



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

Organization Information

Name: Jasper Ridge Farm

Address: PO Box 620924, Woodside, CA 94062

Website: https://JasperRidgeFarm.org

Tax Identification Number: 27-2304675

Non-profit? Y/N **Yes**

Civic organization? Y/N **Yes**

Benefit Los Altos community? Y/N **Yes**

Description of organizational activities: Inspired by the comforting power of animals, Jasper Ridge Farm provides a special experience for people in need. Our therapeutic animal-assisted programs improve the mental, physical and social well-being of children and adults in our community, including children living with special needs, children dealing with family challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence or grief, children facing life-threatening illness, newcomer children, at-risk, low-income, underserved and undervalued children in our community. We partner and collaborate with other organizations including Community Health Awareness Council, Childrens Health Council, One Life Counseling Center, Los Altos/Mountain View High School District, San Mateo County Office of Education, Ronald McDonald House, LifeMoves and more. Our transformational programs are offered free of charge, at our farm as well as at schools or medical facilities for those unable to travel.

Description of organizational impact on Los Altos community: High stress seems to be the norm for Bay Area students. UCLA Health Systems reports that suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth aged 15 to 24 in the United States. Nearly 20% of high school students report serious thought of suicide, and 9% have made an attempt to take their lives, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Minority youth are disproportionately impacted with a suicide rate twice that of their caucasian peers. Focusing on improving mental and emotional health of our youth is absolutely critical! Mental health organizations, clinicians and school-based therapists frequently need support in helping these youth through alternative approaches, and have found animal-assisted therapy to be extremely beneficial. Twice a year, Jasper Ridge Farm transports therapy animals to visit up to 200 students at Los Altos High School during times of extreme stress - midterms, finals and SAT tests. Students report significant decrease in stress, anxiety and depression following interaction with our therapy animals, and state that they are calmer and better able to manage what they are going through.

Contact Information

Contact name: Wendy Mattes

Contact role: Founder, Board Member & Grant Writer

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Contribution Information

Annual contribution amount requested: 5,000

Length of contribution request? 2 years

Total contribution amount requested: 10,000

Repeat request from a previous budget cycle? Y / N **Yes**

Use of funds:

Expense	Amount	Provide a detailed explanation of the use of requested funds	Explain how this expense will benefit the City
Therapy animal feed & bedding	3,000	hay, bedding, equipment, vet	Improve the mental
Program supplies	500	program supplies	and emotional
Transportation	1,500	gas, registration, maintenance	well-being of 200
Staff Salary & Insurance	0	from other funding sources	high school students
Total	5000	annual cost	in Los Altos

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: Wendy E. Matthews

Date: April 26, 2024