IMPORTANT: The format and questions in the sample grant below are identical to the grant application found on the submission portal for this cycle. A sample is provided to give you an idea of our expectations for this application. You’ll notice that the word limits are small; that is intentional because everything about this cycle is simplified and expedited. All we need are the highlights! We estimate that it should take approximately 45-60 minutes to complete this application. You may also download the Simple Gifts application template (a blank version of this sample grant). The template is helpful if you wish to prepare and edit your information before you submit your application online through our grant submission portal when the cycle opens.

SIMPLE GIFTS FUND – SAMPLE GRANT APPLICATION

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Current Year: 2023
Legal Name of Organization: San Miguel County Adaptive Sports Center
Public/Preferred Name of Organization: Mountain Top Adaptive Sports Center
Nonprofit Status: 501(c)3/509(a)
9-Digit FEIN: 55-5555555
Website: www.mtasc.org

What is your organization’s mission? (50-word limit)
Mountain Top enhances the quality of life of people with disabilities through exceptional outdoor adventure activities. We empower our participants in their daily lives and have a positive enduring effect on self-efficacy, health, independence and overall well-being.

What is the amount of your current organization budget: $474,570

What is the amount of your request? Please round to the nearest thousand. (ex $6000, not $5700) $8,000

Who does your organization serve and what services/activities do you provide? (150-word limit)
San Miguel County residents ages 5-60 with a disability or social/emotional issues. Our goal is to ensure that people with all types of disabilities have opportunities to engage in life-changing adaptive outdoor programs. Many of our clients are not able to access our great outdoors without trained support personnel and specialized equipment. These year-round, adaptive experiences help keep them physically fit and socially active while also helping to reduce depression due to isolation. Our organization works to engage people with disabilities in the community while developing the independence and skills needed in their daily lives. Our clients are supported in their activities by our team of skilled instructors and volunteers. Those team members receive continued training utilizing the most up-to-date training methodology. Our programs are accessible through subsidized fee rates, scholarship funds, and special community programs.

What outcomes/results do you expect to see for the people you serve? (100-word limit)
Disabled people are far more likely to withdraw socially and risk a lack of engagement in any meaningful activity. Sport or exercise presents an opportunity to engage in group activities and the surrounding environment which can, in turn, reduce the risk of isolation. We expect our clients will report improved quality of life, including mood and well-being; increased muscle strength and stamina, reduced symptoms of depression and anxiety, and improved social life and family life. We evaluate our success using program logs and pre-post participant surveys.
GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

How many people did you serve in your most recently completed fiscal year? 65

What Western Slope counties did you serve in your most recently completed fiscal year? Select all that apply, then provide the ESTIMATED or ACTUAL % served in each of those counties.

San Miguel: 60%
Ouray: 40%

100%

The total should equal 100%. If it does not, please check your entries.

Are your percentages for people served in each county ESTIMATED or ACTUAL? Actual

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Please provide ESTIMATED or ACTUAL percentages for the ethnicity/race of the people you served in your most recently completed fiscal year.

Why do we ask this question? Equity is one of the Foundation’s core values. We support equity by identifying and helping to eliminate disparities that keep people from a healthy life. One indicator we consider is the demographic profile of the people you serve and especially how it compares to the ethnicity/racial profile of the community. Looking at who you have served in the past becomes a jumping off point for asking, “Who else can we serve?” or “Who may we have unintentionally left out?” Preference will be given to organizations that collect and use demographic data to understand who they are serving.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: 12%
Asian/Asian American: 1%
Black/African American: 1%
Hispanic/Latinx: 34%
Middle Eastern/North African: 0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0%
White/European: 50%
Multiracial People: 0%
Unknown/Not Reported: 2%

100%

The total should equal 100%. If it does not, please check your entries.

Are your percentages for ethnicity/race ESTIMATED or ACTUAL? Actual

GRANT REPORTING

Did your organization receive a Simple Gifts grant in 2022? No
Thank you - you have no report to submit.