



**Supplemental Benefits Fund  
Oroville, California**

**2015  
Project Application Form**

**MAXIMUM REQUEST \$75,000**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER  
THAN 4:00 P.M. THURSDAY, August 27, 2015**

**Amount Requested: \$** 5,000.00

***NOTE: (1) Please complete all requested information; (2) If the question is not applicable to your request enter N/A; (3) If additional space is required please attach additional pages with a reference to the section that you are continuing.***

1. Name of Applicant and Associated Entity (if any)

Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley

(grant application submitted by Kira Ellen)

2. Legal status: 501c3

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## 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

*(The Project Description may vary widely in length depending on the size and scope of the project that will be funded and the size of the grant being requested. A useful structure to assist the readers and decision makers is to break the project down into component goals, each with their own heading and complete description. If applicable, comments about staff experience and how the overall project will be measured and sustained)*

The goal of the Eco Team is to provide an educational environmental experience for local teens from the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley's (BGCNV) Oroville Teen Center. The Eco Team will run a minimum of once a week for twenty weeks focusing on environmental and sustainability education for at least ten teens per session. The Eco Team is a program dedicated to recycling, respecting nature, sustainability and reducing your carbon footprint through educational experiences and projects in the community and Club.

The Eco Team will also go on a minimum of five local field trips to the Salmon Hatchery, Oroville Dam, Oroville Nature Center, River Bend Park and on hikes along the river to better understand the history of the Feather River, the ecosystems in our area and how the water and drought impact the teens, even now. Additionally, teens will be supporting the Wildflower bike race event by participating in Recology and Northern Recycling's partnership to make this event a Zero Waste Event. Teens will be in Oroville at the Spring Valley School and Thermalito Forebay to make sure that waste is appropriately disposed of throughout the race. At least thirty teens will participate in impacting the greater community of Oroville of approximately 55,000 people through the various aspects of their Eco Team program.

## 2. CONSISTENCY WITH SBF GOALS

Place a check-mark next to each of the SBF Goals that are consistent with your request



Provide multiple recreational opportunities that utilize and enhance access to existing resources within the boundaries of the Feather River Plan. (SBF 2014)



Encourage secure and managed access for all segments of the populations, with connections to the surrounding community and future development. (SBF 2014)



Ensures the continued success of habitat restoration and improve the ecological health of the river and floodplain in concert with river restoration goals. (SBF 2014)



Ensures proposed projects complement the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Recreation Management Plan (RMP). (RFSP/2010)



Maximizes SBF funding capacity by demonstrating leverage – the project has multiple sources of funding, of which SBF funding is only a part. (RFSP/2010)



Generates other benefits and revenue(s) to the local community. (RFSP/2010)

SBF 2014 = Refined goals approved October 1, 2014

RFSP = Regional Fund Strategic Plan approved April 27, 2010

### 3. PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

#### A. ABILITY TO ATTRACT MATCHING FUNDS

Please quantify the amount of matching funds, or value, of the non-SBF funding as compared to the total project cost. The matching funds amount should be expressed as a dollar and percentage value. Please note that the matching value may include donated time, materials, or other in-kind donations, that are used to complete the project. Documentation may be requested to support the matching estimates provided.

CONFIRMED FUNDS: \$ 5,000.00 % 50

ESTIMATED FUNDS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED IN-KIND VALUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATED IN-KIND VALUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ % \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (optional)

We have been approved for substantial funding from CDBG Oroville which includes moneys allotted towards our programs like Eco Team.

## 4. PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA, CONTINUED

### B. NEXUS TO THE FEATHER RIVER

A project's nexus to the Feather River will be evaluated using the following criteria.  
*(Nexus = connection, link; refer to the SBF Vision Statement for additional clarification)*

1. Physical proximity to the river,
2. Link to river recreation, and
3. Other river nexus, such as riparian restoration.

Please explain how the proposed project has a nexus with the Feather River. You may include maps, other graphic detail, or additional information that demonstrates the project's nexus with the Feather River.

The Oroville Teen Center located at 2959 Lower Wyandotte Avenue is only approximately 2.5 miles from the Feather River. All of the field trips and service learning projects shall be at or right along the river, with the exception being the Wildflower event. The Wildflower event will directly positively impact the river though because the support of our teens will provide a Zero Waste Event.

**5. PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA, CONTINUED**  
**C. ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS**  
**& ATTRACT VISITORS**

Please describe how the proposed project will enhance the quality of life for local residents and how the project will help to attract visitors to the region. SBF approved projects are intended to be recreational & related projects that help stimulate economic development in the Oroville region. Considerations might include:

1. Availability of the project to local residents.
2. Increase in levels of service to local residents.
3. Project uniqueness.
4. Appeal to visitors (local, regional, and others).

