

Electronics and Circuitry: Discover the fundamentals of electronics, building circuits, and experimenting with different components to create functional devices.

Operation: After-school hours (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM) Monday to Friday, with weekend workshops (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) on Saturdays. Open to youth aged 10-18.

Monitoring: Attendance tracking, project-based assessments, and feedback surveys will be used to monitor progress and gather valuable input for program improvement.

Inclusivity: The lab will be equipped with adaptive technologies (e.g., adjustable workstations, screen readers, large-print materials) and offer individualized support to ensure accessibility for youth with disabilities.

2. Coastal Explorers Club:

Focus: This program connects youth with Goleta's unique coastal environment, fostering environmental awareness, appreciation, and stewardship.

Activities:

Outdoor Adventures: Exciting excursions will immerse participants in the wonders of the coast, including:

Kayaking Trips: Explore the Goleta coastline by kayak, observing marine life and learning about coastal ecosystems.

Tidepooling Excursions: Discover the fascinating creatures that inhabit the intertidal zone, learning about their adaptations and the importance of preserving their habitat.

Beach Cleanups: Contribute to the health of the coastal environment by participating in organized beach cleanups, removing debris and learning about the impact of pollution.

Hiking Adventures: Explore the scenic trails along the coast, learning about local flora and fauna and appreciating the natural beauty of the region.

Educational Workshops: Interactive workshops will deepen understanding of coastal ecosystems and conservation:

Marine Biology: Learn about the diverse marine life found in the Goleta area, including marine mammals, fish, invertebrates, and seabirds.

Oceanography: Explore the physical properties and processes of the ocean, such as currents, waves, tides, and the impact of climate change.

Coastal Conservation: Learn about the threats facing coastal ecosystems and how to take action to protect them, including responsible recreation, reducing pollution, and advocating for conservation efforts.

Operation: Alternating weekend adventures (Saturdays or Sundays, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM) and weekday workshops (4:00 PM - 5:30 PM). Open to youth aged 12-18.

Monitoring: Participation logs, knowledge assessments, and observation of environmental stewardship behaviors will be used to evaluate program effectiveness.

Inclusivity: Adaptive equipment (e.g., sit-on-top kayaks, beach wheelchairs) and individualized support will be provided to ensure accessibility for youth with disabilities.

3. Goleta Teen Entrepreneur Academy:

Focus: This program equips youth with essential business skills, financial literacy, and an entrepreneurial mindset to pursue their dreams and contribute to the local economy.

Activities:

Business Fundamentals Workshops: Interactive workshops led by experienced entrepreneurs and business professionals will cover key topics:

Business Planning: Develop a comprehensive business plan, including market research, competitive analysis, financial projections, and operational strategies.

Marketing and Sales: Learn effective marketing techniques, including branding, social media marketing, customer relationship management, and sales strategies.

Financial Literacy: Gain a solid understanding of financial concepts, including budgeting, investing, managing debt, and understanding financial statements.

Pitching and Presentation Skills: Develop compelling pitches and presentation skills to effectively communicate business ideas to potential investors and customers.

Mentorship Program: Participants will be paired with local entrepreneurs who will provide guidance, support, and real-world insights into the challenges and rewards of starting and running a business.

Business Idea Competitions: Opportunities to participate in business idea competitions, pitching their concepts to a panel of judges and receiving feedback and potential seed funding.

Operation: Weekly sessions (after-school) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Open to youth aged 14-18.

Monitoring: Business plan development, participation in pitch competitions, and feedback from mentors will be used to assess progress and identify areas for improvement.

Inclusivity: The program will provide accommodations (e.g., assistive technology, note-takers) and support to ensure all youth, including those with disabilities, can participate fully.

4. "Mindfulness and Movement" Program:

Focus: This program promotes mental health, emotional well-being, and physical activity in a supportive and inclusive environment.

Activities:

Mindfulness Practices: Participants will engage in a variety of mindfulness practices to cultivate self-awareness, reduce stress, and enhance emotional regulation:

Yoga: Learn and practice yoga postures, breathing exercises, and relaxation techniques to improve physical flexibility, strength, and mental focus.

Guided Meditation: Experience guided meditation sessions to cultivate inner peace, reduce anxiety, and improve concentration.

Nature Walks: Connect with nature through mindful walks in local parks and trails, observing the natural environment and appreciating its calming influence.

Group Discussions and Activities: Interactive group sessions will provide a safe space for youth to:

Share experiences and challenges related to stress, anxiety, and emotional well-being.
Learn coping strategies and healthy habits to manage stress, build resilience, and enhance emotional intelligence. Develop positive self-talk and cultivate a growth mindset.

Operation: After-school sessions (3:30 PM - 5:00 PM) on Mondays and Wednesdays. Open to youth aged 10-18.

Monitoring: Attendance records, pre- and post-program surveys on well-being, and observation of participation will be used to track progress and evaluate program impact.

Inclusivity: The program will adapt activities and provide modifications (e.g., chair yoga, alternative poses) to ensure inclusivity for youth with diverse abilities and needs.

