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Girl Scouts grant application-Chico

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Dear Grant Committee –

I hope that you and your families are safe and well! Please find attached the following documents in support of Girl Scouts of Northern California's legacy grant application to the Soroptimist International of Chico.

1. Grant Narrative
2. Proposed site plan (5 year plan)
3. Two photos of the proposed outdoor program space

I have also copied Kristen Pierce, who is our Director of Membership Experience in our northern region and will be your local contact. Please don't hesitate to reach out to either of us if you have questions or need more information.

Thank you!
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Floral Ave_Proposed Landscape Schematic Master Plan.pdf
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Soroptimist International of Chico

100-Year Legacy Community Grant Application

Since 1930, Soroptimist International of Chico's mission is to improve the lives of women and girls by providing them with resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dreams. Soroptimist International was founded in 1921 and is celebrating 100 years in 2021. We are a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve social and economic empowerment. In honor of our founding sisters, SI Chico would like to do a club legacy project that will benefit our local community for years to come. Learn more: SoroptimistChico.org

Please tell us about your nonprofit organization

- Nonprofit Name: Girl Scouts of Northern California
- Website Address: www.gsnorcal.org
- Facebook Address: www.facebook.com/gsnorcal
- Mailing Address: 1650 Harbor Bay Pkwy, Ste 100 / Alameda, CA 96502
- Contact Name & Title: L. Kate Cowan, Director of Institutional Giving
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What is the mission of your nonprofit organization?

The mission of Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

How does your nonprofit organization benefit women and girls?

For over 100 years, Girl Scouts has given girls the tools to lead, break barriers, and create positive change. Girl Scouts of Northern California serves almost 38,000 girls across 19 counties, and over 700 girls in Butte County. Unique in the breadth and depth of activities available to girls, Girl Scouts offers hands-on, girl-centered learning in STEM, the outdoors, and entrepreneurship, as well as abundant opportunities to develop invaluable life skills. Girl Scouts offers girls solutions to the challenges they are facing—the skills and leadership opportunities they need to empower themselves now and in the future. Whether they participate through volunteer-led pathways – K-12 troops and camps – or our innovative, staff-led programs, Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways as they: 1. Develop a strong sense of self, 2. Seek challenges and learn from setbacks, 3. Display positive values, 4. Form and maintain healthy relationships, and 5. Identify and solve problems in their community. Your support for Girl Scouts matters - our world needs the ingenuity, grit, and compassion of girls now more than ever.

Briefly describe the project or nature of the needs of your nonprofit organization. Is this a new or ongoing expense?

Early in 2019, with input from local members and as part of our long-term Property Plan, we sold our Chico office building and used the proceeds in conjunction with a generous gift from an individual donor to purchase a new property. At the end of April in 2019, we completed the purchase of the 1.25 acre property that is the new home of our Chico Girl Scout Program Center! As of this summer, the Program Center has a modular building that houses a small office, meeting space, kitchen, and retail shop. It also has a barn that is set up as an indoor program space. Troop meetings and messy craft, science, nature and outdoor skill activities will take place in the barn. Staff is just starting to move into the office and store items, but the Program Center will not open for members until COVID-19 guidelines allow. In the meantime, we are working on the outdoor space to make it more usable. Fencing has been installed and irrigation is going in. Our next priority project is an exterior bathroom and outdoor cooking and program pavilion between the modular building and the barn. Although girls can go into the office/shop to use the bathroom, it will overtax the indoor bathrooms as usage at the site increases. An outdoor bathroom is much more convenient, and closer, if a group of 30 girls is on site.

In fact, having an exterior bathroom is essential for full utilization of the program barn and outdoor space. The patio area will give additional covered space to get out of the sun for activities and picnics. Having an outdoor cooking area will provide an opportunity for girls to learn new skills and enjoy sharing a meal together. This grant would support construction of this valuable outdoor program space that will serve thousands of girls in the Chico area for years to come. We would love to put together a sign or plaque celebrating the partnership of two 100 year old organizations dedicated to serving women and girls. We are so excited and grateful to have this indoor/outdoor space for girls!

How many people will these funds benefit? What percentage are women and girls?

Once it is safe to gather in groups, the site will be open for groups for day and overnight use. Yearly, this site could serve upwards of 4,000 (duplicated) community members a year, the majority of whom (90%) would be girls.

What is the estimated cost of the project or the needs of your nonprofit organization?

The estimated costs of building both an outdoor pavilion and bathroom at the site is approximately $40,000.

How much are you requesting?

We are requesting the Soroptimist be our leading donor for this project with a contribution of $20,000-$25,000.

How did you hear about Soroptimist?

Soroptimist and Girl Scout members Kathy Erickson and Bonnie Chapman reached out to us about this grant.

