



County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

Application Date September 25, 2020

Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Organization Information

Full Legal Name: Side by Side

Organization URL: <https://www.sidebysideyouth.org/>

Mission/purpose of your organization:

Our mission is to walk with young people impacted by adversity toward a future with connection and meaning.

Grant Request Information

Program/Project Name: Irene M. Hunt School Essential Technology

Summary of how County funds would be used for project:

Funds would support the purchase of Google Pixel Slate tablets for K-2 special education students. The tablets will facilitate more effective learning than is possible with computers that require more developed keyboarding skills.

Amount Requested Dollar: Funds would support the purchase of Google Pixel Slate tablets for K-2 special education students. The tablets will facilitate more effective

Total Project Cost: \$13,696.00

Description of the proposed project/program, including the proposed project's goal(s), and the nature of the costs in specific terms, i.e. materials, labor costs, etc. Specifics of how the requested County funds will be used.

Students who attend Side by Side's non-public Irene M. Hunt School have social, emotional, and behavioral disabilities that interfere with their development, education, and ability to succeed in community public schools. The extreme disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the educational challenges Hunt School students face every day. The younger K-2 students are particularly affected as they also confront significant developmental and cognitive milestones they need to cross. We are requesting \$6,608 from Marin Community Service Fund to support technology for Hunt's 12 youngest students to increase their ability to effectively process information in a developmentally appropriate way. This request is one part of a larger technology project that includes teacher technology to better facilitate online learning and improve teacher access to Acellus, Hunt School's digital learning software.

This grant will fund Google Pixel Slate tablets for each of 12 K-2 students. Currently, as the result of a 2019 grant, Hunt students have been supplied with Chromebooks, which are useful, but don't fully meet younger students' developmental needs.

Our youngest students are still learning how to access the curriculum and demonstrate their learning. Roadblocks and frustrations due to technology will be additional triggers for already behaviorally and emotionally compromised youth. Tablets for these students provide significantly more pathways for academic, behavioral, and developmental success. The tablets' touch screen technology allows young students to easily access information, be more creative, and engage with curriculum in alternative, more developmentally-appropriate ways. As students' technical skills progress, age-appropriate technology will more effectively support their continued academic success.

Hunt Demographics

- 32% Black / 30% Latinx / 35% Caucasian
- 60% low income
- 10% marginally housed or homeless
- 23% in foster care

List of all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it:

This project affects students who attend the Irene M. Hunt School who have the same dreams and potential as any other youth, but are hobbled by emotional, behavioral, and developmental disabilities that create educational and personal obstacles to reaching their dreams. They're simply not able to thrive in a public school setting without

additional support. The Hunt School -- Marin's only non-public school for youth with behavioral disabilities -- delivers an exemplary education and comprehensive mental and behavioral health services that provide students with the therapy and strategies they need to return to their community public schools and thrive. The average length of stay at Hunt is 3 years.

By providing young students with technology that reflects their developmental levels, unnecessary obstacles to learning are removed. This not only serves each student's educational progress, but more fully supports social and emotional development as well.

Every time Hunt School students are able to graduate and successfully participate and succeed in their community public schools, both the student and the school community benefit. When children are able to rise to their potential and promise – and eventually become healthy, engaged adults – the broader community benefit is profound.

The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$5,000.00	Irene M. Hunt School facility needs for enrollment expansion
2018 - 2019	\$5,000.00	YouThrive Early Intervention at Davidson Middle School
2017 - 2018	\$5,000.00	Study center for ReStart Drug & Alcohol Recovery Residential Center

List of County funding received for this project or others.

\$170,000 contract for Therapeutic Behavioral Services, fee for service. Contract limit not reached.

\$718,381 contract for services for Marin Transition Age Youth, CalMHSA reimbursement for mental health services.

Project/program can be completed if amount received is less than requested amount of Community Service funds.

Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other non-County sources, and priority will be given to requests that represent no more than 50% of total project cost. To demonstrate all sources of project funding, including other County sources, please provide a project/program budget below. Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.

Project Funding Sources	Funding Agency	Funding Requested	Received	Notes
County CSF		\$6,608	\$0	<i>Google Pixel Slate Tablets</i>
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$2,088	\$0	<i>staff computers</i>
Other Local Agencies		\$0		
In kind services				
Other		\$5,000	\$0	<i>grants - staff computers</i>
Total Sources		\$13,696	\$0	
Project Expenses		Budgeted	Spent to Date	Notes
Personnel Costs				
Services and Supplies		\$13,696	\$0	<i>student tablets & staff computers</i>
Capital				
Other				
Total Expenses		\$13,696	\$0	