Target Population: The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub serves youth aged 10-18 residing in Goleta. The program prioritizes inclusivity and accessibility, with scholarships available to ensure participation from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and youth with disabilities.

Hours of Operation: The Hub will operate year-round, excluding December, with programs offered after school, on weekends, and during school breaks. Each program session will run for 6-8 weeks, allowing for multiple sessions throughout the year. Total annual hours of service are estimated at 2,500 hours.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Program effectiveness will be monitored through attendance tracking, participant feedback surveys, pre- and post-program assessments, and observation of skill development and behavioral changes.

City of Goleta Funding: The \$10,000 grant from the City of Goleta will be crucial in launching and sustaining the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub. The funds will be strategically allocated to support the following

key areas:

Equipment and Supplies: Purchase of essential equipment and supplies for each program, including:

Young Inventors Lab: 3D printers, robotics kits, coding software, electronics components, craft materials, and adaptive technologies for youth with disabilities.

Coastal Explorers Club: Kayaks, paddles, life vests, tidepooling guides, first aid kits, beach cleanup supplies, and adaptive equipment like sit-on-top kayaks and beach wheelchairs.

Teen Entrepreneur Academy: Laptops, presentation software, marketing materials, and resources for business planning and financial literacy.

Mindfulness and Movement Program: Yoga mats, meditation cushions, blankets, nature guides, and any necessary adaptive equipment.

Program Staff: Hiring qualified instructors and facilitators with expertise in their respective fields, including STEM education, environmental science, entrepreneurship, mindfulness practices, and experience working with youth with diverse abilities.

Marketing and Outreach: Developing and implementing a comprehensive marketing and outreach strategy to promote the program to Goleta youth and families. This will include creating flyers, brochures, and social media content; conducting presentations at schools and community events; and building partnerships with local organizations. The marketing materials will emphasize the program's inclusivity and accessibility for all youth.

Scholarships: Providing financial assistance to ensure access for low-income youth and those with disabilities who may face barriers to participation. This will enable the Hub to reach a broader population and fulfill its mission of empowering all Goleta youth.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub will provide a safe, supportive, and enriching environment for all Goleta's youth to explore their passions, develop essential skills, and become empowered leaders in their community.

3. Please provide the approximate number of Goleta residents your program, activity, or event will serve (or benefit) in the following year if funded.

Please be specific about the number Goleta residents who will be served. If your project serves more than only Goleta residents, please specify that breakdown.

We estimate that the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub will directly serve approximately 300-400 Goleta youth residents in its first year of operation.

4. Please check the box(es) that most accurately reflect the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding:

- One-time or annual community event (concert, creek cleanups, festival, etc.)
- Youth programs
- Senior programs (food/nutrition, education programs, day activities, etc.)
- Environmental/wildlife/animal welfare programs
- Public services for low-income residents/homeless
- Educational programs
- Arts (music, dance, theater, art)
- Economic development
- Recreational activities
- Other:

5. Does the program, activity, or event satisfy an unmet or under-met need in the community? If yes, please explain.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub: Filling the Gaps and Building a Brighter Future for Goleta's Youth

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is more than just a series of programs; it's a commitment to addressing the unmet needs of Goleta's young people and empowering them to reach their full potential. We recognize that existing services may not be accessible or comprehensive enough to meet the diverse needs of all youth in our community. That's why we are building a dynamic and evolving resource that fills the gaps and provides a comprehensive range of opportunities for youth development.

Addressing Critical Needs in Year One

In our first year, we will focus on establishing a strong foundation with four impactful programs that directly address critical unmet needs in the Goleta community:

Young Inventors Lab: Sparking a Passion for STEM and Bridging the Accessibility Gap

Access to Advanced Technologies for All: We recognize that access to cutting-edge technologies like 3D printers, robotics kits, and coding software is often limited, particularly for underserved youth. The Young Inventors Lab will democratize access to these resources, providing a dedicated makerspace where all young people can explore STEM concepts in a dynamic and engaging environment.

Cultivating Essential 21st-Century Skills: Beyond technical proficiency, the Lab will emphasize critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration – skills that are essential for success in the modern world. Through hands-on projects and challenges, participants will learn to apply STEM knowledge to real-world situations, fostering innovation and preparing them for future careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Inclusivity as a Guiding Principle: We are deeply committed to ensuring that all youth, regardless of background or ability, can participate fully in the Young Inventors Lab. We will provide adaptive technologies, individualized support, and a welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

Coastal Explorers Club: Fostering Environmental Stewardship and Appreciation for Goleta's Coastline

Hands-on Exploration of the Marine Environment: Many young people in Goleta, despite living in a coastal community, lack access to programs that connect them with the marine environment. The Coastal Explorers Club will fill this void by providing immersive outdoor adventures, including kayaking trips, tidepooling excursions, beach cleanups, and hiking adventures. These experiences will foster a deep appreciation for the coastal ecosystem and its inhabitants, while promoting physical activity and teamwork.

Enhancing Environmental Literacy: Through interactive workshops on marine biology, oceanography, and coastal conservation, youth will gain a deeper understanding of the delicate balance of the coastal environment and the impact of human activities. This knowledge will empower them to become responsible stewards of our natural resources.

