

The White Family Foundation
Grant Request: #761
Community Boating Center (Providence, RI)
May 18, 2022

Date of grant proposal submission	Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Are you an IRS compliant 501(c)3 public charity/ nonprofit?	Yes
Legal name of organization	Community Boating Center
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Grant Request Amount	\$3,500.00

Please provide us with a brief description of your organization (no more than 500 words).

CBC's core mission is to provide instruction and access to recreational sailing and boating for all, with an emphasis on children, without regard to financial situation. We will do so by providing programs to Build self-esteem, Broaden horizons, Advance environmental awareness, CBC will nurture a true sense of community in which the diversity of the urban environment is respected and encouraged.

CBC began operating in 1994 by a group of local sailors who wanted to share their passion for sailing with others. They believed sailing should not be limited to the privileged few. Instead, they felt the joy, freedom, and responsibility of sailing should be available to everyone, regardless of income or background.

With this goal in mind, a shoestring budget, and a boatload of determination, they set out to create CBC. Little did they know this idea would grow to become the dynamic organization that is now CBC. Surprised too were they that CBC became their passion, their avocation, and their second job. "I can't - I have to do something for CBC", became their motto.

Community Boating Center's focus is on enabling youth to experience the joy, wonder, and confidence that results from learning to sail and paddle, while also experientially acquiring key STEM competencies; skills that youth will rely on for the rest of their educational and professional careers. CBC youth Eco-Adventure programs provide low-income, inner-city, and mostly at-risk youth the opportunity to actively experience a new environment, expand their knowledge, develop new skills, and make new friends; a healthy, valuable alternative to time unsupervised at home or on the street. This funding will help us meet the higher anticipated need for low-income youth summer programs.

Grant Purpose (one paragraph)

\$3,500 would fund 10 middle-school kids for full-day, week-long sailing camps during the summer. In areas already stressed and struggling to provide adequate educational opportunities, it is critical

struggling to provide adequate educational opportunities, it is critical that students have access to healthy and structured out-of-school activities. Many summer enrichment activities may still be canceled due to COVID-19, meaning there are fewer outlets for struggling kids to find social-emotional or educational support out of their homes. CBC provides a naturally social distant experience. Summer Eco-Adventure funds will be reserved for families who qualify for free or reduced school lunch, during the summer of 2022, or those who have otherwise been severely impacted by COVID-19. Summer Camp programs run weekly July-August 2022.

Amid the pandemic, families in the Providence are forced to extend their limited resources to support extra childcare, and facilitate and provide opportunities for child development. Summer enrichment programs should help break the cycle of poverty, rather than contribute to it. New evidence shows that the shutdowns caused by COVID-19 could exacerbate existing achievement gaps. While CBC was able to adapt its summer programs to provide safe, stimulating outdoor engagement in 2021, there was limited funding to provide marginalized communities with access to the same programs that their higher income counterparts are paying for. As the mission of CBC is to create access to its programs regardless of a family's ability to pay, it is critical to find funding to increase access at a time when our youth programs can help to provide out-of-school engagement for the kids most impacted by COVID-19. A McKinsey Report illustrates the sad reality that learning loss will probably be greatest among low-income, black, and Hispanic students. Lower-income students are less likely to have access to high-quality remote learning or to a conducive learning environment. The same report talks about the need to "think creatively about how to encourage ongoing learning over the summer. Initiatives might include expanding existing summer-school programs, working with agencies that run summer camps and youth programs so that they add academics to their activities". CBC's summer programs are inherently linked to STEM subjects, which have been incorporated into all of its sailing programs, most prominently the Sailing Through Science program, which runs after school, but also in its summer camp programs.

Annual Project/Program Budget (if request is for a specific project) \$3,500.00

Annual Organization Budget \$270,721.00