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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your submission. Your application has been submitted successfully, and the tracking number is 22292. You will be receiving more information on the status of your application shortly. For your records, here is a copy of the contents of your application.

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Before You Begin

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Helpful Tips

Some quick tips for using this online application form:

- Please [click here](#) to review our grant guidelines before starting the application.
- Applications must be submitted by **January 12, 2018 at 5 p.m. PST.**
- Log into your account at https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5632?SA=AM to access saved and submitted requests.
- Add mail@grantapplication.com to your safe senders list to ensure you receive all system communications.
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- Click "Save & Finish Later" at the bottom of each screen to come back to your application any time.
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- Questions with word limits will display a live word counter below the question field. *Word limits will not be enforced until you submit your application.*

- You might want to consider utilizing a word-processing tool (i.e. Microsoft Word), and then cutting and pasting your answers into the application. Limit your use of bullets and other formatting.

Organization Information

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General Information

Organization Name

HopeForHaiti:Education HHE

Legal Name

If different than above

Haiti Ministry, St. Columba Parish, Oakland, California

Are you a 501(c)3, Fiscally Sponsored, or other?

Fiscally Sponsored

Name of Fiscal Sponsor

If applicable

#1.St. Columba Catholic Parish, Oakland, Ca.94608

Federal Employee Identification Number (EIN)

Please enter your organization's EIN, not that of your fiscal sponsor

53-019667

Address

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City

Oakland

State

CA

Zip Code

94608

Country

United States of America

Phone

510-654-7600

E-mail Address

hhecoordinator@gmail.com

Web Page

Parish- <https://stcolumba-oak.com/hope-for-haiti> - HHE- <http://haitischolarships.weebly.com>

Total organizational budget

24000

Project Budget

If applicable

5000

Year Founded

2010

Background

Mission Statement:

Through African-American traditions, we are moved by the Spirit to work in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, leaders of the interfaith, non-violent, non-partisan Grand Ravine Community Human Rights Council-GR/CHRC, to help them with their #1 goal of providing education to the most impoverished children in their community at risk of enslavement, violence, and poverty. See <<https://stcolumba-oak.com/hope-for-haiti>>

Constituency/Demographics:

Who do you define as your community or constituency? We are interested in knowing about race, ethnic/cultural make-up, economics/class, age, gender, sexual orientation, ability/disability, etc.

Here in Oakland, California, we are a catholic church community, St. Columba parish, composed significantly of Afro-Americans from the East Bay across from San Francisco. In Haiti we are partnered in one of the most violent, poor sections of Port-Au-Prince, Grand Ravine, with an interfaith, human rights, non-violent, non-partisan community council, the Grand Ravine Community Human Rights Council-GR/CHRC. We donate funds to the GR/CHRC to pay full tuition including school supplies and uniforms for 100 of their most impoverished children to attend 4 local schools accessible by walking --pre-K through middle school --children at risk of enslavement, trafficking, violence.

Contact Information

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Organization Primary Contact

Prefix	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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Title
Haiti Liaison

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Request Primary Contact

Same as Organization Primary Contact
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Request Information

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How would you describe the program area focus of your work? Is the focus for your current request different from the primary focus of your organization?

Funding 100 full scholarships-- tuition/school supplies -- for the most impoverished children in the violent zone of Grand Ravine, Port-Au-Prince has been our focus. Our current request is totally different: we want to support the peaceful resolution of gang violence there because of a violent gang/police massacre, 11/13/17. See <http://haitischolarships.weebly.com/stories-about-massacre.html>

Request

Description of the work for which you are applying. If you are applying for General Support Funds, please describe your programs.

Our catholic school principal, Mr. Noël, with funds for community organizing including equipment, will help a new interfaith community coalition develop a peaceful resolution of gang violence. The 11/13/17 massacre in an area Baptist schoolyard, perpetrated by the Haitian police, killed 12 innocent people, including one of our teachers. This new coalition exposed the police lie that the school principal caused the killings. The police under coalition questioning admitted they committed a "blunder" in their attempt to "dismantle" Grand Ravine gangs. An organizer, funded with equipment, will connect this coalition with close-by neighborhoods where gangs have already been peacefully resolved.

Request Amount
5000

Type of Support Requested

Project Support

Project Title

If applicable

Peaceful Youth Empowerment - PYE

Narrative

Organization History:

Why/how you were founded, by whom, and your past accomplishments.

