

Narrative Questions

- Any veteran or immediate family member who has a means of transportation to the classes can be served in this program. Creative expression will consist of learning about the instrument, such as what each of the keys or strings are, music staff reading, song learning, either by ear, chord charts, or sheet music on the staff, as well as music composition by teaching basic chord structure and melodic form. The role of artistic personnel will be to get at the location 30 minutes before class begins to set up, teach the class, teach the classes, and pick up the facility after class is over. The role of the Bakersfield Veteran Center and Experience Dance Studio will be to provide the facility, chairs, tables, restrooms and parking.
- 6.1.19- 8.15.19 – Beginning
The beginning of the activity period will consist of purchasing the instruments, Getting the lesson plans written and put together, marketing the project, and getting veterans and veterans families signed up. Cost research, review research and most Purchasing of the instruments will be done through Amazon. Guitar center will also be another place of interest for purchases to be made. Lesson plans for piano will be written by Ellie Fischer and lesson plans for guitar will be written by John French. Books and Materials, will be volume assessed and purchased off of amazon or threw California Keyboards. Marketing will consist of Social media, news outlets, flyers and email. After all of the instruments, books, and materials have been purchased and received, marketing implemented, signing up veterans and their families would commence.
- 8.15.19-5.1.20 – Middle
Guitar classes would begin every Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm with John French at Experience Dance Studio. They would consist of basic chord lessons, chord chart reading, song form introduction, group activities, where students could help each other better understand the instrument, and work up to learning specific well known songs. Piano classes would be every other Tuesday from 5:30-7:00 with Ellie Fischer alternating Tuesdays at the VA Center, and Portrait of a Warrior Gallery. Lessons would consist of learning keys on the keyboard, basic chords, staff reading, learning specific well known songs, and music composition.
- 5.1.20-5.31.20 – End
The last month will be preparation for a recital. Students will pick a specific song to learn and practice to be preformed in front of family and friends at a specified date within the month. During this month, instruments can be loaned out to students for at home practice, if their own instruments have not yet been purchased. The rest of the month will be dedicated to finishing up the year and any house cleaning that goes with finishing the grant period.

- The free components of this project will be guitar and piano lessons as well as instrument rentals at the end of the project.
- Veterans voices and perspectives would be elevated though the commonality they will share with other students in the class by either being a veterans, or having a mother, father, husband or wife that are veterans. They will be able to work together as a team to learn not just music, but a new form of expression through music composition, their own creation of music, as well as a new avenue for emotion through the ability to play an instrument. Music theory will also be addressed as a form of mind stimulation in the combination of math, new language, pattern observations and the basic 'why' and 'how' music works. This form of teaching has a more therapeutic approach, very low stress and high creative expression and own pace achievements.
- These efforts will be tailored to the veteran community and their families by way of understanding that some of them will be suffering from PTSD, other mental health struggles, or physical disabilities. Self esteem through encouragement, team work, and steady growth of a new trade will hopefully aid in relief from some of these struggles. P02(SW) Brandon Fischer will be participating in the planning and implementation of this project. He will be assisting in any information technology needed through marketing, or initial veteran sign up.
- Promotion and marketing of this project will be done primarily through social media. Local News sources will be pursued as well. Flyers will be made to be given out at the different locations classes will be taking place.

Quantitative Questions

- 40-50
- 15-20
- 12 Classes per month, 3 recitals
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- 3
- 75+/-