

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM DETAIL SHEET

ISSUE: Sponsorship Request from Tichenor Clinic for Children.

AMOUNT: \$1,500.00

BACKGROUND: The California State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) supports events that promote self-advocacy, leadership and education, thereby enabling people with developmental disabilities and their family members to expand their knowledge and skills.

ANALYSIS/DISCUSSION: Tichenor Clinic for Children is requesting a sponsorship for their “Super Heroes Carnival and Resource Fair” so that the families with children with disabilities will be able to attend at no cost. The event provides access to an inclusive social and educational opportunity for children with disabilities and their families. The resource fair is a big component so families can learn about programs, services, and resources in the community. The fair will educate attendees about available resources, and families can self-advocate and choose what services are most meaningful to them. The event is scheduled for June 1, 2019.

Microsoft employees will be on site to demonstrate tools that help families with language translation and the Xbox Adaptive Controller that levels the playing field and creates opportunities for children with disabilities. It will be a great way for kids to try out a fun inclusive technology that can be a social equalizer. The translation tools help parents where language translation has been a barrier to participation. There will be a sensory room staffed by an occupational therapist for children who can get overstimulated in the carnival environment. In a safe space, children can engage in activities that help regulate their sensory systems, which may be a new option for them.

Sareena Barron and Stephanie Martinez, Community Development Specialists at Microsoft, will help children use the Xbox Adaptive Controller to play games and teach parents how to use the Microsoft translation apps. There will be 10 youth from Arise Youth Adaptive Program, part of the Long Beach Parks and Recreation Department, attending the event as a field trip to practice their community skills, some as volunteers.

There are 508 registered consumers and family members signed up this year. Last year 480 family members attended. Over 90% of their clients are also clients of a Regional Center. They will have 75 or more volunteers consisting of 10 - 15 board members, employees of a catering company, 10 - 12 Nike store employees, a soccer team (one player's brother gets services at Tichenor), and Boy Scouts. The 30 providers volunteer their time. Some of the Tichenor Clinic staff are paid and many volunteer (up to 28 professional, administrative, and support personnel).

They have not previously requested or received SCDD sponsorships or grants.

Tichenor is asking for \$1,500 from SCDD to cover the cost of the shade canopy and inflatable attractions. Their goal for the event is to break even so they will trim their expenses to stay within the sponsorship donations received.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL/OBJECTIVE: Individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and their support and/or professional staff will increase their knowledge and skills so as to effectively access needed educational and/or community-based services through at least 225 trainings, conferences, workshops, webinars, and/or resource materials developed by the Council on topics such as rights under IDEA, rights under California's Lanterman Act etc. on an annual basis.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTIVITY: Since the beginning of FY 2018-19, the Council has awarded \$15,290 for sponsorship requests. The Council allocates \$25,000 per fiscal year for sponsorships. The fiscal year began July 1, 2018.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve Tichenor Clinic for Children's request for sponsorship.

ATTACHMENTS(S): Tichenor Clinic for Children's request for sponsorship.

PREPARED: Kristie Allensworth May 17, 2019