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Santa Clara County Public Health Department **JUNTOS Initiative**

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Applicant Type

1. What type of organization is this?

- Public Agency
- School or School District
- 501(c)3 Nonprofit
- Eligible organization acting as Fiscal Sponsor for another organization

2. Does the application include a fiscal sponsor?

If the project includes a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor must be the applicant.

- YES
- NO

Overview

3. Which type of grant are you requesting?

- Small (\$10,000 - \$39,999)
- Large (\$40,000 - \$250,000)

4. Grant category (check all that apply)

- Environmental Stewardship and Restoration
- Parks, Trails, and Public Access
- Environmental Education
- Urban Agriculture / Food Systems

5. Type of project (check all that apply)

- Capital improvement (Large projects only)
- Planning
- Program

6. Project Location: Address / Neighborhood

What is the physical location of the project? If there is no physical location, please enter "N/A." If the project will be in multiple locations, please list all. Note: project location(s) must be within they Authority's jurisdiction.

The programming for this project will take place at many parks throughout the County. Below is a list of some of the parks that will be utilized.

Emma Prusch Farm Park
647 S. King Road
San Jose, CA 95116

Veggielution
647 S. King Road
San Jose, CA 95116

Alum Rock Park
15350 Penitencia Creek Road
San Jose, CA 95127

Overfelt Gardens
2145 McKee Road
San Jose, CA 96116

Hellyer County Park
985 Hellyer Ave
San Jose, CA 95111

Kelley Park-Happy Hollow Park and Zoo
1300 Senter Road
San Jose, CA 95112

Penitencia Creek
3050 Berryessa Road
San Jose, CA 95132

Martial Cottle

5283 Snell Avenue
San Jose, CA 95136

Alviso Marina
Mill Street
Alviso, CA 95002

Ed Levin County Park
3100 Calaveras Road
Milpitas, CA 95035

7. Project Location: Open Space Authority District (check all that apply)

A detailed map of the Authority Districts can be found under the Library tab, or online at <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/public-information/board-of-directors.html>.

- ✓ Authority District 1
- ✓ Authority District 2
- ✓ Authority District 3
- Authority District 4
- ✓ Authority District 5
- ✓ Authority District 6
- ✓ Authority District 7

8. Who does the project serve? Please indicate which Open Space Authority Districts are served (check all that apply)

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9. Project Abstract

(Brief, 3-4 sentences)

The JUNTOS Initiative is centered in a strong collaborative effort between healthcare providers, park and environmental organizations with the goal to reach under-served populations. The Initiative is comprised of 1) Quarterly Park Activity Schedules, 2) Capitanes del Bosque (youth volunteer programming), and 3) Promotores. These components will seek to promote environmental stewardship and urban agriculture and address social inequities that prevent families from utilizing parks.

Project Planning (20 points)

10. Describe the proposed project.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department (SCCPHD) including the Safe and Active Program, CalFresh Healthy Living Program and Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs; in partnership with the Santa Clara County (SCCParks), Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC), City of San Jose (SJ) and

VeggieLution are partnering to implement the JUNTOS Initiative. JUNTOS means together in Spanish. This collaborative will build on rich Latino cultural traditions to implement environmental stewardship and urban agriculture programming that addresses park access for families that live in the Deep Engagement Communities described in the Understanding Our Communities report. The Initiative aligns with the Measure Q Expenditure Plan and the Santa Clara Valley Greenprint with a focus on access to nature for first time park users. In addition, this Initiative seeks to support families build social connections to address social/linguistic isolation by engaging participants in building leadership capacity.

The JUNTOS Initiative consists of three components:

1. **Calendario De Actividades Trimestrales/Quarterly Park Activity Schedules:** The purpose of this component is to provide families with a menu of outdoor activity options. Over 40 SCVMC Pediatricians throughout the County will provide bilingual activity schedules to patients that will feature 6-8 park outdoor activities. Activities will include park staff led walks to learn about climate change and conservation, hands-on gardening, self-guided farm tours, pediatrician/family hikes and park clean up events. Schedules will include an activity calendar, park information, parking passes, and a phone number. Online versions of the schedules will also be available.

2. **Capitanes del Bosque/Captains of the Forest:** The purpose of the Capitanes Del Bosque is to provide youth volunteer and leadership opportunities. This program will include environmental science thematic hands-on activities that meet Common Core and Next Generation Science standards. Topics will include the importance of protecting and preserving park land, wildlife adaptation to climate change, and urban agriculture. After completing the training, youth will assist with park events.

