



**community
advisory board**

City of Santa Rosa

**Community Advisory Board
Community Improvement Grant
2021 Application Form**

Project Name: Support for Hospitalized Families	Requested Grant Amount: \$ <u>1,000.00</u> Other Funding Sources: \$ _____						
Project Physical Address: N/A Project will take place in local hospitals	TOTAL Project Cost: \$ <u>ongoing expense</u> Group or organization: Common Ground Society						
Nearest cross street:	How did you hear about the Grant Program? Word of mouth						
What is your CAB area? (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwest <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast <input type="checkbox"/> Core <input type="checkbox"/> Citywide Not sure? Click here: http://srcity.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/14754							
Property Owner (see page 3 for all requirements): No physical property owned by organization							
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GRANT SCOPE: This Application Packet describes the intended use of the requested Grant funds to complete the Project identified above and the elements listed in the Project Budget. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information contained in this Application Packet, including required attachments, is accurate.

Print Name Larkin O'Leary

Signature *Larkin O'Leary*

Title Director

Date 01/15/2022



Community Improvement Grant Project Budget and Matching Funds

PROJECT NAME:

Cost Estimate: List all features, amenities, supplies and plans (Add or delete rows as needed)

Cost Estimate		Requested Funds	Match
Salaries/Wages (In-kind only)			
20	Twenty volunteer hours at \$20/hour	N/A	\$400.00
Contracted Services			
		N/A	
Materials/Supplies			
200	Gift Cards to local Restaurants and Gas Stations	\$1,000	
100	CGS hospital bags with supplies		\$550.00
Printing/Reproduction			
	Common Ground Society Notecards	N/A	\$100.00
Rentals			
		N/A	
Other			
		N/A	
Total Requested Grant Amount		A. 1,000	
Total Matching Funds			B. \$1,000
Total Project Cost (A+B)		\$	2,000.00

Other Funding Sources:

Funding Sources	Date Committed	Amount
Total		

1. We would like to use grant funds for our project "Support for Hospitalized Families".

We are a non-profit who works directly with individuals with disabilities and their communities to offer education and support. This provides for a supportive and inclusive community for all! Often individuals with disabilities spend a large amount of time hospitalized for a number of reasons. These inpatient hospital stays often require time off work for parents or caregivers, extra childcare for additional siblings, expenses for gas and food, as well as ongoing medical expenses.

In order to help relieve a portion of the burden that individuals with disabilities and their families carry during these times of hospitalization, we would like to offer them connection and support through gifting gift cards to local restaurants and gas stations to include in our hospital support bags. This project would impact between 100-200 families, depending on the family size and need.

2. Common Ground Society has already made a name for itself within the Sonoma County Community as far as being a resource to individuals with disabilities, their families, and their communities.

We have many connections with these families and a growing support group. These relationships provide a great means of communication about those who may be in need within the community. This project is open to the entire Sonoma County Disability Community. We will continue to share about our projects and resources through our growing social media platforms with over 13K followers and within our 500+ member support group. We will also be outreaching via our monthly newsletter to our over 300 subscribers.

3. Common Ground Society has a meaningful relationship with many organizations within the Sonoma County Community.

Some of our support/partnerships include: Early Learning Institute, 4C's of Sonoma County, First 5 Sonoma County, Petaluma County Parks & Rec, Sonoma County Children's Museum, Santa Rosa Epicenter, several chapters of the Active 20's & 30's Club, My Village Closet, Crumbl Cookies Santa Rosa, a large majority of Sonoma County and surrounding area school districts.

These organizations help us with outreach to families and hospitals to become aware of our offerings. They also support our efforts to provide meetup spaces for our support groups.

Through donations collected, we also offer the following items in the support bag: Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Floss, Mints, Advil, Lotion, Deodorant, Chapstick, Eye Mask, Face wipes, Socks, Stress ball, crossword puzzle book, Sticker or coloring book, Travel Blanket and a personalized letter reminding the family that they are not alone.

4. We will be refilling the bags brought to the hospitals based on need. CGS will be responsible for that effort.
5. We are ordering items for the bags in bulk which means less packaging and energy. We will be delivering a group of bags to the hospital to store for such events of families to lower the energy and gas consumption of delivering them family by family.
6. We will be delivering a group of bags to the hospital to store and handout lessening contact. We will wear masks and follow COVID protocols as we deliver the bags to the hospital.
7. This is an open ended project. Common Ground Society already offers support to hospitalized families through hospital visits and hospital bags with necessities for families.

We will be using grant funds to expand this support by offering gift cards to hospitalized individuals and their families in order to better support them during that time. This project will continue to grow strong relationships within the community which will help with the goal of building a strong, supportive and inclusive community overall.

We are requesting \$1,000 as a good starting point for us to begin this addition to our project this year. These funds will allow us to help anywhere from 100-200 families, offering each a gas or restaurant gift card in the amount of \$50-100 depending on the family size and need.

We appreciate your consideration as we move forward with changing our community's view of disability and inclusion and offer support for those in need.