

City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contributions Application

Organization Information

Name: Resilient Los Altos, a sponsored project of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation

Address: 183 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022

Website: resilientlosaltos.org; lamvcf.org

Tax ID Number for LAMVCF: 77-0273721

Non-profit? Yes

Civic organization? Yes

Benefit Los Altos community? Yes

Description of Organizational Activities

Resilient Los Altos (RLA) is a sponsored project of the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation (“Foundation”) dedicated to the improvement of emergency preparedness for the residents of the City of Los Altos and surrounding communities. In 2013, the Foundation started the Block Action Team (BAT) program to help neighbors help each other in a time of need. About a year later, the Foundation re-started Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) classes. CERT is a program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) to prepare citizens to be able to perform damage assessment, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, hazard identification and other tasks that will be needed after any significant emergency. A third organization, the Los Altos Amateur Radio Emergency Service (LAARES, aka hams), with more than 50 years of communication support for Los Altos, joined together with the BATs and the CERTs to form RLA.

RLA has two important roles in emergency preparedness. The first is to engage and train residents to be resilient in any situation that may arise. We accomplish this by:

1. Offering quarterly Zoom classes to residents that cover a variety of topics including how to: prepare themselves and their families for emergencies; organize their neighborhoods into Block Action Teams; survey their neighborhood for damage after a major event and send that information to the City’s EOC personnel
2. Offering quarterly classes through the City’s Parks and Recreation Department on various emergency preparedness topics such as how to survive a power outage and how to get reliable, trustworthy information after a major event
3. Holding quarterly information sessions that discuss a variety of topics such as the local earthquake faults and how they could change our lives

Our other primary task is to coordinate with other community groups (stakeholders) that will be active in an emergency. These include City government, the Santa Clara County Fire Department, the Los Altos School District, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District, faith-based organizations, allied health organizations, the local business community and county-wide organizations including CADRE and SCC Office of Emergency Management We have also started to serve certain at-risk residents including senior citizens and citizens with access and functional needs through the Compassion Week and other activities supported by several Los Altos congregations.

According to the Los Altos Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), in an emergency, the limited City resources will focus on City employees, City assets and continuity of government. The planning

assumptions for the EOP indicate that citizens of Los Altos should not expect to be supported by the City for a week or longer after a significant situation.

In summary, RLA is the “civilian side” of community resilience – empowering neighborhoods to be prepared for emergencies.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community

Other than recent storms that demonstrated the fragility of our power and communication infrastructure, Los Altos has not experienced a significant emergency for more than a generation, the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. We are one of the very few voices to the residents of Los Altos urging mental and physical preparedness. We train people to be ready to react properly in an emergency and to recover from it. We are improving the resilience of Los Altos through that training and the procurement of supplies and equipment that will be needed when disaster strikes.

For many years, Los Altos has had a Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) program. Recently that money has been awarded to RLA and has been spent to purchase equipment and supplies that are likely to be needed in a significant emergency. That grant was typically \$30,000 per year. However, the 2024 FY budget for the CEPG grant program is zero.

While RLA and its core volunteer groups (BAT leaders, CERTs, and hams) have made good progress in working with Los Altos residents to prepare for emergencies, only 25% of the neighborhoods in Los Altos are part of an established Block Action Team. The majority of residents are not aware that they could be expected to be on their own for a week or more. RLA wants to do more, and we need the support of the City to do that. We are asking for City funding of \$50,000 for the 2025 fiscal year. RLA could easily utilize two or three times that with projects that have been discussed but are not being pursued in this funding round.

Contact Information

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Contribution Information

Annual contribution amount requested: \$50,000.00
Length of contribution request? FY 2025
Total contribution amount requested: \$50,000.00
Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? N

Use of funds

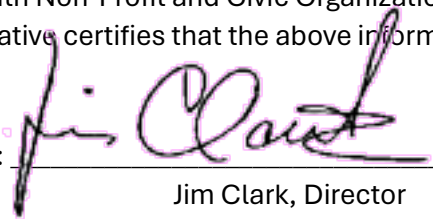
Expense	Amount	Detailed explanation of use of funds	Explanation of benefit to the City
Comfort stations located at a BAT in each of the 11 Los Altos emergency zones	\$16,000	Purchase and locate 11 comfort stations consisting of two canopies, 4 folding tables, 8 chairs, 4 portable fans, 1 small refrigerator for medicines, neighborhood medical pack, portable power (1 ea.100Ah LiFePO4 battery with inverter and 200W solar charging system,	Increasing numbers of high heat events are expected in the future. Los Altos has a significant population of vulnerable seniors and AFN citizens that could be effectively served near their own neighborhoods with people they know. This proposed model has already

		and 1 ea. ~4kW propane-powered inverter generator, 4 power cords and adapters)	been successfully deployed by at least one Los Altos BAT and is a recognized adjunct to cooling centers which operate on limited hours and with restrictions for pets.
Emergency supplies container at Grant Park	\$22,000	A 20' steel storage container identical to the two currently located on the MSC property, with emergency supplies and solar power for 24/7 lighting and ability to charge batteries	This addition has been discussed and recommended for a few years now. The Grant Park location would place emergency supplies in the south part of the city, with better accessibility to the RLA BATs, CERTs and hams who live in this part of the city.
Technology improvement	\$20,000	Contractor or intern to set up the RLA Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) feeds and screens that are important to provide situational awareness in a disaster; intern to modernize RLA website (with BAT, CERT and Ham websites) and set them up for easier maintenance	These websites are the primary public-facing sources of information for Los Altos residents to learn about the importance of preparedness, training and practice to improve family and community resilience. We need to significantly increase connecting with all our stakeholders.
Preparing and publishing more professional RLA brochures, flyers, posters, banners and other citizen educational materials	\$9,000	Intern project to design/re-design emergency preparedness and resilience materials, and get a supply printed for use by volunteers	All the materials we have used to date have been designed by volunteers with limited design skills and using limited software selections like PowerPoint and Word. The effectiveness of these materials in communicating the educational and promotional messages can be changed to achieve a better impact.
Compassion week materials	\$5,000	Preparation and distribution of emergency preparedness information and supplies that will assist vulnerable populations in our community	RLA started assisting with this important initiative last year, and provided kits to vulnerable individuals. We want to build on this successful program to help additional community members in need.
Neighborhood events with a social and/or training component	\$1,000	Community resilience in a disaster depends on neighbors knowing and trusting each other. Building	Supplies to support community building activities such as social events,

		community through neighborhood events that combine social interactions with information sharing is essential. Examples include National Night Out and other neighborhood gatherings.	trainings and other gatherings.
Total:			

Agreement

As the official representative for the above organization, I agree to comply with all requirements listed or otherwise enforced through the City of Los Altos Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy. The City reserves the right to revoke this application at any time for any purpose. The organization shall provide all documents and organizational information as required by the City of Los Altos necessary to comply with Non-Profit and Civic Organization Contribution Policy application. The official representative certifies that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  _____
 Jim Clark, Director

Date: 4/27/2024