

FCDA Non-Profit Diamond Award Application

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PROJECT TITLE	Quest for Arts Program
Number of Persons Served	110
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Other Fund Sources	Hillsborough County CDBG Grant
Other Funds Amount	91000
Total Project Cost	244902
Describe the partnerships/collaborations surrounding project development and implementation (150 words or less)	The collaborative efforts for this program include our partnership with Hillsborough County CDBG, without whom we wouldn't have had the funding for the startup of the arts program. Additionally, we collaborate with community artists, who either charge a very nominal fee to teach classes to our clients, or teach the classes at no charge.

Describe the primary project service area or client base and how it meets the needs of low-income families and neighborhoods (150 words or less)

Quest for Arts serves the developmentally disabled population in Hillsborough County and uses arts to deliver healing therapy, socialization, motor skills and arts enterprising. The program serves approximately 110 individuals and they are taught by both trained staff members and outside arts practitioners. Although it was initiated in late 2016, in early 2017, the program was fully implemented and as the client numbers grew, we engaged more teachers to accommodate them. Additionally, the program offerings were expanded to include such things as photography, ceramics, and dance. The clients were afforded several opportunities to showcase their work that they took such pride in and to even sell some pieces, which resulted in a tremendous boost to their self-esteem and self-confidence. We ended up offering additional classes in the mornings and afternoons due to the clients' interest. We also increased community engagement by collaborating with independent artists.

Describe plans and activities that are in place to continue the project and can other agencies replicate in different locations. (150 words or less)

All aspects of the program are on-going and the clients continue to enjoy and thrive in each area. The program will be sustained by pursuing other new and renewed sources of funding. We have a database of funding sources that have an interest in arts initiatives such as ours that we will reach out to. We are also purposefully raising awareness of our program in Hillsborough County, and will solicit both individuals and corporations for funds. A new Director of Development has been hired for Hillsborough County, thereby allowing us to ramp up our efforts for securing additional funds for this initiative. This program is one with a model that could be replicated at other organizations serving this particular client population.

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If Winner, name of person who will accept the award at the conference Luncheon

John Gill

Authorization

Contents of this application are true and has been duly authorized by the governing body of the agency named.