



APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET

PROJECT NAME "Sew What?" Sewing Club	
BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (50 WORDS OR LESS) We offer sewing instruction to all club members. Our students include boys and girls from 7 to 16 yrs old. They learn to sew by hand and on machines, create items from scratch, making our own patterns and repair or repurpose items they already own. We use fabrics, notions & machines donated to the club thrift shop.	
PROJECT SITE NAME AND FULL ADDRESS Boys & Girls Club of Venice - 2232 Lincoln Blvd - Venice, CA 90291	
PROJECT COMPLETION DATE JUNE 2011	# OF VENICE STAKEHOLDERS TO BENEFIT BY THIS PROJECT 50+

ORGANIZATION OR STAKEHOLDER NAME Boys & Girls club of Venice		
QUALIFYING ADDRESS 2232 Lincoln Blvd, Venice CA 90291		
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I agree to the terms of the 2010-11 Community Improvement Project funding guidelines. I also acknowledge that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Submitting an application with misleading information may be cause for disqualification.

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 2,000.00

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 STAKEHOLDER SIGNATURE


 PROJECT MANAGER SIGNATURE

3-1-2010

 DATE
 2-25-2010

 DATE



PROJECT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include how many stakeholders will be working on this project.) (Maximum 500 words)

I would begin teaching students to read and adjust actual patterns and enable them to make their own clothes, choosing their own fabrics, empowering them to reflect their own style. Many have expressed an interest in learning more than I can teach with the donated assets we have.

We have an end of the summer fashion show scheduled and the kids learn about personal presentation, hair & make up and last year wore the purses and simple skirts they made. This year they want to work on more complicated clothing items.

They are also asking to make things for their parents. Skirts & shirts for their moms will require buying patterns, and they can be expensive.

Your generous donation would allow us to move our sewing program to the next level. The students are ready to move forward and learn more.

IS THIS PROJECT PART OF A LARGER PROJECT? YES NO

COMMUNITY BENEFIT (Description of benefit to the entire community and justification for these benefits)

The Thrift store is now closed. It was the source of our fabrics & notions. As we use up the donated items our kids have less choice. By supporting our program with a budget, you allow the students to develop original fashion and make it more exciting to learn a skill that will serve them a lifetime.

You may potentially "save" the program and help ensure the students stay interested in learning about sewing.



BUDGET SHEET

Applicants previously receiving Community Improvement Funds must complete Parts A & B (see instructions)
Applicants previously unfunded should only complete Part A – No match is required

PART A - VENDOR AND MATERIALS/SERVICES INFORMATION	TOTAL COST	NOTES
Lincoln Fabrics of Venice	?/2000.	WE INTEND TO SPEND
A Short Walk From The Club. the		Most of our Money
students can have access to		here but they don't
the owner for guidance on proper		have everything we
fabric choices and fabric care.		NEED
She supports our program with a 10%		
discount now for the rare occasion		
we buy notions to complete a project.		
Jo Ann's Fabrics - Santa Monica	?/2000.	FOR PATTERNS,
		Sewing Notions
		and other supplies
		Not available at
		Lincoln Fabrics.

PART B- APPLICANT MATCH – NAME OF SOURCE

\$ AMOUNT OF MATCH

NOTES

PROJECT TOTAL (PARTS A & B) \$ 2000.00



PROJECT PLANNING SHEET

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WORK PLAN (Include a TIME-LINE for the project with beginning date and completion date of each phase)

When you award funds, we will be beginning our summer program. We will have 30 to 40 students and begin immediately working on items for our end of summer fashion show.

Fall semester bring projects the students make for themselves and holiday gifts for friends + family, often empowering kids that may not otherwise be able to buy gifts.

The Spring semester always has several students that ask for help with prom attire -

MAINTENANCE PLAN (if applicable)



ORGANIZATION SHEET (If applicable)

(Only complete this form if the applicant is an organization. If so, do not complete Page 7)

ORGANIZATION NAME	Boys & Girls club of Venice
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS	2232 Lincoln Blvd Venice CA 90291
ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE (Include the experience that your organization has in the execution of similar projects)	see Attachment

TOTAL MEMBERS 4020	The proposal must include the names and SIGNATURES of 5 members of the organization (preferably Board members)	YEAR ESTABLISHED 1968
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BY SIGNING BELOW, I declare in good faith that I am a member of the organization named above. I realize the Venice Neighborhood Council may contact me to verify my membership and participation in this organization.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
ERIKK ALDRIDGE	2232 LINCOLN BL VENICE 90291	310-574-5050	
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Organization Description: The Boys & Girls Club of Venice was established in 1968 as a VISTA project on Venice Beach, and is an established, vital part of this high-needs region. Our mission is to enable all young people, *especially those who need us most*, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. This is accomplished by providing: a safe haven away from negative influences; an ongoing relationship with trained, caring adult role models; constructive, supervised programs that are sensitive to the needs of youth at-risk; guidance and encouragement in educational and career endeavors; positive programs that encourage strong values, self esteem and a healthy lifestyle; a solid gang prevention and intervention initiative; a vision of life beyond adolescence; facilitation and reinforcement of a positive peer group environment; and family support.

