

RFA - 2026-0024

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**REDBUD HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (RFA)**

(PLEASE TYPE or PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

1. **Subject of Request** Middletown High School Sober Graduation – Class of 2026
(Starting Date for New Programs) New BOD September 2025 – June 2026
2. **Requesting Organization** Middletown High School Sober Grad
3. **Street Address** 20932 Big Canyon Road
City Middletown **Zip** 95461
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4. **Individual Accountable For Funds: Names & Titles** Belinda Lescher -Member
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5. **Amount Requested (\$)** 15,000.00 **Grant Period** 2025-2026 Academic Year
6. **Background and Basic Information Regarding Organization**

The Middletown High School Sober Graduation Non-Profit Organization is a community-based committee focused on promoting the health and safety of graduating seniors by providing a substance-free celebration. Established in 1989, the organization was created to address concerns about alcohol and drug related risks during graduation events.

Our primary program, Sober Grad Night, offers a supervised all-night event immediately following graduation. It provides a safe environment allowing students to celebrate without exposure to substances or unsafe situations. Led by a volunteer committee of parents, school staff, and community members, we collaborate with Middletown High School (MHS) and local partners to support student well-being. Through community fundraising and donations, we serve approximately 110 students each year, helping reduce risky behaviors by promoting healthy decision-making

during a critical milestone. Our mission is to ensure every graduate has a safe, healthy, and memorable celebration.

7. Justification

7.1 Intended Use Of Funds In Detail

The event will take place starting on June 5th at 10:30 p.m. and continuing through 7:00 a.m. on Saturday June 6th. Our organization is committed to providing a safe, substance-free, and memorable graduation experience for our graduating 2026 seniors. To accomplish this goal, we are applying for grant funding to support our program. With sufficient funding, we plan to safely transport 110 graduates on charter buses to and from Epicenter in Santa Rosa, California, a venue offering a wide range of supervised activities including: bowling, laser tag, arcade games, trampolines and more. The facility will be secured and monitored by professional security personnel. The funds we're requesting will support the provision of healthy snacks and beverages throughout the overnight event, reinforcing our commitment to promote student wellness. Additionally, funding will allow us to offer meaningful prizes to each participant, that contributes to their future success, while promoting self-confidence and emotional wellness during this milestone transition. By investing in every graduate, we strive to help build confidence, motivation, and a positive outlook for the future.

7.2 How Intended Use Of Funds Will Further Delivery Of Health Care Services Within Redbud Health Care District

The intended use of funds directly supports the delivery of health care services within the Redbud Health Care District by promoting prevention, safety, and overall student well-being during a high-risk time. Sober grad night provides a structured, substance-free environment that helps reduce the likelihood of alcohol and drug related incidents, which could lead to injury, hospitalization, or long-term health consequences.

By funding safe transportation, professional security, nutritious food, and supervised activities, this initiative minimizes health and safety risks while encouraging healthy decision-making. These preventative measures help reduce the potential strain on local emergency and health care services during graduation celebrations.

In addition, the program supports mental and emotional health by fostering a positive, inclusive environment where students feel safe, valued, and connected as they transition into adulthood. This focus on emotional well-being aligns with broader community health goals by helping young adults build resilience and make healthier lifestyle choices.

Overall, this initiative compliments the mission of the Redbud Health Care District by emphasizing prevention, reducing avoidable health incidents, and supporting the physical and emotional well-being of local youth.

7.3 Detailed Basis For Funds Requested

All funds and donations are designated for the sober grad event. Through ongoing efforts, including donation jars at Hardester's Market locations, we have raised approximately \$17,000 towards the total projected cost of \$32,100. We also aim to preserve a small reserve to support next year's graduating class.

Cost of Event Breakdown:

Venue/ Epicenter	-\$8,100
2 Charter Buses	-\$6,000
Food & Drinks	- \$3,000
<u>Prizes</u>	<u>- \$15,000</u>
Total	- \$32,100