

# LOWER LAKE HIGH SCHOOL SOBER GRAD 2025

January 07, 2025

To: Redbud Community Health Board

From: Willie Sapeta, Member LLHS Sober Grad Committee

Re: Request For Assistance Sober Grad Event

Dear Redbud Community Health Board.

Since the early 2000's, concerned parents of the Lower Lake High School LLHS students have partnered with community members and volunteers to provide a safe, chaperoned, alcohol/drug free all-night party for graduates. This year Sober Grad will be held on June 06, 2025, from 9pm until 3am for approximately 180 graduating senior students. As you may already be aware, graduation night can be one of the most dangerous nights of the year. Many celebrate by getting intoxicated and sadly many are injured or die in car accidents just as their independence begins. We as parents and supporters of these graduates join to give them an alternative way to celebrate. At Sober Grad the LLHS Class of 2025 will enjoy food, music, activities, a few surprises, along with live entertainment to create this extraordinary event. It is estimated the cost of Sober Grad 2025 will run approximately \$25,000, many volunteers and 6 months to put this event together. This is truly a community event as all the food, entertainment and prizes are donated or paid for with cash donations.

Thank you,

Willie Sapeta,

Parent of a LLHS Graduate and Member of the LLHS Sober Grad Committee

REDBUC COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (RFA)

1. SUBJECT of REQUEST: LLHS Sober Grad Celebration
  
2. REQUESTING ORGANIZATION: LLH Sober Grad Committee
  
3. STREET ADDRESS: 14815 Olympic Drive  
CITY: Clearlake Ca, ZIP: 95422  
TELEPHONE: (707) 994-2170 or Cell (707) 489-0966
  
4. INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABLE FOR FUNDS: NAME: Willie Sapeta  
TITLE: Committee member,  
LLHS Sober Grad Committee
  
5. AMOUNT REQUESTED: Open
  
6. BACKGROUND AND BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING ORGANIZATION:  
See Attached Information
  
7. JUSTIFICATION:  
See Attached Information
  
- 7.1 INTENDED USE OF FUNDS IN DETAIL:  
See Attached Information
  
- 7.2. HOW INTENDED USE OF FUNDS WILL FURTHER DELIVERY HEALTH SERVICES  
WITHIN THE REDBUD HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
See Attached Information
  
- 7.3. DETAILED BASIS FOR FUNDS REQUESTED:  
See Attached Information

## 6. Background on Organization:

Over the past 24 plus years the parents of the Lower Lake High School graduating class have worked to provide a safe alcohol-free celebration to their graduating students. Graduating from high school is the first step to these students' freedom and can end in a variety of either positive or negative outcomes. Over the years providing the Sober Grad Celebration it has resulted in an alternative to small group celebrations which may have alcohol and/or illicit drug use. Our event is designed to keep the graduates engaged with music, games, slides, food, and prizes for each graduate all being conducted with 10-15 adult chaperones engaging and keeping the graduates safe from the door opening at 9:00 pm to 3:00 am and requiring a parent to pick the graduate up, they are not allowed to leave the event until a parent or guardian signs for their release.

## 7. Justification:

Over my 45-year career as a first responder, I have witnessed the negative outcome of high school graduation celebrations resulting in major injuries to fatal outcomes from their activities with alcohol and illicit drugs that the graduate may not have known they were ingesting. The LLHS Sober Grad Celebration provide a continual assessment to ensure there is no alcohol and/or illicit drugs brought into or on the celebration areas. Chaperones remain engaged with the graduated throughout the event and patrol the perimeters to ensure its safety and is done with the support of local law enforcement agencies.

### 7.1 Intended Use of Funds:

Purchase of celebration activities to include music D.J., slides, Lazer tag, food, and a large array of prizes so each graduate leaves the celebration with items such as small appliances, bikes, tablets, gift certificates, clothes, and sporting items.

### 7.2 How Intended use of funds will further delivery of first responder services within the Lake Op Area:

This grant provides a safe alternative to graduating celebrations decreasing and hopefully eliminating the possibility for graduates to attend off site celebrations that may result in a negative outcome.

### 7.3 Detailed Basis for Funding:

Assist the LLHS Sober Grad Committee with the purchase of items for a successful 2025 Sober Grad Celebration.

Respectfully submitted.

Willie Sapeta,

Parent of a LLHS Graduate and Member of the LLHS Sober Grad Committee