3. **Promotores Program (peer educators):** Promotora is a commonly used Spanish term for a broad umbrella of community leaders who provide cultural and linguistically appropriate health education and outreach services within their own communities. The Program will train parents to be Promotores to co-lead nature-based park walks, participate in hands on gardening, and promote environmental stewardship to friends and family. Interactive sessions will be scheduled at parks based on participant availability and will be facilitated in English/Spanish.

This Initiative has multiple benefits including but not limited to

A focus on access and addressing barriers to park use

Leadership training through the Capitanes del Bosque and Promotore Program

11. Describe key project deliverables and estimated completion dates.

1. **Deliverable:** 12 Quarterly Park Activity Schedules

Bilingual schedules will feature 6 to 8 activities quarterly including CATCH physical activity family games, gardening activities and hikes either led by park staff or self-led (see attached sample). Estimated Date of Completion: Ongoing. 12 schedules completed by the end of three years of programming and start within the first 2 months of grant award.

2. **Deliverable:** Capitanes del Bosque training schedules and curriculum. A schedule will be created for each cohort that will include four sessions. While safe outdoor settings are planned, sessions will be completed virtually if the group is unable to meet in person due to COVID-19. Estimated Date of Completion: Ongoing. Capitanes schedules will be submitted every six months throughout the grant period. Curriculum will be finalized two months following grant award.

3. **Deliverable:** Promotores/Parent training schedules and curriculum. A schedule will be created for each cohort. Sessions will be completed virtually if the group is unable to meet in person due to COVID-19. Estimated Date of Completion: Ongoing. Promotores schedules will be developed for each cohort and submitted every six months throughout the grant period. Curriculum will be in English/Spanish and finalized two months following the grant award.

4. **Deliverable:** Staff hiring: A bilingual .5 FTE Health Education Associate and bilingual .5 FTE Parks Outreach Specialist will be hired. Estimated Date of Completion: Staff hiring will be completed within the first 3 to 6 months of the grant award. Other staff will be assisting with work until the staff hiring.

5. **Deliverables:** JUNTOS Initiative Partner Meeting Schedule: All JUNTOS Partners will meet at minimum

quarterly to plan, coordinate and develop programming for all aspects of this Initiative. Estimated Date of Completion: Within two weeks of the grant award a collaborative partner meeting schedule will be developed.

6. Deliverable: Data Tracking System: A data tracking system will be developed to ensure all JUNTOS Initiative partners are tracking data uniformly and consistently. Estimated Date of Completion: A data tracking system will be developed within 2 months of award.

7. Deliverable: Program Evaluation tools that measure knowledge of environmental stewardship, feedback on program components, healthcare staff feedback on referral process. Estimated Date of Completion: Evaluations for continuous improvements will be completed two times each year. Evaluation tools in English and Spanish will be completed within 6 months of grant start date.

8. Deliverable: Sustainability Plan will be developed and updated throughout the grant period. Estimated Date of Completion: The JUNTOS Initiative partners will work on identifying additional resources throughout the grant period and leverage available resources. A plan will be developed within the first 6 months of the grant period and updated regularly.

12. Does this project require permission, permits, or other approvals? If so, please describe the status of these.

Programming will take place at Santa Clara County Park sites and City of San Jose Parks as well as at Veggielution, a community farm. All JUNTOS Initiative partners have granted approval for programming to take place at their respective park sites.

13. What is the lifetime of this project? If applicable, describe plans for operating and maintaining the project in the future.

The JUNTOS Initiative partnering organizations will collaborate to leverage resources and identify funding to sustain this program after the three-year funding cycle ends. All partnering organizations have strong track records of securing grant funding and leveraging community resources as evidenced by the large grant match. We will continue to engage our key stakeholders to develop a sustainability plan and develop new community partnerships. The volunteer components of this Initiative have been carefully designed to ensure sustainability by developing a cohort of youth and Promotores with capacity to co-lead nature walks and promote environmental stewardship and the importance of urban agriculture. The community volunteers will play an important role as ambassadors to others referred, as well as to those they meet in the community. Additionally, we see our participants and volunteers as a vital voice for preserving the outdoor resources that exist in their neighborhoods. This Initiative also seeks to increase the capacity of health care providers to incorporate messaging about the importance of parks in their conversations with families which is a well-researched best practice approach for improved health outcomes. Data collected for this Initiative will be incorporated into presentations to local funders and stakeholders, shared with the Institute at the Golden Gate and other organizations promoting this work in the Bay Area and Nationally.

