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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Funding Application for 2024-25 Fiscal Year

1. Name and address of Organization: **One Community Action of Santa Maria Valley**

200 E. Fesler St. Ste. 103

Santa Maria, CA 93454

2. Total Request (\$): **\$25,000.00**

3. Agency is a 501(c) 3? **Yes- Tax ID 82-1489073**

4. Regular business of the agency:

5. Executive Director: **Abel Salvador Flores**

Phone #: **805.694.679**

Email: asalvador@onecommunityaction.org

Website: www.OCASMV.org

6. Program manager: **Abel Salvador Flores**

7. Years Agency has been in operation: **6 years**

8. Other funding secured for this activity:

9. Identify which target population will ultimately benefit from your strengthened organization: (i.e., elderly, disabled, HIV/AIDS, homeless, children, youth, low income)

One Community Action (OCA) is a culturally responsive organization that empowers BIPOC youth and community from the roots to the heart. Committed to collective action and community support, OCA has advanced community-centered solutions that address systemic inequities at the root of violence, addiction, and despair by focusing on Community Building, Youth Development, and Advocacy. As such, OCA target populations are youth ages 12-26, primarily Latinx and Indigenous youth from a migrant-farmworker background.

10. Please state the name of the program for which funding is being requested and describe overall goals that you are proposing. Be specific, achievable, and measurable:

The fund will cover the scope of work for our two main programs and the general operation of the organization: The POR VIDA! Program and RAICES Program.

- **POR VIDA! provides intensive case management, mentorship, support groups, and values guidance for at-risk high school students through evidence-based culturally responsive curriculum.**

- The R.A.I.C.E.S. youth leadership program aims to heal intergenerational trauma, increase awareness of the criminalization of BIPOC youth, and mobilize lower-to-working-class youth to advocate for systemic change, specifically within academic settings.

Since 2019, and in partnership with the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, One Community Action (OCA) has engaged up to 200 BIPOC youths per year in the POR VIDA! program, which provides evidence-based, culturally responsive curriculum and programming within the Santa Maria Valley's four high schools. POR VIDA!'s programming is implemented within an educational context, with a focus on supporting BIPOC students' socio-emotional well-being. POR VIDA! supplies wraparound services, eliminates barriers to access, and coordinates available resources for improvement in numerous aspects of youth success. OCA's programming includes in its curriculum, for example, substance-abuse education, prevention, and treatment referral; mental health support; and methods to develop and maintain healthy relationships, among other issues affecting BIPOC students' wellness, learning, and educational outcomes. Workshops, field trips, therapy referrals, mentoring, tutoring, and further services related to BIPOC youth mental health and wellness are also included. Taken together, these support mechanisms aim to improve attendance, grades, and increase graduation rates among BIPOC high school students disproportionately impacted by poverty, violence, and youth substance abuse.

We certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of our knowledge and is submitted with our Board of Director's Governing Body's full knowledge and endorsement.

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