



## Hope So Bright Foundation

The Hope So Bright Foundation (a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit) was founded in 2014 to help create awareness of the challenging circumstances faced by so many of our disadvantaged, under-served, at-risk, and special needs youth. Our primary focus is in the state of California, and orphanages abroad. Our mission is to support programs that have a lasting effect on these children by offering resources to support their basic needs and education - and inspiration to help them thrive. We do this by connecting with other like-minded 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and offering financial support to fund programs and services that will accomplish these goals.

Projects and programs considered for funding include services for autism, ADHD, special needs, low income, and foster care children.

### Background

Despite the tremendous prosperity in this country, countless children must struggle with the effects of poverty on a daily basis. Others deal with disabilities and other issues that make it difficult for them to thrive. In the United States, 20% of children ages 0-17 live in poverty and 21% have been classified as “food insecure” by the USDA<sup>1</sup>. The CDC estimates that more than 5 million children ages 3-17 in the United States have ADHD, and children living in poverty and those in poor health have significantly higher rates of ADHD.<sup>2</sup> The rate of child maltreatment is 10 per 1,000 children and younger children are often more frequent victims of abuse than older children (1 per 1,000)<sup>3</sup>. Meanwhile, over 400,000 children are currently in the foster care system and the median age of these children is 6.4 years. California has the largest foster care population of any other state as the number of foster youth has tripled in the last 20 years<sup>4</sup>; 27% of these children will remain in foster care for as long as 2 to 5 years<sup>5</sup>.

About 1 in 6 children in the United States has a developmental disability, ranging from mild disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and autism<sup>6</sup>. The CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network estimates that 1 in 68 children has

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/family7.asp>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr\\_10/sr10\\_258.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_258.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> The rate of substantiated reports for 2013; <http://www.kidsdata.org/topic/484/special-needs-functional-difficulties-insurance/table#fmt=638&loc=1,2&tf=74&ch=202,205,203,204>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.childrenunitingnations.org/who-we-are/foster-care-statistics/>

<sup>5</sup> Point in Time Survey September 30, 2013 estimated that there were 402,378 children in foster care.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/foster.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>

autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Additionally, 15% of California children have special health care needs and it is estimated that 3.3% of our children have a major disability. Over 39% of California children with special health care needs do not receive needed mental health care and 70% of these children do not receive special education services.

## Hope So Bright Grants

**Eligibility:** Hope So Bright will only consider grant applications from 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax exempt organizations with an Internal Revenue Service Determination Letter in hand.

**Eligible Activities:** Projects providing a lasting impact upon the lives of special needs and at-risk children.

**Geographical Focus:** Hope So Bright grants are limited to organizations providing services for at-risk and special needs children in California.

**Funds Available:** Hope So Bright will award grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

### We will not fund:

- Grants to retire operating deficits or debt
- Grants for acute care, inpatient care or long-term care institutions
- Grants for emergency assistance organizations for routine service provision
- Grants to underwrite conferences, luncheons, galas or fundraisers
- Direct or indirect support for candidates, political parties, 501(c)(4) organizations or Political Action Committees

### Application Process:

Eligible applicants must complete and submit the following:

- Hope So Bright Application
- Project Narrative
- Project Budget Narrative
- Attachments:
  - IRS Service Determination Letter granting nonprofit (501(c)(3)) status
  - Audited financial statements for last year
  - Recently filed IRS Form 990 (within the last 3 years)
  - Current list of your Board of Directors

### Grant Submission:

Completed grant applications can be submitted via email or mail to the following:

**Hope So Bright**  
2711 N. Sepulveda Blvd. #414  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90265

[contact@hopesobright.org](mailto:contact@hopesobright.org)

### Grant Reporting and Monitoring Visits:

Grantees will be required to submit progress reports and the Hope So Bright Foundation staff will conduct onsite visits of projects and programs.



**2711 N. Sepulveda Blvd. #414**  
**Manhattan Beach, CA 90265**  
**(310) 494-6896**  
**Linda Sanders : Chairman of the Board**  
**Hope So Bright 501 (c)(3) : 46-1279861**

## Grant Application

<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	
Federal Employer ID	Number of Years in Operation:
Mailing Address	California County in which the program or project will be located:
Contact Person	Telephone
Fax Number	Email address
Website address:	Number of unduplicated children that will be served by this project:
Project Title:	
Grant Request Amount:	Total Annual Budget for your Organization:
This organization is registered to conduct business in California. ( ) Yes ( ) No	What percentage of the overall organization's work would be represented by this contract?
<p>Has there ever been any legal action taken against your organization, including lawsuits, injunctions or court orders? <i>If YES, provide a comprehensive summary of all legal actions and resulting rulings as an attachment.</i></p>	
<p>Please attach the following documents to this application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--IRS Service Determination Letter granting nonprofit (501(c)(3)) status</li> <li>-- Current list of your Board of Directors</li> <li>--Project Narrative in Response to Hope So Bright Questions</li> <li>--Budget Narrative</li> <li>--Audited financial statements for last year.</li> <li>--Recently filed IRS Form 990 (within the last 3 years)</li> </ul>	



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## Program Narrative

**Please answer the following questions** to provide a description of the program or project for which you are requesting funds. ***This section may not exceed six (6) pages; use 12 point font.***

**1. Grant Title:**

**2. What are the mission and vision of your organization?**

**3. Grant Purpose: (100 Words):**

**4. Briefly describe the community need that your program or project will address and the target population to be served (Please include relevant statistics and local data).**

**5. Describe the proposed program or project.**

**6. Approximately how many unduplicated individuals your project will serve in a given year.**

**7. Have you identified likely barriers/challenges that may prevent your organization from attaining your project goals?**

**8. Briefly summarize your organization's history and experience working in the field for which you are requesting funding (*Applicants can include a brief case history detailing how one of their past or current projects has made a tangible and positive difference in the life or lives of their target population but please omit/change names to protect client confidentiality*).**

**9. Please describe the size and composition of your organization's staff.**

**10. How does this proposed project or program relate to your organization's current strategic plan?**

**11. Please describe your organization's cultural competency as it relates to the population you seek to serve.**

**12. What other organizations, if any, are participating in the program or project?**

**13. How will you assess the success of this program or project?**