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August 8, 2026

Conrad Colbrandt and Members of the Board of Directors

Redbud Health Care District

Dear Mr. Colbrandt and Board Members,

On behalf of the Lake County Office of Education (LCOE), I am writing to respectfully request \$95,000 in grant funding for the Healthy Start Youth & Family Services program for the 2026–2027 school year.

Ensuring the long-term sustainability of our school-based healthcare navigation and family support services remains our top priority. While Healthy Start actively leverages multiple federal, state, and county funding sources, recent state-level budget shortfalls—most notably the expiration of our Learning Communities for School Success Program (LCSSP) grant—have created significant operational constraints. Now more than ever, stable local partnerships are critical to maintaining direct support for high-need students and families.

For most of Healthy Start's 31 years, the Redbud Health Care District has served as an essential partner in stabilizing families and improving student health and attendance across the Konocti and Middletown Unified School Districts. To continue this critical work, we respectfully submit our FY 2026–2027 proposal for \$95,000. Attached, you will also find our Annual Service Report, which highlights more than 10,000 service touchpoints provided to our community over the past year.

Thank you for your enduring partnership and continued commitment to the health and well-being of South Lake County youth.

Sincerely,

Ana Santana

Program Director, Healthy Start Youth & Family Services

Lake County Office of Education

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

I. Executive Summary & Statement of Need

The Lake County Office of Education (LCOE) requests **\$95,000** from the Redbud Health Care District (RHCD) to support core Healthy Start operations across eight school sites and feeder preschools in Konocti Unified School District (KUSD) and Middletown Unified School District (MUSD) for FY 2026–2027.

Sites Served:

- **Konocti USD:** Pomo Elementary, Burns Valley Elementary, Lower Lake Elementary, East Lake School, Obsidian Middle School, Lower Lake High School, Highlands Academy (co-located with Blue Heron and Carle), and corresponding state/head start preschools.
- **Middletown USD:** Minnie Cannon Elementary, Cobb Mountain Elementary, Coyote Valley Elementary, Middletown Middle School, Middletown High School, Loconoma Alternative, Middletown Early Connections Preschool and Lake County International Charter School.

Target Population & Budget Context: Healthy Start serves a combined student body of around 5,350 eligible children in South Lake County, targeting high-risk, low-resource families facing severe health and economic disparities.

- Total Program Cost: \$231,250.
 - RHCD Request: \$95,000 (*Directly funding frontline personnel*)
 - LCOE/Healthy Start Co-Funding & Leveraged Sources: \$136,250. (*Covering all employee benefits, operating supplies, travel, and indirect costs*)
- ★ Return on Investment (ROI): RHCD's **\$95,000** investment equals approximately **\$17.76 per student per year** (*less than \$0.10 per student per school day*) across KUSD and MUSD. Based on our 10,000+ annual service contacts, each RHCD dollar delivers a direct, high-impact intervention to a local child at a cost of **less than \$9.50 per contact**. Every **\$1.00** invested by RHCD leverages **\$1.43** in additional co-funding, multiplying the District's local impact and ensuring operational efficiency.

II. South Shore Healthy Start Track Record & Core Services

Since establishing Lake County's first site at Pomo Elementary in 1994, Healthy Start has operated as a "one-stop shop" co-located on school campuses to remove barriers to care, improve attendance, and foster family stability. During the 2025–2026 school year alone,

Healthy Start provided over 10,000 direct service touchpoints

Key Program Pillars & Services:

1. **Health Care Access & Coordination:** Weekly dental transportation to the Adventist Family Dental Clinic and LLHS Wellness Center; coordination of out-of-county specialty pediatric visits (UCSF Benioff, UC Davis, Shriners, PDI); vision/hearing follow-ups; Partnership/Covered CA enrollment assistance.
2. **Attendance & Truancy Mitigation:** Chronic absenteeism case management, attendance checks, incentive programs, and representation on SARB/SART teams.
3. **Basic Needs Relief:** Emergency food, hygiene supplies, clothing, shelter assistance, housing/utility navigation, and CalWORKs/CalFresh connections.
4. **Behavioral Health & Youth Prevention:** Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE), Friday Night Live (FNL) youth leadership clubs, social-emotional support groups, and behavioral health referrals.
5. **Targeted Case Management:** Wraparound family support using the *Strengthening Families/Protective Factors* framework to increase stability and prevent child abuse and neglect.