The St. Columba Church "Haiti Ministry" was founded in the summer of 2009 by members who wanted to help Haiti because of their roots in New Orleans and Haiti. It was formed with the Pastoral Council, and Pastor. Because of his history of working in Haiti with human rights, Tom Luce, a new church member, volunteered to explore needs in Haiti. (<https://hurah.org/about/>) In 2005 Tom helped form the "Grand Ravine Community Human Rights Council"-GR/CHRC, consisting of volunteer leaders—school, church, civic-- to promote human rights in the aftermath of violence against the community following the ouster of President Aristide. After an initial survey on the ground --now following the massive Jan. 2010 earthquake -- the Haiti Ministry chose to support the GR/CHRC's request: notwithstanding all the post-quake life and death needs, the GR/CHRC asked for scholarships for the most impoverished, at-risk children there. They felt that keeping these children off the streets and close to their families would make possible the development of these children into productive members of the Haitian community. Thus the project name: "HopeForHaiti:Education-HHE". The GR/CHRC was thereby strengthened in its role as a human rights advocate against the growing gang demands for money to "protect" the community. From 500 applicants gathered from the families by the GR/CHRC, HHE committed to fund 170 scholarships at \$200 each. HHE provided funds for a first year celebration with all 170 students. In year 3 the 170 had to be reduced to 100 for lack of funds. In Jan. 2016, 3 HHE members gave a full celebration to all 100 students. HHE has also brought 3 of the GR/CHRC members to visit St. Columba and the Bay Area in keeping with the goal of sharing our lives. Now HHE is completing its 8th year with 100 full scholarships. See <<http://haitischolarships.weebly.com/our-history.html>>

Needs statement:

What are the issues your organization is dealing with? What are the needs of your community? What challenges do you face in your organizing because of the environment or political/social climate in which you are working? Also, what particular dynamics do you face within the community or communities in which you are organizing?

In Oakland there have been growing demands for aid to local groups especially Afro-American since our 2016 presidential elections. This has cut into attracting new donors making it more difficult to fund our budget, forcing us to cut our scholarships down to 50 for year 9. In Haiti the economic situation has been on the decline again with the presidential election contested and protests against the current president and his budget that works against the needs of the majority of poor Haitians. Our decision to reduce our scholarships was made just before the police-perpetrated massacre in Grand Ravine occurred involving the death of one of our teachers. So now HHE also has to face the way that gang violence has been affecting the schools our children attend, causing repeated school closures for the previous year, and the absence of teachers and administrators. Sadly the GR/CHRC hasn't been able to maintain independence from gangs beginning around 2010 because of the alleged government support of a head gang in Grand Ravine. A year ago, the head gang leader was killed and inter-gang warfare developed. So Grand Ravine faces the overarching problem of the government/gang violent interaction. Grand Ravine needs a community-wide, peaceful resolution to gang violence without the police. With the new coalition of church and community groups responding to the police-caused massacre, HHE hopes PDF's grant will permit our catholic school to provide community organizing services including equipment to convince this new coalition to create a community organization that would lead to a peaceful resolution of the police/gang problem. Fortunately, close-by communities have programs already developed that have reduced gang violence peacefully by providing alternatives to young people to gang membership. "SAKALA" <<http://www.sakala-haiti.org>>. "THOSE ANGELS" <<https://www.thoseangels.org>>. HHE especially with its reduced budget desperately wants to assist in "Peaceful Youth Empowerment".

Organizational Leadership:

Describe your leadership structure; explain how decisions are made in your organization, and by whom. Describe any advisory board or committee structures. How do you involve your members in decision-making? Who do you consider to be in the leadership of your organization? How are the people most directly impacted by your organizing issues involved in your leadership?

In a Catholic parish, programs like HHE are organized as "ministries" (service committees). HHE runs on consensus with a coordinator who serves as spokesperson to the wider "parish", governed by an elected "Pastoral Council" under the Pastor. There is continued interaction between HHE, the Pastor, Pastoral Council and with the whole church. There are county, state, national, international bodies with which we cooperate. Within our HHE we have certain people skilled in fund-raising --phone/email recruiting sponsors, meals, raffles, concerts -- with consensus decision-making. We have worked with one special church-based group, "Haiti Rise", which has written a song about our program and has developed sponsors. The "Liaison with Haiti" role is fulfilled by Tom Luce who communicates with the Haitian community group, GR/CHRC, on a regular basis via email, Skype/Messenger, by phone and on site visits. They voluntarily manage the scholarship program in collaborating with families and school staff. We work out problems together. The Haiti Liaison continues to visit them every year in person. With our visits to Haiti and having brought 3 GR/CHRC to visit us here, we have enhanced our relationship and decision-making process. In the next section we explain our relationship with our #2 Fiscal Sponsor.