Empowering Youth as Environmental Advocates: The program will emphasize the importance of protecting our oceans and coastlines, encouraging youth to become active caretakers of their environment. They will learn about responsible recreation, pollution prevention, and advocacy for conservation efforts, enabling them to make informed decisions and contribute to a sustainable future.

Accessibility for All: The Coastal Explorers Club will prioritize inclusivity by providing adaptive equipment, such as sit-on-top kayaks and beach wheelchairs, and offering individualized support to ensure that youth with disabilities can fully participate in all activities.

Teen Entrepreneur Academy: Filling the Entrepreneurship Education Gap and Empowering Future Innovators

Comprehensive Business Training: We recognize that there is a lack of programs specifically designed to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams. The Teen

Entrepreneur Academy will address this gap by providing comprehensive training in business planning, marketing, finance, and pitching. Participants will learn how to develop a business idea, conduct market research, create a financial plan, and effectively communicate their vision to potential investors and customers.

Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mindset: Beyond practical skills, the program will foster an entrepreneurial mindset, encouraging creativity, innovation, problem-solving, and a willingness to take calculated risks. This will empower youth to pursue their passions and contribute to the economic vitality of their community.

Mentorship and Guidance: Participants will be paired with local entrepreneurs who will provide guidance, support, and real-world insights into the challenges and rewards of starting and running a business. This mentorship will provide valuable support and encouragement as young people navigate the entrepreneurial journey.

Promoting Inclusivity: The Teen Entrepreneur Academy will ensure that all youth, including those with disabilities, have the opportunity to participate by providing accommodations and support as needed.

"Mindfulness and Movement" Program: Addressing the Growing Need for Youth Mental Health Support

Developing Mindfulness Skills: With increasing rates of stress, anxiety, and mental health challenges among youth, there is a critical need for programs that promote mental well-being and emotional regulation. The "Mindfulness and Movement" Program will provide a safe and supportive space for youth to develop mindfulness skills through yoga, guided meditation, and nature walks.

Building Healthy Coping Mechanisms: Interactive group discussions and activities will provide a platform for youth to share experiences, learn coping strategies, and develop healthy habits for managing stress and anxiety. This will empower them to take control of their mental health and build a foundation for lifelong well-being.

Enhancing Emotional Intelligence: The program will foster emotional intelligence by encouraging self-reflection, empathy, and positive communication skills. These skills are essential for building healthy relationships, navigating social situations, and achieving personal and academic success.

Promoting Physical Well-being: By incorporating movement and physical activity, the program will promote physical health and well-being, which are essential components of overall mental health.

Ensuring Inclusivity: The program will be adapted to accommodate youth with diverse abilities and needs, ensuring that all participants can benefit from the practices and activities.

Expanding Horizons: Future Program Development

As the Hub grows and flourishes, we envision expanding our offerings to include a wider range of programs that cater to the diverse interests and needs of Goleta's youth. Some of the programs in development for future years include:

Goleta Youth Media Lab (Year Two): Empowering youth to become storytellers and content creators through filmmaking, podcasting, graphic design, and social media.

"Goleta Gives Back" Youth Volunteer Corps (Year Three): Promoting civic engagement and social responsibility through volunteer projects with local nonprofits.

"Future Leaders of Goleta" Youth Council (Year Four): Empowering youth voices in local government and community decision-making.

These future programs will further enhance the Hub's impact, providing a comprehensive range of opportunities for youth to explore their passions, develop essential skills, and become active and engaged members of their community.

A Vision for the Future

Our vision for the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is to create a thriving center for youth development that:

Provides accessible and inclusive programs for all youth, regardless of their background or abilities.

Responds to evolving needs, continuously adapting and expanding our offerings.

Fosters collaboration and community, partnering with schools, organizations, and businesses.

Empowers the next generation, equipping young people with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to become leaders and changemakers.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is an investment in the future of Goleta. By providing a nurturing and empowering environment, we aim to unlock the potential of every young person who walks through our doors, helping them to become the best versions of themselves and contribute to a brighter future for all.

6. Does the program, activity, or event aid in the prevention of future problems or conditions? If yes, please explain.

Goleta community as a whole. By providing proactive and supportive programs, we aim to equip youth with the skills, knowledge, and resilience they need to thrive and make positive choices.

Here's how The Hub's programs contribute to the prevention of future problems:

Young Inventors Lab: Preventing Disengagement and Promoting Future Success

Combating Educational Disengagement: By providing engaging, hands-on STEM learning experiences, the Young Inventors Lab fosters a love of learning and helps prevent disengagement from education, a key risk factor for dropping out of school and facing future challenges.

Closing the Opportunity Gap: The Lab addresses the opportunity gap in STEM education by providing access to advanced technologies and resources for all youth, regardless of their socioeconomic background. This helps prevent future disparities in educational attainment and career opportunities.

Building Confidence and Self-Efficacy: Through successful completion of projects and challenges, participants gain confidence in their abilities and develop a sense of self-efficacy, which are crucial protective factors against future academic and social difficulties.