Collaboration: Healthy Start is collaborative by design. At the County level, it partners with a community-based collaborative of parents, school personnel, local agencies, tribes, businesses, and concerned community members.

At each site, services are maximized by an extensive network of partnerships with local collaborative Partners, including:

- Adventist Health/ Community Hospital and Clinics and CHWs
- Lake County Department of Health Services (Public Health, Behavioral Health, AODS)
- Lake County Department of Social Services (Child Welfare and Employment Services)
- WIC and E Center
- First 5 Lake
- Lake County Tribal Health
- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Habematolel Band of Pomo Upper Lake Tribe
- Robinson Rancheria Pomo
- KonQti Native Wellness
- Lakeview Health Clinic (Mendocino Community Health Clinics)
- Konocti Unified School District
- Middletown Unified School District
- Redwood Coast Regional Center
- Lake Family Resource Center
- Migrant Education
- Lake County Juvenile Probation
- NCO/Rural Communities Child Care/ Head Start/New Digs
- Hospice Services of Lake County
- Redwood Community Services

- Strategies TA
 - EasterSeals Greater Bay Area
 - Redwood Empire Food Bank
 - Local businesses and civic groups
 - CASA Mendocino
 - Catholic Charities
 - Clearlake Gleaners
 - Lake County Behavioral Health
 - Woodland College Clearlake Campus
 - Lake County Continuum of Care
 - Hope Rising
 - Hilltop Recovery Services
 - Adventist Pathways HUB
 - Solano Women in Medicine (SWIM)
 - Optimum Health
 - 4H
- CTTP-California Tribal TANF Program

III. Objectives, Activities, & Action Plan (2026–2027)

- **Objective 1:** Maintain continuous healthcare navigation and basic needs support across all KUSD and MUSD campuses.
- **Objective 2:** Conduct 1,500+ basic needs contacts, 2,500+ attendance interventions, and 400+ health/dental linkages.
- **Objective 3:** Deepen collaborative partnerships with Adventist Health, Lake County Tribal Health, DSS, Behavioral Health, and local resource agencies to streamline referrals.

Implementation Timeline:

- **August 2026:** Staffing finalized; attendance outreach and back-to-school events initiated.
- **September 2026:** Weekly clinic dental block appointments begin; attendance triaging active across all sites.
- **Fall 2026 / Spring 2027:** Full service menu operational; community health fairs, kindergarten roundups, and vaccine clinics executed in partnership with Adventist Clearlake and Public Health.
- **June 30, 2027:** Annual evaluation, fiscal reporting, and service metrics finalized.

V. Conclusion

The Redbud Health Care District's \$95,000 investment remains the essential bedrock of South Lake County's school-based safety net. By maintaining core staffing on campuses, Healthy Start ensures that health care resources are utilized efficiently, non-academic barriers to learning are removed, and local children arrive at school equipped to succeed.

We respectfully request your continued approval of funding for the 2026–2027 school year.

In our endless pursuit of finding sustainability from March 2026 until present *these* are the funding sources we have applied for:

RFPs Pursued	Funded	Not Funded	Comment
<i>Prop 64- Public Health and Safety Grant</i>	Yes		5 year Family WRAP (year 4) Renewed for 28-32
McVento EHYC	Yes		3 years (year 2)
<i>Prop 56-Prop 99 Tobacco</i>	Yes (with reductions)		Year to year- Disparate Populations
Continuum of Care HHAP Youth Set Aside	Yes		Housing for Unaccompanied youth (year 3) will apply for extension
<i>TUPE TPYE Youth Engagement</i>	Yes		3 year (Year 1)
MUSD/KUSD	Yes		Based on P1
<i>Lake County Probation Family PRO</i>	Yes		Expand WRAP services
Lake County Health Services- Oral Health	Yes		Reduced amount
<i>LCSSP</i>	No	X	Attendance not funded. (Will apply at next cohort)
<i>Lake County DSS/CWS Family PRO</i>	Yes		3 year renewal 26-29
Opioid Abatement	No	X	Waiting for next round
LC Tribal Health			Waiting to schedule meeting w/ CEO
Community Schools			Waiting for RFP cycle