Have you requested funds from Soroptimist International of Chico or any Soroptimist club in the past?

Yes

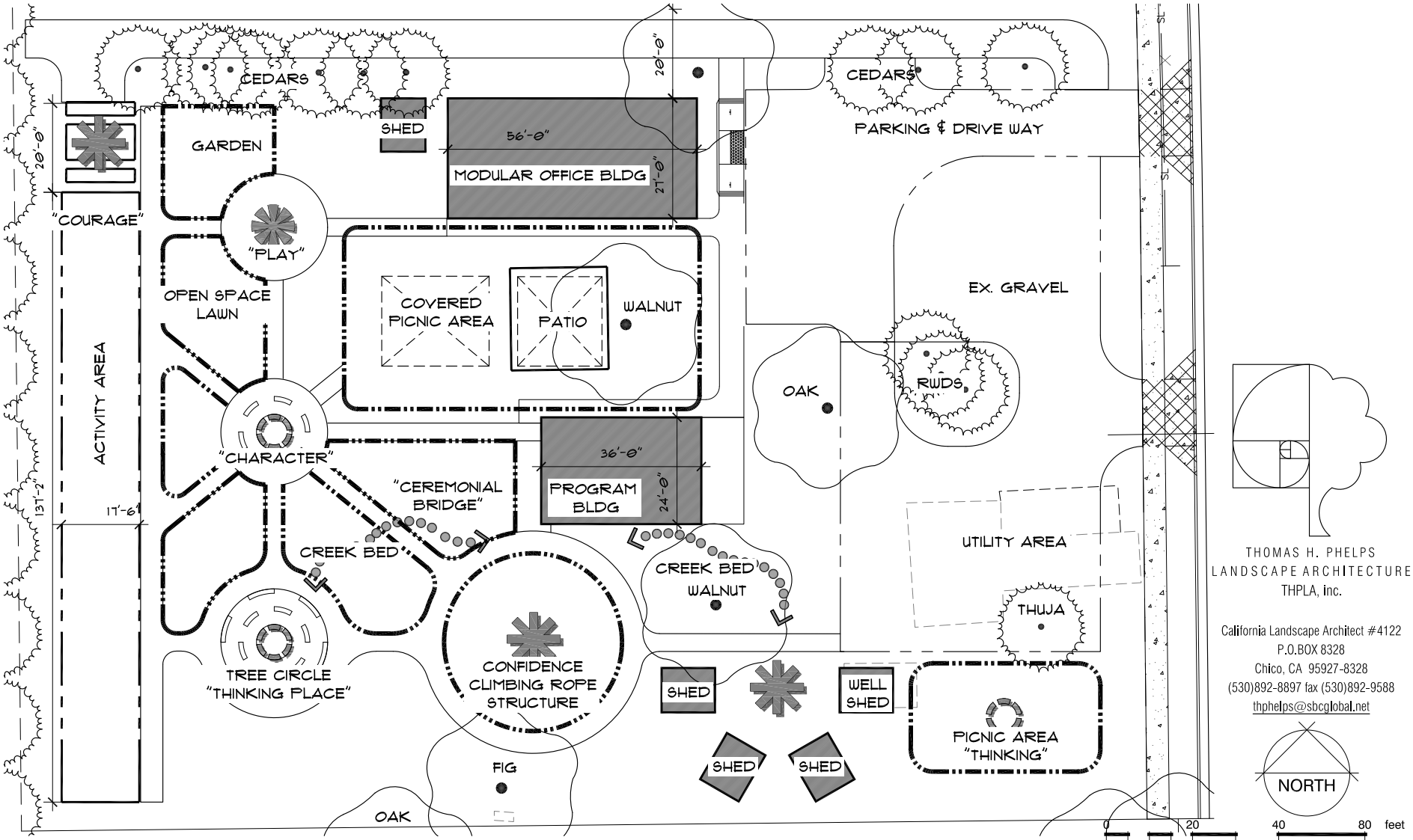
Were funds approved? If so, when and how much?

San Ramon Valley – 2014 $200; Healdsburg – 2012 $250; Fort Bragg – 2011 $250; Eureka – 2019 $900; Chico – 2016 $500, 2011 $1,000; Central Solano – 2010 & 2011 $1,500, 2012 $3,000, 2013 $1,000, 2014 $1,000, 2015 $1,000, 2016 $4,500, 2017-2019 $3,000/yr, Bidwell Rancho-Chico 2011 $2,640

If Soroptimist International of Chico has contributed to your non-profit in the past, how were the funds used and publicly recognized?

Funds from Soroptimist International of Chico were used for financial literacy programs and to directly support troops.

Please note that these applications will be reviewed starting in September 2020. Feel free to attach additional information to your application. Send completed applications to Legacy100@sichico.com.



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