Coastal Explorers Club: Preventing Environmental Degradation and Promoting Responsible Citizenship

Fostering Environmental Stewardship: By connecting youth with the natural world and educating them about the importance of conservation, the Coastal Explorers Club cultivates a sense of responsibility for the environment. This helps prevent future environmental degradation and promotes responsible citizenship.

Promoting Physical and Mental Well-being: Outdoor activities like kayaking, hiking, and tidepooling promote physical activity, reduce stress, and enhance mental well-being. This can help prevent future health problems associated with sedentary lifestyles and stress.

Building Community and Social Connections: The Club provides opportunities for youth to connect with nature and with each other, fostering a sense of community and belonging. This can help prevent social isolation and promote positive social development.

Teen Entrepreneur Academy: Preventing Financial Instability and Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency

Developing Financial Literacy: The Teen Entrepreneur Academy equips young people with essential financial literacy skills, including budgeting, saving, investing, and understanding credit. This knowledge can help prevent future financial instability and debt.

Promoting Entrepreneurial Skills: By fostering entrepreneurial skills and providing mentorship, the program encourages youth to pursue their passions and create their own opportunities. This can help prevent future unemployment and underemployment.

Building Confidence and Leadership Skills: The program helps youth develop confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of initiative, which are valuable assets for navigating future challenges and achieving success.

"Mindfulness and Movement" Program: Preventing Mental Health Challenges and Promoting Emotional Well-being

Building Resilience and Coping Skills: The "Mindfulness and Movement" Program equips youth with mindfulness practices and coping strategies to manage stress, anxiety, and challenging emotions. This can help prevent future mental health challenges and promote emotional well-being.

Promoting Healthy Habits: The program encourages healthy habits such as physical activity, mindful eating, and stress management techniques, which can help prevent future physical and mental health problems.

Fostering Self-Awareness and Emotional Regulation: By promoting self-awareness and emotional regulation skills, the program helps youth develop healthy coping mechanisms and navigate challenging situations effectively. This can help prevent future interpersonal conflicts and emotional difficulties.

Long-Term Impact: A Ripple Effect of Positive Change

The impact of The Hub's programs extends far beyond the immediate benefits for individual participants. By addressing the root causes of future problems and fostering positive development, The Hub contributes to:

Reduced crime and delinquency: By providing positive outlets and opportunities for youth, The Hub helps prevent risky behaviors and involvement in crime.

Improved academic achievement: The Hub's programs support academic success by fostering a love of learning, building essential skills, and promoting mental well-being.

Increased civic engagement: By encouraging community involvement and social responsibility, The Hub helps cultivate active and engaged citizens.

Enhanced community health and well-being: The Hub's programs promote physical and mental health, contributing to a healthier and more resilient community.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is not just preventing future problems; it's building a brighter future for Goleta. By investing in our youth, we are investing in the health, well-being, and prosperity of our community as a whole.

7. Does your facility or program have any barriers that would prevent a person with a disability (verbal, visual, physical, cognitive, etc.) from gaining employment, attending meetings, or obtaining services?

If so, what measures do you take to provide persons with disabilities alternative access to your facility or program?

Potential Barriers and Our Solutions:

While we strive to create an inclusive environment from the outset, we acknowledge that potential barriers may exist in our facility or programs. Here's how we address them:

Physical Accessibility:

Barrier: Our initial facility may have architectural barriers like stairs, narrow doorways, or inaccessible restrooms.

Solution: We will prioritize securing a facility that meets ADA accessibility standards. If modifications are needed, we will work with the landlord or property owner to implement ramps, wider doorways, accessible restrooms, and other necessary adaptations. We will also ensure that our program activities are held in accessible locations.

Visual Impairments:

Barrier: Printed materials, visual presentations, and website information may not be accessible to individuals with visual impairments.

Solution: We will provide materials in alternative formats, such as large print, Braille, and audio recordings. We will also ensure our website complies with accessibility guidelines, including proper color contrast, alternative text for images, and keyboard navigation.

Hearing Impairments:

Barrier: Verbal communication, meetings, and presentations may pose challenges for individuals with hearing impairments.

Solution: We will provide sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and closed captioning for videos and presentations. We will also use clear and concise language, facing the audience when speaking, and minimizing background noise.

Cognitive Disabilities:

Barrier: Complex instructions, fast-paced activities, or overwhelming environments may be difficult for individuals with cognitive disabilities.

Solution: We will provide clear and simple instructions, break down tasks into smaller steps, offer visual aids and demonstrations, and provide individualized support as needed. We will also create a calm and supportive environment with minimal distractions.

Communication Disabilities:

Barrier: Individuals with speech or language impairments may face challenges in communicating their needs or participating in discussions.

Solution: We will provide communication aids, such as picture cards or augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. We will also be patient and attentive listeners, allowing individuals ample time to express themselves and offering alternative communication methods as needed.

Employment and Meetings:

Recruitment and Hiring: We will ensure our job postings and application processes are accessible and inclusive. We will provide reasonable accommodations during interviews and onboarding for individuals with disabilities.

