



City of San Marcos
HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION
Fiscal Year 2022

Name of Agency/Organization: San Marcos Youth Service Bureau, Inc.

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Program Title: Teen Network/Active Community Teens

Amount of Funds Requested: 22,000.00

Status: (check one) Existing Program Program Expansion New Program

Briefly describe the program proposed for funding and the services it provides:

The San Marcos Youth Service (YSB), provides a free after-school and summer program for at-risk youth ages, 11-17 in hopes of preventing latch-key kids.

YSB maintains a safe and welcoming environment that provides a place for youth to stay during hours of 3pm to 6pm, when studies have shown they can get in trouble or become injured while their parents or guardians are at work.

At YSB, youth are surrounded by caring adults, usually University Students and staff who provide supportive listening and encouragement. As a group, YSB participates in learning new life-skills and touring businesses. They learn prevention methods for their daily obstacles, volunteer in the community and become an important part of the community we live in. Snacks are provided for mental and physical fuel, and homework assistance is provided. Soft skills are learned through these interactions.

In the summer we challenge the youth to enjoy the outdoors and participate in different volunteer services. We include STEM in our program, continue with life-skills and prevention models, as well as explore the community (i.e.: touring local businesses and parks), explore surrounding communities and go swimming and hiking. We attempt to introduce new recreational activities, and broaden their view on the world around them.

YSB attempts to provide support to the whole child by empowering the youth of San Marcos to become contributing members of society as adults.

Client Information Specific to This Program:

Describe the direct clients for this program.

Youth ages 11-17 years old and their Families.

Due to the high poverty rate and other issues, most youth are at-risk of dropping out of high school.

Any youth ages 11-17 whose parents feel they can benefit from the program for many reasons. To be supervised while at work, to reduce shyness, to increase their positive outlook, to give back, to not spend all their time on devices, to get outdoors, to adjust to a medication regime, to have a mentor, to get help with homework, to make friends, to do their community service hours for the courts or National honor Society... I have received many reasons parents want their kids at YSB.

How is the program marketed to direct clients? How do you find these clients?

Printed materials and on-line venues.

Invitations to school and community fairs, Peachtree fliers on the SMCISD website, Facebook, word of mouth, previous members, referrals from community agencies, partnership with community agencies.

3) Describe the indirect clients for this program, if any.

When we participate in school and community events, we are often called for information and access to community resources. An example includes flyers promote calls from CASA Volunteers, and Fostering Agencies to pass on this information to their clients and their families.

4a) Expected total annual unduplicated direct clients for this program: 10-30

4b) Expected annual unduplicated direct clients who are City of San Marcos residents: 13-27

5) Does program participation depend upon income or any other determination of eligibility?

No: We do not turn youth away. Most of our youth have lived within or under the federal poverty level.

Yes: If Yes, please attach a copy of the eligibility guidelines.
(If a sliding scale is used attach a copy of the scale used.)

Submitted By:

Signature of Executive Director

Date

Ruben Garza

Printed Name of Executive Director

Approval:

Signature of Board President

Date

Debbie Ingalsbe

Printed Name of Board President



HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING QUESTIONNAIRE FY 2022

The Board strongly requests that all answers be typed.
Responses should not exceed 75 words per question.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS.

1. What is the agency's or organization's mission?

YSB's mission is:

To empower the youth of San Marcos and Hays County communities to become contributing members of society as adults”

2. Regarding the program for which funding is being requested, what evidence suggests this program is needed in San Marcos or nearby?

San Marcos and surrounding school districts have a high rate of at-risk youth. This is a free program offered to the community. The need is greater than ever due to the recent Pandemic. Our youth need an increase of emotional support from a nurturing and empowering environment provided by the positive influences of our staff and volunteers. They have expressed “I feel like I am surrounded by death”

Please consider reading:

THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON AT-RISK STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND GRADUATION RATES Dr. Sandy Addis Ray McNulty Introduction by Dr. Bill Daggett

[The-Pandemics-Impact-on-At-Risk-Students-Schools-and-Graduation-Rates.pdf](https://www.dropoutprevention.org/The-Pandemics-Impact-on-At-Risk-Students-Schools-and-Graduation-Rates.pdf)
([dropoutprevention.org](https://www.dropoutprevention.org))

3. What specific, measurable outcomes or results do you hope to achieve with this program?

Youth will:

- Remain in School
- Graduate to the next grade level.
- Have a safe environment to spend their out of school time.
- Have the opportunity to build their resumes through volunteer service in the community.
- Increase their level of positive interactions with others.
- Have the opportunity to increase their basic knowledge of coping skills, social and soft skills, and the surrounding community.
- Gain a sense of accomplishment and pride in themselves through service and connection with others.
- Be exposed to outdoor science and leisure to increase interest in STEM and find additional ways to seek out relaxation for themselves.

