

Stevenson Student Philanthropy Project 2020-21

Request for Proposals

Background and Mission

Background:

The Stevenson Student Philanthropy Project, founded in 2019, is an annual effort that allows a group of Stevenson 9-12 graders to act as a foundation, serve as grantmakers and learn about strategic philanthropy. The goal of the project is to accept grant proposals from Monterey County nonprofits, review the expressed needs, and grant money to the chosen organizations (\$50,000 is available for the 2020-21 year). This project was made possible through the generosity of the Hillstrom Family and seeks to foster relationships between Stevenson students and Monterey County nonprofits while educating students on philanthropy.

Mission:

The Stevenson School Philanthropy Project aims to encourage friendly and informative interactions between Stevenson students and the Monterey County nonprofit community. We seek to build up, embrace, and empower our local community during these historically unprecedented times by providing support to those organizations who are assisting with essential services in our community to promote family stability. We hope to fund programs focusing on:

- Family health and safety programs with a focus on children, adults, and animals
- Educational opportunities and enhancements of virtual learning
- Job security and employment opportunities

*Each year, the students will have the opportunity to adjust the mission and funding priorities.

Requirements and Timeline

Eligibility: Organizations must be a 501(c)3 organization located in Monterey County. Applicants must display a high level of responsibility and sound governance.

What we will fund: We have \$50,000 in total funding which will be granted to multiple qualifying organizations. Grant sizes may range from \$2,000-\$50,000 depending on how many organizations are selected.

Timeline:

March 5: Grant Proposals due by noon

March 5–April 5: Proposal review period

April 5–16: Zoom or site visits with finalists

May 3: Recipient organizations are notified

Thursday, May 10–14: Presentation of grants in person or on zoom

Application Instructions

To apply, a proposal should include the following:

- Cover Sheet
- Stevenson Students Philanthropy Project Application for Funding (attached)
- Project/program budget that includes income and expenses
- Organizational budget
- Copy of IRS tax exemption letter
- Program brochures, videos, or other materials related to the program
- List of current and potential foundation and corporate supporters
- List of Board Members
- Most recent 990.

Note: Proposals that directly address the Student Philanthropy Project's current funding priorities will have the best chance of being funded.

How to Submit:

All applications should be submitted electronically to philanthropyproject@stevensonschool.org

More Information:

For more information or if you have any questions, email philanthropyproject@stevensonschool.org or call 831-625-8269.