14. Describe the project's readiness for implementation.

Given the strong relationship SCCPHD has with JUNTOS partnering organizations, this project can be implemented quickly. In addition, the established relationships in the community and support for this project by key stakeholders and alignment with strategic planning goals from multiple partners will help expedite implementation. The JUNTOS partners will be drawing from past experiences implementing youth leadership and Promotores programs. SCCParks and SJ have extensive experience developing and implementing youth leadership programming. SCCParks has operated a Capitanes del Bosque type program for over twenty years. SJ, CalFresh and Veggielution have extensive experience engaging youth and their families in hands on gardening activities using best practice curriculum. SCCPHD has worked with partners through the Peace Partnership Program on Promotores programs. There already exists a strong relationship between the SCCPHD and the SCVHC pediatric community with proven success with the implementation of the 2016 Open Space funded Park and Play Initiative, and current partnership on the developing of a Countywide Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Finally, this project was designed with flexibility to address COVID-19 health and safety as partners are prepared to pivot to online activities as needed. Volunteer sessions and family activities will be held outdoors as much as possible with social distancing considerations to adhere to COVID-19 County guidance.

Project Budget (15 points)

15. Budget Summary - Grant Request

This is a budget summary only; a detailed Project Budget must be submitted using the Documents Upload tab. Please enter dollar amount. Note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically add a TOTAL.

<input type="text" value="158355"/>	Grant request: Personnel
<input type="text" value="30000"/>	Grant request: Contracted Services
<input type="text" value="5300"/>	Grant request: Supplies / Materials
<input type="text" value="6300"/>	Grant request: Other Direct Costs
<input type="text" value="0"/>	Grant request: Indirect Costs
<input type="text" value="199,955.00"/>	TOTAL

16. Budget Summary - Matching Funds

This is a budget summary only; a detailed Project Budget must be submitted using the Documents Upload tab. Please enter dollar amount. Note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically add a TOTAL.

<input type="text" value="170513.15"/>	Total Matching Funds
<input type="text" value="170,513.15"/>	TOTAL

17. Budget Narrative

Provide a brief budget narrative to explain the expenses listed in each of the budget categories (e.g. Personnel).

Personnel: \$158,355. Funding to cover a .5 FTE Public Health Ed. Associate who will coordinate all aspects of the JUNTOS Initiative; 30 Promotores who will each receive stipends at \$200 per participant.

Contracted Services: \$30,000. (The County of Santa Clara does not allow for specific consultants to be listed in grant applications).

Funding for a Pediatric Champion to provide consulting for this project including recruitment and coordination of pediatric providers, presentations to health care staff and stakeholders, input on programming, data tracking and overall advising. This work will be done by a Pediatrician during non-work hours.

Urban agricultural organization to provide programming in all 3 grant components. Coordinate curriculum and facilitate Promotores trainings/activities.

Supplies and Materials: \$5300. Funding to cover program supplies including binoculars, outdoor equipment, participant awards, office supplies, healthy snacks and youth volunteer incentives. (All partners will also be providing supplies in-kind. We did not include in-kind supplies in our match)

Other Direct Costs: \$6300. Funding for transportation for families to get to parks (transit passes and taxi service for those who do not qualify for Anthem Blue Cross transportation benefits). Staff travel to park activities and meetings.

Indirect Costs: 0

Total: \$199,955

Project Goals (15 points)

