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**ARPA – SLFRF Funding Request Form - Submission #2875**

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Date Submitted: 2/7/2022

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**To be completed by requesting party:**

**Requesting Party Name**

Paul Bennett

**Contact Info (Email & Phone)**

paul@swiftsureranch.org

**Date Submitted to Board**

2/7/2022

**Funding Amount Requested**

\$12,000

**Check which category of ARPA funding your project meets:**

**Category Number One**

Check Box

Responds to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts (including, but not limited to: disease mitigation efforts; behavioral and other healthcare services; economic assistance or other equity-focused services to hardest-hit communities or households, such as affordable or supportive housing, and; support for impacted industries).

**Category Number Two**

Check Box

Supports essential workers during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to workers via grants to eligible employers in certain key sectors, such as, but not limited to: healthcare, grocery and food services, education, childcare, sanitation, and transit (must be fully additive to worker’s wages).

### Category Number Three

Check Box

For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency.

### Category Number Four

Check Box

Improves water & sewer or broadband infrastructure (including investments intended to facilitate the creation of affordable and workforce housing).

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Please upload your supporting documents in a PDF format

#### Project Description: one page max\*

Swiftsure-ARPA-Request.docx

**Provide a comprehensive description of the proposed project to include a clear justification for how it meets the ARPA funding criteria.**

#### Draft project budget: one page max\*

Swiftsure-ARPA-DraftBudget.docx

#### Additional Supporting Documentation:

No file chosen

**(e.g., maps, drawings, letters of support)**

#### References for additional information:

[U.S. Department of the Treasury – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#)

The U.S. Department of Treasury website is a valuable resource for questions regarding eligible uses of these funds.

#### Electronic Signature Agreement\*

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

#### Electronic Signature

Paul Bennett



Paul Bennett, Executive Director  
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January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Mr. Fosbury, Ms. McCleary, and Ms. Davis:

Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center Inc. requests funding under ARPA-SLFRF to address financial hardships resulting from establishing and following necessary COVID-19 prevention and mitigation protocols. In 2021 alone, Swiftsure was forced to spend more than \$12,000 on these efforts. As a small nonprofit which is more than 90% funded by contributions, this represents a significant economic hardship for us. Funding through ARPA-SLFRF will assist us in continued implementation of COVID-related protective safety measures for as long as they are needed.

Goals of the safety protocols: mitigate potential spread of the disease and keep our participants safe, while still providing the services they need.

Our protocols are evidence-based, in accordance with CDC and other government guidelines to protect students, teachers, staff and communities, workplaces, and recreational facilities. Interventions include:

- Providing face masks to employees, volunteers, participants, and visitors.
- Providing employees with additional PPE including gloves and protective garments.
- Providing hand sanitizer in high-traffic areas.
- Cleaning and sanitizing all lesson equipment between lessons.
- Cleaning all high-touch surfaces at least daily.

Swiftsure provides equine-assisted activities and therapies to hundreds of Blaine County's most vulnerable citizens, many of whom are children, elderly, or face health challenges that render them potentially more at risk from COVID-19. Our flagship programs are designed to assist those who are impacted by physical, mental, emotional, educational, and social disabilities and challenges. To keep our services available to all who can benefit, regardless of income, we do not charge for our services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Bennett  
Executive Director  
Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center

**Swiftsure Ranch Therapeutic Equestrian Center Inc.**

Draft expense request: implementation of COVID-related protective safety protocols

Hand sanitizer	\$800
Face Masks	\$1600
Gloves and other protective garments	\$200
Surface cleaning supplies (spray cleaners, towels, wipes, etc.)	\$1250
Employee hours dedicated to cleaning and sanitizing	\$8213
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,063</b>