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley (BGCNV) is to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. All young people need: a safe place where they can learn and grow; caring adults who provide positive guidance; a wide variety of enriching life experiences; hope for a positive future; and opportunities to reach their dreams.

Over 71 percent of the families whose teens attended the Oroville Teen Center last year lived in poverty. BGCNV has actively sought to enrich the lives of girls and boys whom other youth agencies have had difficulty in reaching. We are dedicated to ensuring that our community's disadvantaged youngsters have greater access to quality programs and services that will enhance their lives and shape their futures.

Investing in programs like Eco Team provides a brighter future to local teens, thus providing a brighter future for the entire Oroville community. The teens will pass on what they learn in the Eco Team program to their peers, families and beyond. The BGCNV strives to teach and connect youth as the next generation of our community to value the environment and our community, specifically the Feather River, for the betterment of all of us for years to come.

## 6. OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may provide any pertinent studies, data, or other information that might help the SBF Steering Committee evaluate the value of the proposed project as identified by the evaluation criterion described above and in the SBF Regional Fund Strategic Plan. While additional supplemental information might help with the project evaluation, providing additional information does not guarantee that a proposed project would receive more favorable consideration than if the additional material were not provided.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley is dedicated to connecting teens to the community through various partnerships and events as is evident in our attached articles that highlight our partnerships with the Salmon Festival, Oroville Chamber of Commerce, and the Feather River Recreation & Park District.



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Local Kids • Great Futures

# The Positive Connection

## THANK YOU

for giving your support throughout the year. Your generosity saves and changes the lives of nearly 2,000 local youth.



## Paying it Forward - Youth in Action

Giving back is a year-round activity at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley where we help local youth develop good character through service to others. When young people learn to give back they develop their capacity for compassion, increase their feelings of connectedness to the community, and are empowered by the positive changes they make by serving others. Studies have shown that young people who engage in service do better in school, maintain positive relationships with adults and peers, avoid risky behaviors, and are less likely to drop out of high school and more likely to graduate.

We are so proud to say that 70 percent of our Club members gave back to their communities last year with a total of 3,250 hours of volunteer service. Here are just a few recent examples of how our youth are making a difference.

**IN OROVILLE:** Youth from the Oroville Teen Center partnered with Oroville Hospital at the community's annual Salmon Festival. Teen center youth started out the day by showering event participants with colored chalk as they ran by for the hospital's Salmon Color Dash 3K Walk/Run.

"We appreciate the support that Oroville Hospital gives the Club and it felt good to give back to them while participating in a fun event for the community," said Oroville Teen Center member Shane T.

After the Color Dash, the teens continued their service by passing out Salmon Festival flyers and providing information to event goers.

"I enjoyed being able to answer questions and give people directions so they could have a good time at the Salmon Festival," said Club member Araceli G.

Shanna Roelofson, Director of Marketing for Oroville Hospital was so appreciative of the teens' support.

"With the help of the Boys & Girls Club we had a successful event and happy participants," she said. "The kids did an amazing job and I received nothing



Oroville Club members having fun at the recent Color Dash fun run.

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## What's Inside:

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Special thanks to the following partners for their help with our yard, doorknob & facilities projects at the Chico Ostrander ClubHouse:

- Charles Crabtree Painting Co.
- Chico Sunrise Rotary Club
- Collier Hardware
- Dan Irving
- Rotary Club of Chico



## Preparing the Next Generation for a Healthy Future

With increased access to cell phones, video games, TV, and fast food, too many of our young people are adopting sedentary lifestyles and making bad diet choices instead of being active and socializing with others. Thanks to a two-year commitment from Soroptimist International of Chico and the Virginia Jones Foundation, we have implemented a new comprehensive health initiative called Healthy Kids Healthy Futures. This unique program is putting our members on the right track by gaining a lifelong appreciation for an active lifestyle, healthy eating habits and developing positive relationships.

Healthy Kids Healthy Futures is an overall wellness program that addresses three key areas of mind, body and soul. On a



*Chico Club members have fun learning yoga as part of the Healthy Kids Healthy Futures program.*

daily basis we teach our youth to use their MIND to make smart food choices, build a healthy plate and have portion control.

