



City of San Marcos
HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION
Fiscal Year 2022

Name of Agency/Organization: Greater San Marcos Youth Council (GSMYC)

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Program Title: The Children's Shelter

Amount of Funds Requested: \$35,000

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

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

GSMYC operates the only shelter for abused, abandoned, and neglected children in the area. Serving children ages 2-17, the shelter is licensed by the Department of Family and Protective Services and remains open around the clock, year-round. This allows local law enforcement to have easy access to the shelter when displaced children are in their care, as well as for youth and/or families who are in crisis to access services. In 2020, 175 children were served through the Children's Shelter.

Describe who will benefit from this program and how:

Child victims of abuse and neglect. Texas is experiencing an unprecedented foster care crisis, specifically a capacity crisis of safe homes or placements for children who are victims of abuse and neglect. By providing a structured and nurturing environment where children can feel safe and begin to rebuild trust with caring adults, GSMYC serves as a stabilizing entity for victims. Each child receives medical, dental, and psychological evaluations, transportation to and from appointments and visits, as well as food, clothing, hygiene products and school supplies. All eligible children attend local public schools, and after-school education including tutoring and social skills training. Additionally, older children receive life skills training and participate in activities designed to prepare them for independent living.

If requested funds are to be used as matching funds, identify source and amount of primary grants:

Source: n/a Amount: _____

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Client Information Specific to This Program:

1) Describe the direct clients for this program.

Abused and neglected children ages 2-17 who have been removed from their homes, run away from their homes or have been abandoned or trafficked.

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

GSMYC is listed with 211, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and the Texas Runaway Hotline. GSMYC maintains a toll-free crisis hotline staffed 24/7. Children are referred for placement by DFPS, juvenile probation, law enforcement and children themselves.

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

Families of the children and the community through referrals, presentations, and general outreach to the public for educational purposes to prevent child abuse and neglect.

4a) Expected total annual unduplicated direct clients for this program: 180

4b) Expected annual unduplicated direct clients who are City of San Marcos residents: 8

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

No:

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

9-3-21

Date

Julia Ramsay New

Printed Name of Executive Director

Approval:

Jeff Caldwell
Jeff Caldwell (Aug 31, 2021 23:08 CDT)

Signature of Board President

08/31/2021

Date

Jeff Caldwell

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?

GSMYC's mission is to shelter children and strengthen families.

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

184 children are the victims of abuse every day, and 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before they turn 18. In 2020, 251 Texas children died due to abuse and neglect. Nearly 80% of child fatalities involve at least one parent and children who experience abuse/neglect are 9 times more likely to be criminally active. 1,937 child abuse/neglect investigations in Hays County and 79,000 victims of child sex trafficking in Texas last year.

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

Children who arrive physically hurt or ill will heal. Children will grow to feel secure in the setting so they can focus on themselves. Provide a safe, nurturing environment with highly trained individuals who provide consistency and exhibit genuine care. In the care of GSMYC, children can grow healthy and learn by continuing their education through the public-school system and participating in learning opportunities provided by shelter staff and agency counselors.

4. How will you measure results throughout the year?

Program success is measured by the overall well-being of each child and remaining in the program until a more permanent placement is secured. For example: when a child develops physically or emotionally in positive and healthy ways, takes care of their physical needs such as food intake, exercise or play, and personal hygiene, attends school or an alternative educational program regularly and successfully completes schoolwork, or asks for something they need for improved emotional/physical health.

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 spends 100% of 40 hours per week in the shelter. The individual is responsible for hiring, training and supervision of direct care staff, ensuring compliance with licensing and contract standards and overall care of the children.

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

Through the contract for services with the state (only 80% of total program costs in FY20).

c. Staff pay may only be funded for one year. What will you do to provide for this position next year? The state is reviewing the rate methodology for the first time in 40 years and residential childcare providers are hopeful the rates will increase.

6. Funding Questions:

a. What has your organization done in the past two years to raise different funding for this program? GSMYC applied to every matched funding source, regularly sought new sources, and conducted at two fundraisers.

b. What do you plan to do this year to find different funding for this program? We will continue to research sources for matches to our mission and geographic area and will add another fundraising event, different from what we have done in the past.

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

Funding Source	Amount Requested	Amount Granted	Pending (Y/N)
Hays County	\$40,000		Y
United Way of Hays Caldwell	\$13,500	Will Apply	
Emerg. Food & Shelter Program	\$12,000	Will Apply	
Hill Country Rally for Kids	\$15,000	Will Apply	

8. Describe any differences between the way you had proposed spending last year's allocation and they way you actually spent it.

GSMYC spent last year's allocation in the way it was proposed.

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

GSMYC recruits volunteers from the community through service organizations, churches, businesses, etc. and utilizes interns from several different university programs, as well as from Gary Job Corps. Due to the pandemic, volunteer participation was greatly diminished with 6 volunteers spending 150 hours in the shelter program.

10. Board of Directors Questions:

a. How is the agency's or organization's Board of Directors selected? Local citizens are nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the existing board members.

b. How often do does the Board meet? GSMYC's Board of Directors meets once each month.

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

Each board member contributes monetarily and participates in fundraising events. Board members donate in-kind by volunteering their time and/or expertise to clients and staff. For example, board members provided evening and overnight supervision to two hospitalized children in our care during a staffing shortage (five day stay). Board members recruit donors, volunteers and share their experience with others in the community.