Meetings and Training: We will hold meetings and training sessions in accessible locations and provide necessary accommodations, such as sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative formats.

Obtaining Services:

Clear Communication: We will provide information about our programs and services in accessible formats and offer assistance with completing applications or forms.

Individualized Support: We will work with individuals with disabilities to understand their needs and provide appropriate accommodations to ensure they can fully participate in our programs.

Ongoing Commitment:

We are committed to ongoing learning and improvement in our efforts to create an inclusive and accessible environment for all. We will:

Regularly review our facilities, programs, and services to identify and address potential barriers.

Train our staff on disability awareness and best practices for providing accommodations.
Actively seek feedback from individuals with disabilities to ensure we are meeting their needs.

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to participate fully in our programs and services. We are dedicated to removing barriers and providing alternative access to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal chance to thrive and reach their full potential.

Funding

8. Would the City's grant funding leverage other resources, such as supporting joint partnerships, matching funds, or cost sharing, or otherwise serve to catalyze other initiatives? If yes, please explain.

Please include other grant sources either received or for which you are applying.

Yes, absolutely! The City of Goleta's grant funding will act as a catalyst, leveraging significant additional resources and sparking new initiatives to amplify the impact of the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub.

Here's how the grant will leverage other resources:

Joint Partnerships:

The grant will enable us to solidify partnerships with key organizations in Goleta, such as:

Schools: We will collaborate with local schools to integrate The Hub's programs into after-school activities, provide access to facilities, and ensure our offerings complement school curricula.

Community Centers: We will partner with community centers to offer programs in convenient locations, reaching a wider audience and maximizing resource utilization.

Nonprofit Organizations: We will collaborate with nonprofits like the UCSB Marine Science Institute, environmental organizations, and youth development groups to share expertise, resources, and program delivery.

Local Businesses: We will engage local businesses to provide mentorship for the Teen Entrepreneur Academy, offer internship opportunities, and potentially sponsor programs or events.

These partnerships will expand the reach of The Hub, enhance program quality, and create a strong network of support for Goleta's youth.

Matching Funds and Cost Sharing:

The City of Goleta's grant will be used to secure matching funds and in-kind contributions from other sources, including:

Foundations: We are actively seeking grants from local and national foundations that support youth development, STEM education, environmental conservation, and entrepreneurship.

Corporate Sponsorships: We will approach local businesses to sponsor specific programs or provide in-kind donations of equipment, supplies, or expertise.

Individual Donors: We will launch a fundraising campaign to engage individual donors who are passionate about supporting Goleta's youth.

Volunteer Support: We will recruit volunteers to assist with program delivery, administrative tasks, and fundraising efforts, leveraging their time and expertise.

By leveraging the City's grant, we can attract additional funding and resources, significantly increasing the overall investment in The Hub and expanding its impact.

Catalyzing Other Initiatives:

The Hub's success will serve as a model for future youth development initiatives in Goleta. By demonstrating the positive impact of our programs, we can inspire other organizations and individuals to invest in youth and create new opportunities.

The Hub can also act as a platform for collaborative projects and initiatives that address broader community needs. For example, we can partner with other organizations to address issues like youth homelessness, food insecurity, or mental health challenges.

The City of Goleta's grant will not only fund The Hub's initial programs but also spark a ripple effect of positive change throughout the community.

Other Grant Sources:

In addition to the City of Goleta's grant, we are actively pursuing funding from the following sources:

The Orfaea Foundation: We have submitted a grant proposal for funding to support the Young Inventors Lab and the Coastal Explorers Club.

The Santa Barbara Foundation: We are preparing a grant application for their Youth Empowerment Grant program to support the Teen Entrepreneur Academy and the "Mindfulness and Movement" Program.

The California Coastal Conservancy: We are exploring grant opportunities to support the Coastal Explorers Club's environmental education and stewardship activities.

We are confident that the City of Goleta's grant, combined with these other funding sources, will enable us to launch a successful and impactful Youth Empowerment Hub that will benefit Goleta's young people for years to come.

9. Are the requested funds necessary or vital in carrying out the program, activity, or event? Please specify how you will make up for any partial funding received from the City of Goleta.

If you are not awarded funding or are awarded partial funding from the City of Goleta, are there other potential funding sources your organization could pursue to ensure the program, activity, or event is successful?

The requested funds from the City of Goleta are absolutely vital to the successful launch and operation of the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub. While we are committed to securing funding from diverse sources, the City's grant plays a crucial role in:

Launching Foundational Programs:

The grant will enable us to purchase essential equipment and supplies for the four core programs, including 3D printers, robotics kits, kayaks, and other materials. Without these resources, we would be unable to offer the hands-on, engaging experiences that are central to The Hub's mission.

The grant will also support the hiring of qualified instructors and facilitators who possess the expertise and passion to deliver high-quality programs.

Securing Matching Funds:

The City's grant acts as a critical leverage point for attracting matching funds from foundations, corporations, and individual donors. Many funders require evidence of community support, and the City's investment demonstrates a strong commitment to The Hub's success. This will significantly increase our fundraising potential and enable us to expand our programs and reach more youth.