In addition to receiving a healthy snack and supper each day, Club members participate in nutrition, gardening and cooking classes where they learn how to prepare healthy meals and snacks, and are sent home with bags of fresh produce every weekend. We show our youth how to keep their BODY fit by teaching them the fundamental skills of popular sports including basketball, soccer and volleyball as well as non-traditional activities like yoga, dance, hula hoop, and jump roping. And

finally, we focus on the SOUL by guiding them to develop and sustain positive interpersonal relationships and interact

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## Teaching Our Youth to "Pay it Forward" (Cont'd from pg. 1)

but praise for the hard work they did and all the help they continued to do assisting with clean up. Again, I cannot say it enough - thank you!"

**IN PARADISE:** The pride of Paradise and its rich history is evident at the Gold Nugget Museum's annual "Days of Living History." Visitors get hands-on experience of what it was like to live, work and play on the Ridge from 1850 to 1950.

This year, 17 of our Paradise Club members stepped up to volunteer their time to help make sure the event was a success. The youth were originally scheduled to run a handful of booths including candle making, washboard laundry and flower pounding. When the event ran short of volunteers, our youth were called upon to help fill in the gaps. These 17 dedicated Club members collectively volunteered a total of 48 hours over the course of the two-day event!

"I was so impressed by their willingness to go above and beyond their original volunteer duties," said Joan Dresser of the Gold Nugget Museum "Their support was crucial to making sure the event ran smoothly."

"It was challenging and at the end of the day I was tired, but I am thankful for the experience," said Khadija I. "It was a lot of fun!"

**IN CHICO:** Youth from the Chico Teen Center's Keystone Club leadership program had the chance to give back to UnitedHealthcare Chico (UHC) at their company picnic.

Teens provided overall support for the event including cooking, preparing and serving more than 250 hot dogs and hamburgers and assisting with the check-in table, raffle and various activities throughout the day.

"We appreciate the partnership we have with the Chico Boys and Girls Club," said UHC employee Becki Osborne. "We have a common bond of making a difference in our community. Working with the Club has been lots of fun and we want to thank the teens for helping make our UHC Company Picnic a huge success!"

Oroville Hospital, Gold Nugget Museum and UnitedHealthcare have been wonderful partners in supporting our Clubs and this was our way to pay it forward. Experiences like these are why Boys & Girls Club works to instill a sense of civic responsibility in the youth we serve and make sure that we are giving back to our communities.



*Chico Teen Center members helped make sure UHC's annual company picnic was a success.*

# Member Highlight

## The Boys & Girls Clubs LIT Program: What it Means to Our Community

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the North Valley (BGCNV) provides a Leaders in Training (LIT) program, which is geared to teens aged 13 to 17 and gives members the chance to gain work, volunteer, and community service experience—while learning the personal skills related to employment: training in leadership, responsibilities in work situations, how to conduct oneself at work and the importance of a proper work ethic. LITs are also role models and mentors to younger Club members, providing homework assistance and tutoring.

Teens apply and interview for the Leaders in Training programs and must exemplify ideal behavior at the Club, school, and home to become leaders among their peers. Once selected, teen leaders help with program development, mentor their peers and younger youth, act as role models within the Club and the community, and provide a link between the teens and staff to promote positive and safe behaviors. This program works in tandem with BGCNV's vocational training at local businesses and provide LIT's with training in personal skills related to employment: such as leadership, taking responsibility, professionalism, and a strong work ethic.

The LIT program covers an intense curriculum on topics such as leadership, conflict resolution, child development and group dynamics that leads to the making of a successful BGCNV Employee and better leader. The program benefits the LITs who learn leadership and career preparation skills as well as motivation for staying in and excelling in school, as well as the youth and families mentored through the program, through positive role models and safe, fun activities during after-school and evening hours.

The program focuses on competence in career training and academic relevance. Through LIT, members learn how to apply and interview for a position. They are required to maintain a volunteer schedule similar to a work schedule at a job. One of the goals is to transform today's middle and high school students into tomorrow's qualified, capable employees.

In addition, community service is a major component of the LIT program. For the past 6 years on a monthly basis the LIT program has assembled the Oroville Chamber of Commerce newsletter packets. This partnership has given the members the opportunity to have a regularly scheduled community service project that requires them to make an ongoing commitment. Other service projects include cleaning local parks with the Butte County Department of Public Health's Tobacco Litter Initiative, assisting with the Martin Luther King Jr. pancake breakfast at the South Side Community Center, supporting the employee picnic for Smuckers and UnitedHealthcare and supporting California Nut Festival, Feather Fiesta Days, the Salmon Festival, Olive Festival to list a few.

We have much gratitude for the sponsorships given by US Bank & The Hignell Companies to create tomorrows leaders at The Boys & Girls Club.