4. How will you to measure results throughout the year?

Observe for behaviors that may require additional intervention and refer as needed.
Survey youth up to 3 times a year based on some of the criteria above.
Request Grades from their school.

5. Please answer the following questions if funding is requested for staff:

- a. List the title of each position for which funding is requested, how many hours per week will be spent on this program vs other programs, and the activities associated with each position.

Program Director (40-65 hours/week) - Planning/oversight/execution of program. Daily business including financial/ staffing/safety matters/criminal background checks, intern coordination/training, janitorial duties and reports to board members. Writes policies/procedures, grant applications/reports. Responsibility for youth discipline/consultation of parents, and referral to authorities/agencies. Grant administration/ searches/inquiries. Public relations. Transportation. Planning/execution of community events/fundraising. Community outreach.

Program Assistant (28-35 hours/week) - Plans/coordinates/executes program. Tracks grant information. Oversight/ recruitment/supervision of volunteers and youth. Transportation and general errands. Execution of community events/fundraising. Community outreach/involvement. Intern training and oversight.

Summer staff (28-35 hours/week)-Provide additional supervision of youth for safety for outdoor activities.

- b. If staff funding requests can only be partially funded, how will you supplement the funding to cover the remainder needed?

YSB continually searches for staff funding and will continue to do so. Fundraising is a part of this. Staff hours are cut as needed placing additional responsibilities on the Program Director. Staffing is rarely included in grants.

- c. Staff pay may only be funded for one year. What will you do to provide for this position next year?

We will search for additional funds and due to the potential in increased visibility in the community, may have more options for staff funding. We use Interns and volunteers when possible, but the cost to retrain students can be very time consuming.

6. Funding Questions:

- a. What has your organization done in the past two years to raise different funding for this program?

We have applied for alternate grant funding from foundations. Made additional presentations to local service groups, explored and participated in local agencies such as the Core4 to increase local connections. Online fundraising to supplement fundraisers due to Covid.

- b. What do you plan to do this year to find different funding for this program?

Reapply for funding from some of our first contacts. Continue to seek out new foundation grants, request fundraising opportunities from local establishments as covid permits.

7. What additional funding is your agency requesting for this program?

| Funding Source | Amount Requested | Amount Granted | Pending (Y/N) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| County of Hays | 22,000 | | y |
| United Way | 11,000 | | y |
| Noon Lions Club | 2,000 | | y |
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8. Describe any differences between the way you had proposed spending last year's allocation and they way you actually spent it.

We have spent more on cleaning supplies and individually wrapped snacks. We had to purchase a computer to replace an older version that was no longer compatible with today's technology and whose memory was failing.

9. How many volunteers does your agency or organization have and how many hours do they spend on the program requesting funding?

Volunteers have been minimal, but of great quality this year. We have had 8 volunteers. Due to Covid -19 we have limited interaction been more n due to the fact we host 11 year-olds.

YSB does not request volunteers to request funds at this time to prevent covid exposure. It has been more beneficial to our youth to have volunteers dedicate their time directly with our youth vs. sending them out into the public. The youth have had an increase in need of personal attention and direct interactions due to the toll of the virus and the isolation and losses the youth have experienced and the losses they have suffered.

Typically, Volunteers would volunteer alongside the staff and youth in projects, and request donations of goods for the silent auction we hold in conjunction with our chili-cook-off fundraiser. We are anticipating having to cancel this 17th year's event due to Covid-19 once more.

This is in addition to spending time with our youth.

10. Board of Directors Questions:

- a. How is the agency's or organization's Board of Directors selected?

Applications are accepted from a mandated variety of backgrounds, including neighborhood residents, those with backgrounds in Faith establishments, and more. The Board of Directors review applications and vote re: potential members to be added to the Board.

- b. How often do does the Board meet?

On average 6-10 times a year and/or as needed.

- c. What actions do Board members take to support the programs of the agency or organization?

Review of financial records, offering suggestions to increase contacts that may be helpful during board meetings. They participate in virtual fundraising.