Building Momentum and Sustainability:

The City's grant provides crucial seed funding to launch The Hub and establish its presence in the community. This initial investment will create momentum and generate interest, making it easier to attract

additional funding and build a sustainable organization.

Making Up for Partial Funding:

In the event of partial funding, we will implement the following strategies:

Prioritize Essential Expenses: We will focus on securing essential equipment and staff to launch a smaller-scale version of The Hub, potentially with fewer program offerings or reduced capacity.

Increase Fundraising Efforts: We will intensify our fundraising efforts to secure additional funds from foundations, corporations, and individual donors.

Explore Cost-Sharing Partnerships: We will explore opportunities for cost-sharing with partner organizations, such as schools and community centers, to maximize resource utilization.

Implement a Phased Approach: We may launch programs in phases, starting with those that require the least initial investment and gradually expanding as we secure more funding.

Alternative Funding Sources:

If we are not awarded funding or receive partial funding from the City of Goleta, we will actively pursue these alternative funding sources:

Expand Grant Applications: We will submit proposals to a wider range of foundations and government agencies that support youth development, STEM education, environmental conservation, and entrepreneurship. This includes exploring grants from organizations like the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Education.

Crowdfunding Campaigns: We will launch targeted crowdfunding campaigns to engage the community and raise funds for specific program needs or equipment purchases.

Community Events and Fundraisers: We will organize community events and fundraisers to raise awareness about The Hub and generate financial support.

In-Kind Donations: We will actively solicit in-kind donations of equipment, supplies, and expertise from local businesses and individuals.

We are confident that through a combination of these strategies, we can secure the necessary resources to launch and sustain the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub, even in the face of funding challenges.

Our commitment to empowering Goleta's youth remains unwavering, and we are dedicated to finding creative solutions to ensure the success of this vital initiative.

10. Does the program, activity, or event for which you are seeking funding primarily serve those with low-incomes?

If yes, does your organization obtain documentation from clients on their income (e.g. tax returns, pay stubs)?

While the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub welcomes and serves youth from all socioeconomic backgrounds, our programs do not primarily serve those with low incomes. We aim to be an inclusive resource for all young people in Goleta, regardless of their financial circumstances.

However, we recognize that cost can be a barrier to participation for some families. To ensure accessibility for youth from low-income households, we will:

Offer Scholarships: We will provide need-based scholarships to cover program fees, ensuring that financial constraints do not prevent any young person from participating.

Partner with Community Organizations: We will collaborate with organizations serving low-income families to provide information about The Hub and facilitate access to our programs.

Offer Sliding Scale Fees: Where applicable, we will offer a sliding scale fee structure based on family income to make our programs more affordable.

Documentation of Income:

For families applying for scholarships or sliding scale fees, we will require documentation of income to ensure that financial assistance is allocated fairly and effectively. This documentation may include:

Tax returns
Pay stubs
Documentation of government assistance programs (e.g., SNAP, CalFresh)
A signed statement of income

We will maintain confidentiality and handle all financial information with sensitivity and respect.

Our Commitment to Equity and Inclusion:

The OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub is committed to equity and inclusion. We believe that all young people deserve access to high-quality programs that support their development and empower them to reach their full potential, regardless of their socioeconomic background. By offering financial assistance and working to remove barriers to participation, we strive to create a truly inclusive space where all Goleta youth can thrive.

11. When was your organization last audited? Were there any findings or concerns? If yes, please explain below.

If your organization is not required to have an audit performed, please explain that below.

Our organization was last audited by the IRS in 2023. There were no findings or concerns.

12. How often does your organization's Board of Directors review and approve financial statements?

Financial transparency and accountability are top priorities for the OMG Youth Sports. Our Board of Directors plays a crucial role in overseeing our financial health and ensuring responsible stewardship of resources.

Board Review and Approval of Financial Statements:

Quarterly Reviews: Our Board of Directors reviews and approves financial statements on a quarterly basis. This ensures regular oversight and enables the Board to stay informed about the organization's financial performance and make informed decisions.

Annual Review: In addition to quarterly reviews, the Board conducts a comprehensive annual review of the organization's financial statements, including the annual budget and audit (if applicable).

Quarterly Review Process:

Our quarterly financial statement review process involves the following steps:

Preparation by Staff: Our finance staff prepares the quarterly financial statements, including:

Balance Sheet: Provides a snapshot of the organization's assets, liabilities, and net assets at a specific point in time.

Income Statement: Shows the organization's revenues and expenses over a period of time, indicating whether the organization operated at a surplus or deficit.

Statement of Cash Flows: Tracks the flow of cash in and out of the organization, providing insights into its liquidity and financial health.

Review by Finance Committee: The financial statements are first reviewed by the Board's Finance Committee, which is composed of Board members with financial expertise. The Finance Committee analyzes the statements, identifies any areas of concern, and makes recommendations to the full Board.

Presentation to the Board: The Finance Committee presents the financial statements to the full Board of Directors at a scheduled Board meeting. The presentation includes a summary of key financial metrics, trends, and any significant variances from the budget.