## Sundays

- Club 50 Slot Tournaments  
10am - 2pm  
(Over \$1,300 in FREE PLAY)
- Live Music 2pm - 5pm
- Club 50 Sweet Treats  
2pm - 5pm

## Tuesdays

- Club 50 Slot Tournaments  
12pm - 4pm  
(Over \$1,300 in FREE PLAY)
- Live Music 4pm - 7pm
- Club 50 Sweet Treats  
2pm - 5pm



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## Youths prepare for graduation from hands-on summer project

By

Chicoer.com

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**OROVILLE &GT;&GT;** After weeks of hard work, teens involved in the Career Readiness Empowered Workforce program will receive their certificates of completion for the program and graduate July 31.

The 10-week program and collaboration between Feather River Recreation and Park District and Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley began last month to provide youths with real-world experience in parks and recreation. The participants, nine teens ages 15-17, have maintained a roundabout at Riverbend Park throughout the summer. Ann Willmann, general manager for the district, said the project gave parks the opportunity to have youths working and giving back to the community.

"I'm excited that they'll be able to drive into Riverbend and see the project," Willmann said.

She said the teens took pictures before and after they completed their work on the roundabout, and they are pleased with their work.

"It's exciting to hear them say, 'Hey, do you want to see the before and afters?'" Willmann said.

Rashell Mieko Brobst, chief executive officer of Boys and Girls Clubs of the North Valley, said seeing that this is the first collaboration between Boys and Girls Club and the FRRPD, the project has gone "amazingly well." She said going into it they didn't know what to expect from putting teens out in the sun during the summer and pushing them out of their comfort zone to work in landscape and do grounds work, but all of the participants responded well and have been grateful for the opportunity.

Willmann said as the summer program comes to a close, they have already begun talking about next year, and she hopes in the future they can incorporate more education about the different tasks in which the youths are involved so they get a well-rounded understanding of their summer project.

Brobst said she hopes because of this year's success that next year Paradise Recreation and Park District will start a CREW of their own.

Willmann said CREW members will receive their graduation certificates at Riverbend Park in front of their families, friends and donors where they can "show off their work."

*Contact reporter Christiana Cobb at 896-7759.*

**NOTE: COMPLETE ITEMS (6-8)  
ONLY IF THEY ARE APPLICABLE TO YOUR REQUEST**

**7. PROJECT READINESS:**

Status of Project Planning:	Anticipated Date	Prepared by
Planning Studies	N/A	_____
Preliminary Design	N/A	_____
Cost Analysis	N/A	_____
Final Design	N/A	_____
Construction Bids Submitted	N/A	_____
Construction Period	N/A	_____
First year of Stabilized Operations	N/A	_____

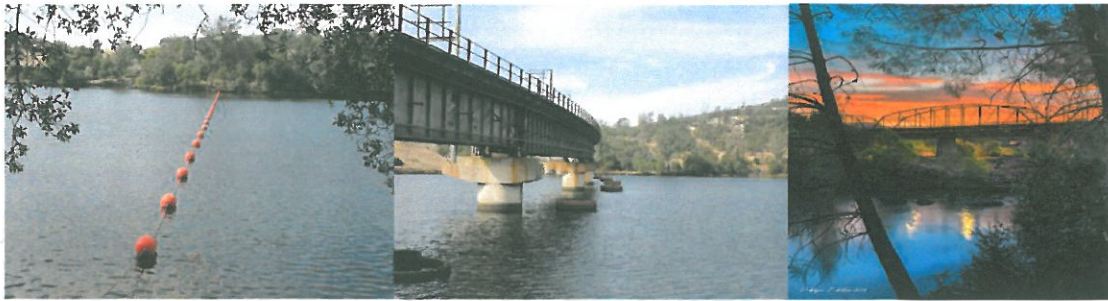
**8. CEQA CLEARANCE**

CEQA Clearance(s) Required & Date Obtained or Anticipated: (CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act)	
Notice of Exemption	N/A
Negative Declaration	N/A
EIR	N/A
Unknown	N/A

**9. FUNDING FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE**

Identify the source(s) of funding for the operations and maintenance of the project and indicate whether or not the funding has been secured:

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCE(S)	HAS FUNDING BEEN SECURED?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Agency: <u>CDBG Oroville</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Provide details)	



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**APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

*Kira Ellen*

Authorized Signature

8/25/15

Date

Name and Title (Please type or print)

Kira Ellen, Office Manager

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Has the applicant provided all information requested in the Preliminary Application?

Yes     No

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