18. Describe the specific problems, issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

Now more than ever, parks and public lands are critical to promoting mental, physical and social health, as well as supporting the resiliency of families in our community. The JUNTOS Initiative was developed to tap into an underutilized resource: civic engagement of under-resourced families in protecting our environment. Families in lower-income areas are most hard-hit by environmental degradation in their neighborhoods including poor air-quality because of heavy traffic and limited parks and open spaces. These conditions also lead to poor health outcomes. Providing families with opportunities to participate in nature programming; including urban gardening and cultivating open land, as well as reaping the benefits of healthy food cannot be understated. By expanding a family's knowledge on how to be a steward for the environment, they will become better advocates for changing their neighborhoods. Furthermore, the partnership with SCVMC's Pediatric Department will reinforce for families the importance of the health benefits of the outdoors. Several studies, including one by nationally recognized Pediatrician Dr. Nooshan Razani, suggest that increased time spent actively outdoors can increase resiliency, provide social stimulation, reduce screen time, improve attention, reduce stress and combat obesity related risk factors. The proposed Initiative has been carefully designed to serve vulnerable families. This Initiative builds on the very successful Park and Play Initiative (often referred to as Santa Clara County's Park Rx) by expanding the number of Pediatricians up who will refer their families to JUNTOS Initiative activities and significantly expanding outdoor options for families and incorporating volunteer leadership opportunities. Based on SCVMC data and the Open Space Understanding Our Community assessment, we anticipate that many participants will be monolingual Spanish speakers, have limited access to transportation, and be residing in disadvantaged communities with limited access to park and open space. Many families are socially and linguistically isolated. All these barriers will be addressed in our implementation. To create behavior change, we have found it important to engage the patients and their families and to provide opportunities for families to spend time in the park with their doctor to build trust and work collaboratively on physical activity goal setting. Key to this effort is having healthcare providers and park and environmental organizations working collaboratively with the aligned goal to reach under-served populations for improved community health and to address these barriers. Park activities will be planned based on proximity to where participants live and assessing transit options, so participants are able to get more easily to park activities. SJ Parks including Emma Prusch, Happy Hollow, Alum Rock, as well as SCCParks will be used for activities and determined based on easy access for participants.

19. How does this project serve the community?

These metrics are required for all projects. Project-specific metrics can be added under Question 20 below. Note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically add a TOTAL that will not be used.

2500	Number of people served
1800	Number of youth served (under 18 years)
105	Number of programs provided
4,405.00	TOTAL

20. In what other ways does the project serve the community? Please list the project-specific goals (both social and environmental).

Please list any additional goals and how they will be measured (e.g. surveys, field measurements, attendance sheets, etc.).

50 youth complete the Capitanes del Bosque Program and enhance their leadership skills and knowledge of environmental stewardship and urban agriculture.

Measurement: sign in sheets/certificates of completion

30 parents/caregivers complete the Promotores Program and enhance their leadership skills to promote the importance of parks to the community

Measurement: sign in sheets/certificates of completion

20 families report growing fruits and vegetables at their homes as a result of their participation in gardening programming.

Measurement: participants surveys

300 participants report meeting other families from their participation (less isolated).

Measurement Tools: participant surveys

Impact (15 points)

21. Describe the lasting impact of the project.

This project is part of a growing national movement to link parks and open space resources and health care providers. This project seeks to create a significant practice change by putting in place systems that facilitate health care providers (pediatricians, dieticians) throughout the County to link pediatric patients and their families with parks, encourage volunteerism and allow patients and healthcare staff to spend time outdoors strengthening relationships and ultimately improving health outcomes.

While this project is focused on SCVMC patients and their families, the bilingual Quarterly Program Activity Schedules will be available to the community and distributed at key community hubs including libraries, schools, faith based organizations etc. in the Deep Engagement Communities. The intent is that over time all medical systems throughout Santa Clara County will be able to link pediatric patients with parks for all the health benefits.

One of the longer term goals of this project is to engage a diverse population of park visitors to understand the importance of environmental conservation and urban agriculture and be exposed to the many career opportunities in environmental studies, parks management, and wildlife conservation. The Capitanes del Bosque Program and Promotores program are designed to build cohorts of park leaders. Having bilingual staff from diverse backgrounds working at parks as well as volunteering at parks and promoting the importance of parks would greatly benefit the community. This project aims to be a "pipeline" for a new generation of park staff and stewards who represent the diversity of the community.

In terms of shorter-term goals, this Initiative aims to expose families to the resources available at parks and encourage families to make visits to parks as part of their family routine. In addition to providing environmental education, and teaching participants how to grow healthy food, JUNTOS partners have designed programming to promote physical activity and the physical and mental health benefits associated with time in nature.

Data collected for this Initiative will be incorporated into presentations to local funders and stakeholders, shared with the Institute at the Golden Gate and other thought leaders and used to develop success stories for publications that others can learn from to create programs in their communities.

Community Engagement / Stakeholder Support (10 points)

22. Describe the community support and/or community engagement process.

Please submit letters using the Documents Upload tab.

