



Closing the Gap's mission is to help youth in our community who have limited resources pursue a better future through preparation, education and vocation.

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TO: Non-Profit Board of Directors
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FROM: Vanessa Sheared, EdD
Board President

RE: Request for Proposals for Full-Year 2023

DATE September 15, 2022

For the past 15 years, Closing the Gap has provided funding for programs and activities that support academic improvement and vocational and career opportunities for children so that they can pursue their educational aspirations and dreams for gainful employment, housing, and health care. Over the past three years we have all worked tirelessly to make changes, adjustments and develop alternative ways of working and learning within the educational and economic landscape. The Board of Closing the Gap recognizes that while we have gone through some difficult times, there are so many new and innovative programs and services being offered or that are being proposed. We want to be a part of helping programs who have found new ways to provide services and opportunities for our youth and young adults who will be entering college, vocational and or employment within the next two to four years.

On behalf of the Closing the Gap Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that we will be providing between \$1,000 to \$10,000 grants to fund programs or activities that focus on providing youth between the 7th and 12 grades with college or career readiness opportunities.

Closing the Gap is committed towards providing support to assist programs that are focused on the following:

- Closing the academic achievement gap in critical need areas in the community.
- Prepare and inspire junior high and high school students to attend college or vocational school; and,
- Special interest will be given to proposals that offer opportunities to leverage other funds or forge partnerships that will increase the impact of CTG funds. We encourage proposals from jointly

sponsored projects.

- Need additional funding to support pilot projects or programs that focus on the changing needs of our students as well as within our communities, schools, programs and two-to-four-year colleges.

We believe that as partners we can make an even greater difference.

Eligibility

Organizations that meet the following guidelines are encouraged to apply for grants in the amount of \$1,000 to \$10,000:

- Qualify as 501(c)3 entity under the Internal Revenue
- Non-Profits, Endowments or Programs/Projects inside of the greater Sacramento area will be considered.
- Organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender physical ability, sexual orientation, political affiliation or religious belief.

If you are interested in applying for funding, please follow the attached Request for Proposal guidelines. The deadline for your proposal is October 21, 2022. Award notifications will be made no later than the end of 2022, with awards to be distributed in January 2023. We do look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@closingthegapUSA.org or Christina Bria at cbria@delegata.com.