David and Jacquie CLARK FAMILY FUND

APPLICATION FOR GRANT

Organization Name

Little Red Hen

Date of Application

10/05/2026

Address (Please include City, State, and Zip Code)

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Community Served by Organization (City, County, Region, etc.)

Butte County, CA

How did you learn of the Clark Family Fund?

Researching online/google.

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Detailed Project Description

Little Red Hen is seeking $5,000 in funding to assist with the down payment and financing of an additional used 15-passenger transportation vehicle for our adult day programs. The total cost of the vehicle is approximately $30,000. This vehicle is critical to expanding access to our programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who currently face transportation barriers. Adding another vehicle to our fleet will allow us to serve more participants, increase program attendance, and reach individuals who are currently unable to participate because they do not have reliable transportation.
Located in Chico, California, within rural Butte County, Little Red Hen serves adults with I/DD across communities where public transportation is limited and often does not adequately meet the needs of individuals who require accessible, dependable transportation. For many of the adults we serve, transportation is not simply a convenience—it is the primary barrier between them and meaningful participation in their community. Without transportation to and from our programs, individuals may have no practical way to attend, leaving them at home and isolated from peers, social activities, skill-building opportunities, and community experiences.
Little Red Hen currently operates two transportation vans that have enabled participants from the Chico, Oroville, and Paradise areas to attend our programs. The success of this transportation service has demonstrated a clear and growing need for additional capacity. As interest in our programs increases, our existing vehicles are not sufficient to accommodate everyone who would like to participate. Individuals who want to attend our programs may remain on the sidelines simply because we cannot provide transportation at the times and locations needed.
An additional 15-passenger vehicle will directly address this gap. It will increase the number of adults we can transport, expand our ability to serve participants throughout our rural service area, and provide greater flexibility in scheduling routes. Most importantly, it will help ensure that an individual's ability to participate in a day program is not determined by whether they or their family have access to a personal vehicle.
The requested $5,000 will directly support the acquisition of this vehicle and represents an important investment in accessibility, inclusion, independence, and quality of life. With this additional transportation capacity, Little Red Hen can connect more adults with I/DD to the relationships, activities, skills, and community participation they need to remain engaged and thrive.

Total Project Cost

$30,000

Grant Amount Requested

$5,000

How many individuals will be served by this project?

30

How many individuals will be served by your organization overall in the upcoming year? Please break the numbers down by target population and/or program.

In the upcoming year, Little Red Hen will continue to serve more than 220 children ages 4–17 with developmental disabilities through our play therapy programs. We currently serve 157 adults through our adult day programs, and we anticipate that transportation capacity will be a key factor in our ability to meet growing demand. With access to an additional transportation van, we expect to increase the number of adults served from 157 to approximately 187.

What emerging trends, changes in the community and/or changes in your service area do you anticipate impacting your work in the grant period and beyond?

Little Red Hen anticipates that the growing demand for services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), combined with persistent transportation limitations in rural Butte County, will significantly impact our work during the grant period and beyond.

As awareness of the importance of meaningful community participation, social connection, and independence for adults with I/DD continues to grow, we are seeing increased interest in our adult day programs. Individuals and their families want opportunities for adults to develop life skills, socialize with peers, participate in community activities, and remain active and engaged. However, access to these opportunities is often dependent on reliable transportation. In our rural service area, limited public transportation options make it difficult for many individuals to travel independently or consistently access community-based programs.

We anticipate that transportation will remain one of the most significant barriers to program participation. Our existing two transportation vans have allowed Little Red Hen to successfully serve adults throughout the Chico, Oroville, and Paradise areas, but demand has continued to increase. Without additional transportation capacity, our ability to expand services and reach individuals who currently remain at home will be limited.

We also anticipate that the need for services that reduce social isolation and promote independence will continue to increase. For adults with I/DD, consistent access to social, recreational, and skill-building opportunities can have a meaningful impact on quality of life. Our goal is not simply to provide transportation from one location to another, but to use transportation as a means of connecting individuals to their community and ensuring that a lack of access does not prevent them from participating.

During the grant period and beyond, Little Red Hen will continue adapting our transportation capacity and program services to meet these changing needs. Securing an additional vehicle will position us to respond to increasing demand, expand access to our adult day programs, and provide more adults with I/DD the opportunity to participate, build relationships, develop skills, and live more connected and independent lives.

What is the biggest challenge faced by your organization? Please consider challenges from the most recent year and those you anticipate during the grant term.

The biggest challenge Little Red Hen has faced over the past two years has been the implementation of state rate reform. Following the implementation of rate reform, we lost all of our funding for supportive employment services, which had a significant impact on our retail operations and the nearly 150 individuals with disabilities employed through those programs. As a result, Little Red Hen was forced to make difficult organizational changes, including laying off employees, closing three retail locations, and closing our Annex division.

Although this was an extremely challenging period for our organization and the individuals we serve, it also required us to evaluate our services and find new ways to meet the needs of our community. In response, Little Red Hen pivoted and expanded our adult day programming. These programs have since grown and are thriving, providing adults with I/DD meaningful opportunities to build skills, socialize, participate in community activities, and increase their independence.

Please list relevant collaborators, if any, specific to the program being funded. Describe the nature of the collaboration.

Far Northern Regional Center-Funds our day programs and reimburses transportation services for clients with a current vendor rate of $19.18 per trip (one way).

How will you continue to fund the project long-term? (if applicable)

Little Red Hen will incorporate ongoing vehicle expenses, including insurance, fuel, maintenance, and other operating costs, into our annual program and organizational budgets. We will also pursue additional grants, community donations, fundraising opportunities, and other available funding sources to support transportation costs. The vehicle will become a long-term organizational resource, allowing us to continue expanding access to our adult day programs after the grant has ended.

If this grant is approved, applicant agrees to provide the David and Jacquie Clark Family Fund with a report on project status and/or accomplishments at the end of six months, at project completion, and such other times as the David and Jacquie Clark Family Fund may request. A copy of your letter from the IRS recognizing your organization as exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code will be requested prior to grant approval.

Accept Conditions

◉ Yes

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Signature



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