Collaboration:

Please tell us about other organizations/agencies/networks/funders with whom you work, and your relationship with them in terms of cross-cultural issues and/or movement-building.

HHE works mainly at St. Columba events: dinners, slide shows, displays in the church/hall. We invite donors to recruit new donors. Our communication with other parishes and local Haitian cultural groups--i.e. dance and music groups--has been minimal. We have joined public events at meetings of parishes/schools where we have a table. Our events are published in the diocesan newspaper. We did obtain a \$5000 grant to give solar electricity and computers to our schools. (Snyder Family Foundation)

We came to have a very important new association with a 2nd fiscal sponsor. In our 2nd year we were told our budget was too large for the parish IRS account. We were asked to limit our fundraising to \$8,000. We found "Sirona Cares Foundation-SCF" (<http://Sironacares.org>). Tom Luce knew the Director personally. SCF was well established in Haiti with alternative energy programs. SCF has managed our scholarship finances since in conjunction with St. Columba which would now sponsor PDF's grant. HHE benefited over the years from Tom Luce's relationship with AUMOHD, a Haitian human rights group led by Atty. Evel Fanfan who originally empowered the GR/CHRC in 2005 and helped them win retribution at the OAS for damages done by the Haitian government.

Analysis & Vision:

What do you see as the root cause(s) to the problem(s) you are organizing to address? What is your long-term vision for change, and how does your work get you closer to that vision?

Local gangs, warring now for a year with each other for control when the alleged government-supported head gang leader was killed, have caused Grand Ravine schools to repeatedly close. Gangs must now be stopped completely from pirating community groups. Our GR/CHRC can't stop gangs demanding "taxes". The fact, though, that in 2 neighboring zones-- formerly gang dominated-- successful "peaceful youth empowerment" projects have already developed, motivates HHE to obtain funding for its remaining school, catholic, to hire and equip a community organizer to convince the new anti-massacre coalition to follow the peaceful model, multiple projects drawing gang-vulnerable young people away to productive activities like gardening, sports, education. "Sakala" has successfully dealt with the negative involvement of government agencies including the U.N. Its model is community, non-violent, non-police involved with Pax Christi International. Tom is personally connected with another successful community, "ThoseAngels". A lead organizer, Haitian American, lives here in Oakland available to consult with HHE to help our school collaborate in building a similar program in Grand Ravine. The funds to pay an organizer and providing basic equipment -- electricity, phone/computer/fees--will be essential to begin. Funding this CO interfaith campaign will help a new Grand Ravine community with "Peaceful Youth Empowerment".

Attachments

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Please attach the following items:

The maximum size for all attachments combined is 35 MB. Please note that files with certain extensions (such as ".exe", ".com", ".vbs" or ".bat") cannot be uploaded.

A budget for your current fiscal year, with pending funding requests.

If your request is for project support, please include the project budget AND your organizational budget. A sample budget/financial statement form can be viewed by clicking the link at the top right of this page.

[Budget8.doc](#)

A financial statement for your prior fiscal year (i.e. 2017), with revenues and expenses.

A sample budget/financial statement form can be viewed by clicking the link at the top right of this page.

[Budget7.doc](#)

A list of your Board of Directors, or other coordinating body of your organization with contact info (email, phone and address) for each member.

[Ministrylist.doc](#)

A copy of your 501(c)(3) determination letter or other IRS determination letter (if applicable) or SS4/EIN letter (if not registered with the IRS).

[IRSSStC2.pdf](#)

Non-discrimination Policy, if your organization has one.

[MMIettreetc.doc](#)

If you have a fiscal sponsor, please also attach the following documents:

Mission statement and contact information for your fiscal sponsor.

[Sirona - Bylaws.doc](#)

A copy of your fiscal sponsor's 501(c)(3) or other IRS determination letter.

[Sirona Cares Foundation Determination Letter-1.pdf](#)

A copy of your contract/agreement with your fiscal sponsor.

[SCFHHE.pdf](#)