

**City of Lake Elsinore
Community Support Program
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funding Application**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Applying Organization Name: Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Co

Organization Address: PO Box 892349

City: Lake Elsinore

Zip Code: 92530

Mailing Address: PO Box 892349

City: Temecula

Zip Code: 92589

Website: www.bgcswc.org

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Fax Number: N/A

Executive Director: Carly Bennett-Valle

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

E-mail [REDACTED]

Program Manager: Joe Sorenson

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Is your Organization: Non-Profit Organization ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Faith Based Organization ☐ Yes ☒ No

II. ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY:

Date Organization founded: 1990

Date Organization incorporated as a non-profit organization: 1990

Provide a copy of your statement of non-profit status from the State of California and Most Recent IRS Form 990. IRS Form 990 is a public record. Form 990s for all charities registered in California are posted on the Attorney General's web site www.ag.ca.gov. The web site also offers a searchable database of California charities. Form 990s for 501(c)(3) charities may be found at GuideStar www.guidestar.org.

Federal identification number [REDACTED]

State Identification Number: [REDACTED]

Members/Board of Directors: **(Attach)**

Mission Statement – Briefly describe the goals and objectives of your organization and community services it provides.

To inspire, enable, and support all youth to realize their full potential as successful, responsible, and impactful members of the community. The Club empowers youth ages 6-17 to succeed. The Club offers youth what they need and want most: adults who respect them and a safe environment where they can have fun.

Has the organization or any members of the Board of Directors of the organization been involved with any personal business transactions valued over \$500 including any business transactions, negotiations, investments, or interests in real property with a Lake Elsinore City Council Member during the past 12 months? If Yes, briefly describe:

No

Is a Lake Elsinore City Council Member a member of the Board of Directors or an Officer of the organization? If Yes, provide Council Member's Name and title within the organization:

No

This application has been authorized by the organization's:

☒ Executive Committee ☐ Board of Directors ☐ Members-at-Large

III. **PROJECT ACTIVITY:**

Name of Project: Ultimate STEM

Amount Requested: \$5,000

Where will the proposed activity occur (be specific as to the geographic boundaries)? If the project involves a new or existing facility, what is the proposed service/benefit area for the facility?

At our Lakeland Village Clubhouse location. Ultimate STEM programming is offered to all youth ages 6-17 in the City of Lake Elsinore.

Check ONLY the applicable category your application represents.

- ☒ Public Service
☐ Homeless Activities
☐ Housing
☐ Rehabilitation/Preservation (please provide picture of structure)
☐ Public Facilities (construction)
☐ Other: (provide description) _____

Respond to A & B only if this application is for a public service project.

(a) Is this a NEW service provided by your agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(b) If service is not new, will the existing public service activity level be substantially increased or improved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

V. PROJECT NARRATIVE:

Provide a detailed Project Description of the project/program (and its objectives) that the City of Lake Elsinore grant funding will be used to support.

The Ultimate STEM/Computer Science program will provide significant opportunities to advance STEM education and increase interest in STEM career fields for youth. Technology and access to computers for youth is the foundation for this program. Through a variety of activities, youth will participate in web exploration, media production, robotics, coding, and more. The program will teach youth the importance of the digital world and ignite their passion for technology. The labor force in the U.S. has changed dramatically over the past few decades, driven by a shift from industry to services and ever-increasing technological advances. Many young people are leaving school without the preparation needed for good jobs and many are not graduating from high school at all. Our local communities, our nation and our world face big challenges from ensuring clean air and water, to bolstering the global food supply, to building infrastructure for growing populations. The next generation of STEM professionals will be the innovators who find cures, solve problems, invent products and generate ideas that can transform life as we know it. Boys & Girls Club recognizes STEM education is critical to the future success of America and young people.

Describe how your organization will use the funding awarded? Include equipment or services that would be purchased and why.

Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County will utilize grant funds to support programming efforts for the Ultimate STEM program during out-of-school time and Day Camp programs for youth 6-17. Funds awarded will be used for internet access expenses, STEM program supplies, and technology equipment.

Explain how the grant funding will specifically benefit City of Lake Elsinore residents. Also, who is the target population and provide the estimated number of people expected to benefit from this project/program plus the number of volunteers involved.

Grant funding from this program will benefit youth members ages 6-17 in Lake Elsinore, approximately 65 youth will participate. The program will provide access to computers to complete homework and increase youth member knowledge and experience with technology. It will also help supply needed program supplies to run specific STEM projects, such as building catapults and LEGO.

What methods will be used for community involvement to assure that all who might benefit from the project are provided an opportunity to participate?

Since 1990, Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County has been in the forefront of youth development, working with young people who need us most. The organization is dedicated to ensuring our community's youth have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures. The organization will continue to work with the Lake Elsinore Unified School District, local schools, and other youth serving organizations.

What evidence is there of a long-term commitment to the proposal? Describe how you plan to continue the work (project) after the Community Support funds are expended?

Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County is committed to ensuring youth members stay in school and that they are prepared for adulthood by developing the skills and competencies necessary to be successful in their lives and in their future workplaces. The organization believes the Ultimate STEM program will make a difference in the lives of Club members and will help to reinforce the importance of staying in school and preparing for their career and their future. The Ultimate STEM program is a priority program offered daily and the organization continues to raise funds year-round via events, contributions, and grants to sustain the program.

VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF THE CURRENT BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (BALANCE STATEMENT AND INCOME STATEMENT) OF THE ORGANIZATION. It does not require a CPA's audit, but please submit if available.

SIGNATURE PAGE

The applicant acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- Is Subject to all Community Support Funding Program requirements including submittal deadlines and payment disbursements.
- Every Community Support Funding application is considered individually and on its own merit.
- Awards will be given to organizations and activities that directly benefit the residents of Lake Elsinore.
- Funding is not immediately available to the recipient. Please allow time for checks to be processed.
- The awarding of Community Support Funding does not constitute an automatic annual allocation.
- The recognition for Community Support Funding should accrue to the City of Lake Elsinore.
- Community Support Funding must be spent as specified on the application and records may be requested by the City of Lake Elsinore to ensure the funds were used appropriately.
- The recipient shall provide a full accounting with documentation on the use of awarded funds. The recipient shall return to the City any funds not spent or documented per the signed agreement.

We hereby certify the information contained in this application is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

PREPARED BY: Carly Bennett-Valle, CEO/CFO

NAME and TITLE (Please Print or Type)

SIGNATURE:



PRESIDENT or AUTHORIZED OFFICER: Tony Berardino, Board Chair

NAME and TITLE (Please Print or Type)

SIGNATURE:



ORGANIZATION NAME: Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County

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DATE: 10/11/2023

(Month, Day, Year)