Board Discussion and Approval: The Board engages in a thorough discussion of the financial statements, asking questions and seeking clarification as needed. Once the Board is satisfied with the information presented, they formally vote to approve the financial statements.

Adjustments and Amendments:

Ongoing Monitoring: Our finance staff continuously monitors the organization's financial performance throughout the year. If significant variances from the budget or other financial concerns arise, they are brought to the attention of the Finance Committee and the Board for review and action.

Adjustments: The Board may authorize adjustments to the budget or financial plans as needed to respond to changing circumstances or new opportunities.

Amendments: If necessary, the Board can amend previously approved financial statements to reflect corrected information or changes in accounting policies.

Transparency and Accountability:

Our commitment to financial transparency and accountability extends beyond the Board of Directors. We also:

Provide regular financial reports to funders.

Maintain accurate and up-to-date financial records.

Adhere to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Conduct regular internal audits to ensure compliance and identify areas for improvement.

By adhering to these practices, we ensure that the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub operates with the highest level of financial integrity and responsibility, maintaining the trust of our funders, partners, and the community we serve.

13. Is there a fee charged or donation suggested for your services, event, etc? If yes, please include when the last time fee amounts were evaluated and/or updated.

Please attach a copy of the fee schedule in the Documents Tab of this application.

Yes, the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub does charge fees for some of our programs and services. However, we strive to make our offerings accessible to all youth, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Here's how our fee structure works:

Varied Fees: Fees vary depending on the specific program, its duration, the materials involved, and any specialized instruction required. For example, a program involving specialized equipment or expert instructors may have a higher fee than one that utilizes readily available resources.

Scholarships and Sliding Scale: We offer need-based scholarships and sliding scale fees to ensure that financial constraints do not prevent any young person from participating.

Donations: While not required, we welcome donations to support our programs and expand our reach to more youth in the community.

Fee Evaluation and Updates:

We regularly review and update our fee schedule to ensure it remains aligned with our operating costs and accessibility goals. Our fee evaluation process includes:

Board Review: Our Board of Directors reviews and approves all fee changes at each Board meeting, typically held quarterly. This ensures that fees are set thoughtfully and transparently.

Program Launch Review: Whenever we launch a new program or service, we conduct a thorough review of the associated costs and set fees accordingly.

Annual Budget Review: During our annual budget review process, we assess the overall fee structure to ensure it aligns with our financial needs and accessibility goals.

This regular review process ensures that our fees remain competitive, reflect the value of our programs, and support the long-term sustainability of the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub.

14. Please provide a summary of your organization's financial position (from the most recent fiscal year's financials).

155314	Total Assets (\$)
114594	Total Liabilities (\$)
40720	Total Net Assets (\$)
155314	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (\$)
465,942.00	TOTAL

15. Does your organization have any past due obligations with any funding source (e.g. disallowed costs or unearned grants from a previous contract)? If yes, please explain.

In the past 3 years, has your organization had an IRS or State levee? If yes, are you on a repayment schedule? How was the matter resolved? Explain below.

Not applicable.

16. Please list two references who we may contact regarding the proposed program, service, or activity.

Include the reference's name, organization (as appropriate), and a phone number where the reference can be reached.

Sharon Song, 415-299-2139

Kimberlee King, 818-601-3531

CDBG Eligibility

17. Are you applying for CDBG funding?

To be eligible for CDBG funding, you MUST obtain clients' race and ethnicity, and total family income. Applicants may access the CDBG guide online at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/19/basically-cdbg-training-guidebook-and-slides/>.

Yes

No

18. Please indicate whether your organization's client intake sheet or process includes obtaining any of the following information. Check all boxes that apply.

Name

Address or City last resided in

Number of family members

Total family (household) income

Race and ethnicity

Proof of age

My organization does not obtain any of the above information from clients

19. Please report the number of unduplicated clients your organization served in the following income categories from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 (or for calendar year 2024).

Refer to the Library section of the main page to view a link to the FY 2024 Federal Income Limits for each of the below categories. PLEASE ENTER N/A IF YOUR ORGANIZATION DOES NOT COLLECT INCOME INFORMATION ON CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.

36	Extremely low income (0-30% MFI)
103	Very low income (30-50% MFI)
61	Low-moderate income (50-80% MFI)
48	Above moderate income (Above 80% MFI)

20. If your program or activity takes place on school grounds, have you received permission and approval from the appropriate school?

Please list the name and position of the person from whom permission was obtained. If the program or activity is not on school grounds, please put N/A.

N/A

Budget [top](#)

Revenue Sources	Total Program Revenue for Current Fiscal Year	Projected Program Revenue for Next Fiscal Year
City of Goleta Funds	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Federal		\$ 0.00
State	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Municipal	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
School District	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Foundations/Trusts	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Donations/Fundraising	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Fees	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,000.00
Other		
Total	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 35,000.00

Funding Uses/Expenses	Expenditures for Current Year	Expected Expenditures for Next Year	Goleta Grant Funds: Proposed Uses for Next FY
Salaries, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Consultants and Contracts		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
Facility, Rent, Utilities, Maintenance		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies		\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Marketing (Printing, Advertising)		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Travel, Mileage, Training		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment (Rental/Maintenance)		\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Insurance		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00
Other		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 0.00
Financial Aid		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

Budget Narrative

This budget outlines the anticipated expenses for the first year of operation for the OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub, categorized according to the provided categories. The budget prioritizes direct program expenses, allocating a significant portion of the total budget to ensure high-quality programming and engaging experiences for youth.