Our members live in Venice as well as in the surrounding communities of Mar Vista, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Carson, Palms, Marina del Rey, Compton, and Westchester. In our community, two worlds tensely coexist: poor African American and Latino families live amongst upscale shops, galleries, and celebrity homes. Our main Club facility is within a census tract with a Community Disadvantage Index (CDI) of 8 and 22% of children in poverty. Much of our membership comes from the Oakwood neighborhood of Venice, known as a hotbed of gang activity. In the two tracts there, the CDI is 9 and there are 30-34% of children living in poverty. Our Club children are challenged every day by the breakdown of traditional family structures:

- 48% of Club members are from single parent households
- 56% qualify for free or reduced-price lunches at school
- Venice High School as well as Short Avenue and Coeur d’Alene Elementary Schools, Club satellite sites, are all Title I schools

- 20% of Coeur d’Alene students live in nearby homeless shelters and others live on the beach, in boats in Marina del Rey, in cars, or in local substandard hotels.
- At Short Avenue, 77% of the students are socio-economically disadvantaged and 14% are not proficient in English.

BGCV is a member of the Family Source Center, through which we maintain relationships to increase our usefulness to our respective clients. Our partners are: Jewish Vocational Service, Marina Del Rey WorkSource Center, Community Care at Home, Latino Resource Organization, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, St. Joseph Center, Venice Family Clinic, and Airport Marina Counseling Service.

Our membership stands at 4,020. Current Club ethnicity demographics reflect the diversity of the greater Venice community:

Hispanic.....	50%	Caucasian.....	15%
African American.....	24%	Asian.....	5%
Multi-Racial.....	5%	Native American.....	1%

HISTORY OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF VENICE

Phase 1 - The Boys' Club of Venice was established in 1968 as an approved nonprofit association in the State of California. Its first facility was a small building at 210 Venice Way provided by the Standard Oil Company of California at a rental of \$1.00 per year. During early 1971 the Club learned that Standard Oil intended to sell the property, as it was surplus to their needs. At that time the Club could not consider acquisition of the property and made plans to relocate.

Phase 2 - In December 1971 the present facility was purchased at 2232 Lincoln Boulevard in Venice. This met the group's desire to be centrally located in order to serve youth of all races and denominations in the Venice area. The property consisted of two lots totaling 100 feet wide and 112 feet deep that had two apartments with a garage underneath at the rear and an old, one-story house in the front. The purchase price was \$88,000.

In order to meet the safety and health requirements of the City for occupancy, in mid 1972, the front building was demolished and the rear apartment building was converted into offices on the second floor and a craft's room on the first floor. Exterior stairways were added to meet building code, an additional first floor toilet was installed, and the garage doors were converted into window walls. The yard area was paved, fenced, and lighted; in addition, playground equipment was installed at a total cost of \$22,000.

Phase 3 - Soon after, a larger facility was needed. In 1976, property was purchased consisting of a lot 50 feet wide and 112 feet deep with a residence on it. This property was south of the main Club but there was a lot with buildings intervening between it and the Club. The acquisition price for the property was \$55,000 and without significant fund expenditure, the residence was converted into a thrift store, operated by the Boys' Club to provide a low cost outlet for used clothing, furniture, etc., to serve the local community while, at the same time, defray the operating costs incurred by the acquisition of the property.

In 1976 the Club decided formally to admit girl members as well as boys. While the title was not officially changed right away, it was known locally as the Boys & Girls Club of Venice, and the Club included substantial membership of girls. Total membership at the time was approximately 750, of which about 250 were girls and about 500 were boys.

Phase 4 - The single-lot property intervening between the two Club properties became available in 1977; and the Club purchased it for \$95,000. The property is 50 feet wide and 112 feet deep and gives the Club a total area of approximately 200 feet in width along Lincoln Boulevard and 112 feet in depth. The completion of Phase 4 consisted of raising necessary funds to meet the purchasing price, with a small additional amount so that the property can be put to use. Long-range plans were to demolish all buildings and erect a new total facility. The achievement of Phase 4 was completed in late 1999 and the new Boys & Girls Club of Venice opened in 2000.