The community engagement process involved interviews with SCVMC pediatric patients and their families who participated in the Park and Play Initiative funded by the Open Space Authority (OSA). This Initiative is not the same as what was previously funded by the OSA; however, this project seeks to engage families who participated in the Park and Play Initiative to participate as volunteer leaders. The community was excited to share ideas and provide letters of support. Incorporated in this proposal are recommendations of the parents, including ideas to focus on volunteer opportunities, gardening and a community clean-up day. Focus group data and survey results from a recent Park and Play Initiative evaluation were also used to guide the planning. Key community partners and partnering organizations also provided letters of support.

SCCPHD has a long history of engaging the community and providing programs and services in the four Deep Engagement Communities. SCCPHD and SCVHC have a strong presence in Milpitas with a Pediatric clinic near Milpitas: Dixon Landing Park (DEC#1). Veggielution, SCCPHD, and SJ all have strong presence and experience engaging with families in East San Jose (DEC #3 and DEC #4). The SCCPHD office, the Valley Health Center-Tully Clinic, SJ's Emma Prusch Farm Park and Veggielution are all located in this area and our organizations have built trust with community. Additionally, SCVHC and SCCPHD currently provide services in (DEC #5) at a health clinic

Leadership & Innovation (10 points)

23. Describe how this project employs innovative approaches or encourages collaboration and partnerships.

If there are project partners, please upload partner letters on the Documents Upload tab.

Innovative aspects of this proposal are described below:

This Initiative is based on clinic to community evidence-based practices that have demonstrated that connecting youth and their families to the outdoors through pediatricians is impactful. Over 40 Pediatricians serving youth and their families at seven Valley Health Center locations throughout Santa Clara County will be participating in this Initiative. The leadership provided by Dr. Laurie Cammon who champions this work for the SCVMC speaks to the strong level of engagement.

Translation and transportation support will be provided to families. Anthem Blue Cross will be providing logistical support to families with accessing and utilizing transportation which is a health insurance benefit. Other transportation support will be provided to families who are not insured by Anthem. All outreach materials and programming will be available in English/Spanish and families will have access to a website and phone line for information.

Participants will have an opportunity to participate in the Promotores and youth Capitanes del Bosque programs and be part of the planning team for JUNTOS Initiative activities. In addition, participants will learn how to lead CATCH family games, non-competitive games from an evidence-based-curriculum. CalFresh will work with participants to also co-lead best practice hands on gardening sessions.

Organizational Capacity (15 points)

24. Briefly describe the organization and its ability to successfully implement this project. This might include successful past projects, key staff qualifications, financial resources, etc.

If the applicant is a Fiscal Sponsor, please describe both the Fiscal Sponsor and the sponsored organization.

SCCPHD has extensive experience managing multi-year federal, state and local grants including the Peace Partnership (Prevention Efforts Advance Community Equity) grant funded by the Prevention Institute; California Active Transportation Grant which focuses on safe routes to parks/schools and the CalFresh Healthy Living grant which focuses on park utilization, gardening, active living and obesity prevention. In addition, SCCPHD was a recipient of a 2016 Open Space Grant for our Park and Play Initiative which resulted in national media attention and has been regarded as a model nationally.

Key Staff/Roles

Michelle Wexler, SCCPHD Program Manager

Project Role: Overall supervision and leadership of this Initiative.

Michelle has over 20 years of project management experience

SCCPHD, Health Ed Associate-Bilingual (to be hired)

Project Role: Provide overall program coordination of all 3 components

Dr. Laurie Cammon, SCVMC Pediatrician

Project Role: Support with engaging Pediatric providers

Laurie has over 20 years of experience working in underserved communities

Kim Calme, SCCParks Program Manager

Project Role: Provide oversight with all park program planning and staffing

Kim has over 20 years of recreation management experience.

Carrie Grisenti, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator

Project Role: Supports planning and logistics

Carrie has over 15 years of experience facilitating park programming

SCCParks, Parks Outreach Specialist-Bilingual (to be hired)

Project Role: Develops, coordinates, and implements JUNTOS Initiative park programming.

Celeste Cordeiro-Vera, SCCPHD Calfresh Health Planner Bilingual

Project Role: Coordinate CATCH Trainings and Gardening Curriculum

Experience: Celeste has a Master's in Public Health and over 7 years of experience coordinating physical activity and healthy eating initiatives.

Ana Leandro, SCCPHD Calfresh Nutrition Associate Bilingual

Project Role: Deliver training on CATCH and gardening to youth and parents.