Salaries:

Covers the cost of a part-time Program Coordinator to oversee daily operations and a part-time administrative support person for logistical and operational tasks.

Consultants:

Includes fees for guest speakers and mentors who will provide specialized expertise and guidance to participants in the Teen Entrepreneur Academy.

Facility Rental:

Covers the cost of renting a suitable facility for The Hub's programs and activities.

Supplies:

Includes all necessary materials and supplies for each program, including those specific to each program (e.g., coding software for the Young Inventors Lab, tidepooling guides for the Coastal Explorers Club) and general office supplies.

Marketing:

Covers the cost of creating marketing materials (flyers, brochures, website content) and promoting programs through various channels.

Travel:

Includes transportation costs for field trips and excursions associated with the Coastal Explorers Club and the Mindfulness & Movement Program.

Equipment:

Covers the cost of essential equipment for the Young Inventors Lab (3D printers, robotics kits) and the Coastal Explorers Club (kayaks, safety gear).

Insurance:

Covers essential insurance policies for The Hub's operations and activities.

Other:

Includes expenses that don't fit neatly into other categories, such as website development and maintenance, competition fees for the Teen Entrepreneur Academy, and miscellaneous administrative costs.

This budget reflects our commitment to providing high-quality, accessible programs for Goleta's youth. We believe that this investment will yield significant returns in the form of increased youth engagement, improved academic outcomes, enhanced community well-being, and a brighter future for Goleta.

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ATTACHMENT 2

Prioritization Spreadsheet

ENVIRONMENTAL/WILDLIFE/ANIMAL APPLICATIONS											
	Name of Organization	Project/Program	FY 24-25 Grant Award	FY 25-26 Grant Request	FY 25-26 City Grant Recommendation	Average	Walton	Furia	Jenkins	Philibosian	Flores
1	C.A.R.E.4Paws	Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach for Goleta Pet Families	DNA	\$ 5,000.00							
2	Ellwood Friends (fiscal sponsor: Legacy Philanthropy Works)	Ellwood Friends ACCESS Program	DNA	\$ 10,000.00							
3	Los Padres ForestWatch	Fire in Focus	DNA	\$ 10,000.00							
4	Santa Barbara Audubon Society, Inc.	Santa Barbara Audubon Society 12th Winter Bird Count for Kids	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 5,730.00							
5	Santa Barbara Channelkeeper	2025-26 Santa Barbara Channelkeeper Watershed Brigade	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 5,000.00							
6	Santa Barbara Humane	TLC Safety Net Program	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 10,000.00							
7	The Fish Reef Project	The Fish Reef Project Sea Cave Monitoring	DNA	\$ 10,000.00							
		Amount Requested		\$ 55,730.00							
		Amount Granted			\$ -						

RECREATIONAL APPLICATIONS											
	Name of Organization	Project/Program	FY 24-25 Grant Award	FY 25-26 Grant Request	FY 25-26 City Grant Recommendation	Average	Walton	Furia	Jenkins	Philibosian	Flores
8	Dos Pueblos Little League	Purchase and Install a Water Bottle Filling and Drinking Fountain/Station	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 10,000.00							
9	Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara	After-school Programming at Girls Inc. Goleta Valley Center	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00							
10	Goleta Valley Historical Society	Goleta Valley Historical Society-Camp Stow and Music at the Ranch	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00							
11	Greater Santa Barbara Ice Skating Association/Ice in Paradise	Free After-School Skating and STEM Program for Goleta Youth	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 10,000.00							
12	Los Padres Forest Association	Goleta Trail Research and Development	DNA	\$ 5,000.00							
13	NatureTrack Foundation Inc.	Fostering a Lifelong Fascination with Nature	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,000.00							Did not attend workshop
14	Santa Barbara Maritime Museum	Tall Ship Program: Echoes of a Merchant Mariner	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,000.00							
15	Santa Barbara Water Polo Club	Equipment for Youth Water Polo	DNA	\$ 3,500.00							
16	Wilderness Youth Project	Wilderness Youth Project	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,000.00							
17	La Patera PTA	La Patera Elementary School Physical Education program enhancement	\$ 750.00	\$ 7,376.98							
18	Los Padres Council, BSA	Outdoor School Funds for Students of Goleta	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 10,000.00							
19	Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Campership Alliane	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 10,000.00							
20	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network: Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 10,000.00							Did not attend workshop
21	Santa Barbara Police Activities League	Goleta Beach Ocean Enrichment	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 10,000.00							
22	OMG Youth Sports	OMG Goleta Youth Empowerment Hub: Inspire, Achieve, Explore	DNA	\$ 10,000.00							Did not attend workshop
		Amount Requested		\$ 125,876.98		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Amount Granted			\$ -						