Experience: Ana has 5 years of experience with CATCH and nutrition education.

Shannon Heimer: City of San Jose Parks and Recreation, Division Manager

Project Role: Overall leadership and coordination of staffing and logistics, lead for City of San Jose

Experience: Over 20 years working in environmental education

Cayce Hill, Executive Director, Veggielution

Project Role: Overall leadership and coordination of Juntos Initiative

Experience: Over 20 years working in the crossroads of education, public health, and urban agriculture.

Staffing for this Initiative includes an experienced multicultural team. In terms of financial resources, a match far greater than the required 25% of the grant award will be leveraged for this project. SCCPHD and our partners are well positioned to implement this project as reflected by successful past projects, current staffing capacity and available financial resources.

BONUS POINTS: Underserved Communities (10 points)

25. Describe how the project addresses open space needs for sensitive populations such as residents of park-poor neighborhoods, underserved or disadvantaged communities, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, or is located within a Deep Engagement Community (DEC).

This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A." A map of the DECs can be found by clicking on "Apply" at <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/urban>.

The priority population for the JUNTOS Initiative is families who reside in four of the Deep Engagement Communities as identified by the Open Space Authority. The focus communities for this project include 1) Milpitas: Dixon Landing Park; 2) San Jose: Story and King; 3) San Jose: Kelley Park and Senter; and 4) Burbank/Unincorporated: S. Bascom to W. San Carlos. These neighborhoods are all regarded as "park poor" communities. In addition to the Quarterly Park Activity Schedules/Calendario De Actividades provided by pediatricians and healthcare staff at Valley Health Center clinics, all family members and friends of pediatric patients are invited to participate in park events and activities.

Park activity schedules will also be made available at libraries, school sites, afterschool programs, faith-based locations and at family resource centers to reach youth and their family members in the four priority communities. The JUNTOS Initiative partners (SJ, Veggielution, SCCParks, SCCPHD Calfresh Health Living, SCCPHD MCAH and SCCPHD) have extensive experience working in all these communities with a focus on engaging underserved populations.

In addition, the Promotores will play an important role in promoting neighborhood parks and being a voice for the importance of parks and green space in their neighborhoods.

BONUS POINTS: Community Building (10 points)

26. Describe how this project actively encourages community building by engaging or accommodating local residents in novel and creative ways.

This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

Community engagement included surveys, focus groups and conversations with youth and families. Based on community feedback the Capitanes del Bosque and Promotores Programs were developed. Both the Capitanes del Bosque and Promotores will serve to build participants leadership skills and knowledge of the importance of parks and open space so participants are able to further engage their families, friends and neighbors in the importance of parks and environmental stewardship.

For the Capitanes del Bosque, youth expressed interest in broadening their experiences outdoors by learning about gardening, animals and local fauna and flora. Parents and caregivers interviewed asked that their children be provided an opportunity to volunteer and learn how to lead activities and hikes, and gain confidence presenting to groups. As many of the youth participants will be bilingual English/Spanish, youth participants will be asked to play an important role in promoting park activities, welcoming participants, and assisting with translation at park hikes as needed. The Capitanes will serve as an important source of volunteers to assist with park planning and events as well as a future source of interns for JUNTOS partners. Similarly, the Promotores will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to be trained on environmental stewardship and share their knowledge with others in the community. These volunteer programs are intended to build community leaders and promote park use.

BONUS POINTS: Climate Resilience (5 points)

27. How does this project enhance and/or raise awareness about climate resilience?

This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."

The JUNTOS Initiative partners will be incorporating climate resilience information into all three components of our Initiative by implementing the following;

Incorporating climate resiliency information and interactive discussions (e.g., how parks contribute to carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gases) into park staff led walks, the Capitanes del Bosque curriculum and the Promotores curriculum,

Including climate resilience messaging such as the benefits of using active transit to access parks in the Quarterly Park Activity Schedules, outreach flyers and on our JUNTOS Initiative webpage,

Sharing information about the role of climate change and the impact on urban agriculture, local flora and fauna in our programming, and

Informing Santa Clara Valley Health Center Pediatricians and healthcare staff about climate change hazards that are disproportionately impacting their patients in Deep Engagement Communities. Such hazards include increased stress, anxiety, and depression. Informing healthcare staff how access to parks and open spaces promotes better mental health and well-being and increases individual and community resiliency will be included in communications with providers and JUNTOS participants.

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