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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

K-5 elementary school with 409 students located in the center of Lawrence, our populatin is a typical cross-cut of the Lawrence population. We have 46% of our students on free and reduced lunch.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

we have a robust marathon club that meets before school twice a week. All K-5 students, their families and community members are welcome. Typically we have between 100-130 participants each session.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

Stride-track system fee, t-shirts, and water bottles

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

Stride-track allows us to easily track the mileage. Without it, we have to manually keep track of student distance. Without it, we would have to limit the number of students who could participate due to the amount of computations involved.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

Marathon club is our most popular club and we deeply appreciate the support RunLawrence provides us each year!

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Angela Cushing, **Quail Run Elementary**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Quail Run Elementary has had a Track Club for 30 years. We currently have two Track Club Coordinators (Quail Run Parent Volunteers) and a number of other Quail Run Parent Volunteers that help us check in participants upon arrival, warm-up participants prior to the runs, monitor the course, provide safety supervision, cheer for and encourage participants, and check in participants after the run is complete.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

Quail Run Track Club is available to all Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students. We currently have 62 registered participants. We meet from 8-8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays during our Fall and Spring sessions. Participants, Parent Volunteers, and Track Club Coordinators meet in the Quail Run Elementary gym to stretch and warm-up. Then, we run/walk a 1.4 mile loop starting at the school, turning left at Winged Foot Court/Inverness Drive, running down Inverness Drive and through the McGrew Nature Preserve, and back up Inverness Drive to the school. During questionable weather, we run/walk laps around Quail Run Elementary School or do pacing drills and relay races in the gym. We set mile goals for participants during our Fall and Spring sessions. We currently use a software called StrideTrack that helps us set mile goals, track participants' miles and awards, and make certificates of achievement. Participants work toward earning 5K, 10K, Half Marathon, and Marathon awards. Certificates of Achievement are awarded to participants for achieving their 5K, 10K, Half Marathon, and Marathon awards. Medals are also provided for those participants who achieve their Half Marathon and Marathon mile goals. For our 2023 Fall session, 50 participants earned their 5K mile award, 45 participants earned their 10K mile award, and 36 participants earned their Half Marathon award. As a group, we ran a total of 736.61 miles. Additionally, at the end of our Track Club season all participants will receive participation ribbons for their efforts regardless of their individual mile goals achieved.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

We will use the funds to renew our annual StrideTrack subscription. This software will allow us to set mile goals for participants, track participants' miles and awards, and make certificates of achievement. We will, also, use the funds to purchase brightly colored cardstock to print certificates of achievement, medals, ribbons, and stickers to recognize and celebrate participants' efforts and achievements. The funds will also be used to purchase Quail Run Track Club shirts to recognize all of the student participants and adult

volunteers and to promote this fun, healthy activity. \$265 Annual StrideTrack Membership \$30 Brightly Colored Cardstock (to print certificates of achievement) \$200 Prizes (medals, ribbons, and stickers) \$700 Quail Run Track Club shirts (for recognition of all student participants and adult volunteers)

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program.*

The purchased items will benefit the Quail Run Track Club by allowing us to accurately and efficiently track participants' mile goals and awards. It will allow us to make certificates of achievement and provide prizes and awards for participants' efforts and achievements. The Quail Run Track Club shirts will promote this fun, healthy activity to other Quail Run students, staff, families, and members of the Lawrence community and hopefully grow our Track Club. Our goal is to teach children and adults the value of daily physical activity as it relates to our bodies and minds and how to share this fun, healthy activity with others. These funds will help us achieve our goal and be successful with helping others benefit from lifelong physical activity.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

We will continue to promote the annual Thanksgiving Day Run 5K event for runLawrence and the need for volunteers at the event through our Quail Run Track Club communications. Thank you for supporting running club programs in Lawrence and promoting lifelong physical activity and healthy living. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit this request for funding and your consideration.

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

New York Elementary and Montessori includes a mix of preK (in the Montessori program) and elementary-age children (grades 1-5). In 2022-23, 355 children were enrolled. Key demographics for our school: 61% of the students identify as white/13% as multi-racial/26% as Hispanic, Black, Indigenous, Asian, or Pacific Islander; 39% have disabilities; and 61% are considered economically disadvantaged (see <https://ksreportcard.ksde.org/default.aspx>). We have some challenges at our school, but also talented, devoted staff and strong support from our school community. Our clubs, which are all run by community and caregiver volunteers, play an important role in fostering pride of accomplishment and a sense of belonging in our students.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

Our Marathon Club meets Wednesday mornings before school, during months in which the temperatures are warm enough for kids to run safely. (We will resume regular activities once temperatures are reliably warm enough in the morning; unfortunately, we do not have access to indoor facilities during the colder months.) We have chosen to run in the morning because a large number of kids are dropped off about a half hour early every day, as their parents head off to work. Last year, we found that an early start was a good way to engage these students and build membership. This has worked well for us. This year, we have 76 kids running; our club has grown from 56 participants last year and is more than four times as large as previous years! Our club is open to all students who attend New York (preK–5); caregivers of kids in preK and K are asked to run with their children. We have a quick rally at the start of each meeting and then the kids are off! Club members follow a course around the city block that includes the school; most kids are able to finish a mile or more before heading in for breakfast, if they need it, and the start of the school day. Over the school year, their objective is to complete at least a half-marathon and a number of regular participants are well on their way to completing a full marathon. We don't have regular funding for prizes, but our volunteers have built great relationships with the kids and encourage them as they make their way along the course. The kids enjoy running together, challenging each other to run a little further or a little faster, and they start the day relaxed and ready to learn.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

Our main need is funding to allow every student participant to receive a club tee-shirt. We estimate this to cost about \$600 (@ \$7 per shirt; we expect to have several additional participants in the spring term). Any extra funding would go toward purchasing half-marathon stickers, which --along with a "Certificate of Running Awesomeness"-- we award as one of our milestone prizes. We estimate this to cost as much as \$100 (@ 1.35 per sticker).

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program.*

Last year, we let the kids choose their favorite design for our club tee-shirt and gave them out at our celebration at the end of the year. When we see club members wearing those shirts today, we view it as a way not only for kids to demonstrate pride in their individual accomplishments, but also to promote school pride more broadly. They are showing that this is an easy, fun, and rewarding way to develop the healthy habit of regular exercise.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

Thanks for considering our request!

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Jayci Roberson - **Woodlawn**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Woodlawn Elementary School is a public elementary school in Lawrence, Kansas, serving students in grades K-5. It is part of Lawrence Unified School District 497. Of the 244 students at Woodlawn Elementary School, 69% are white, 15% are multiracial, 9% are Black, and 5% are American Indian or Alaska Native. The school also has a significant number of students with exceptionalities (21%) and English language learners (1%).

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

When: Wednesdays from 1:45-2:45 Who: Kindergarten-5th Grade Riverhawks, Boys&Girl Club Members
Number of Runners: ~125 Goal: 1297 Miles Route: Students run in a large circle in the back recess yard.
Resources: Badge system to log distance, supervised by 10+ volunteers

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

Funds will be used to buy t-shirts for marathon finishers and milestone prizes (water bottles, ribbons).

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

These items benefit and promote the club by providing an incentive to set and reach goals. Each small goal attained is celebrated with a prize. Every Riverhawk Runner receives a ribbon.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

We appreciate all of the support and love helping host the 5k at Woodlawn!

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Heather Flachsbarth- Sunflower Elementary Marathon Club

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Sunflower Enrollment Number of students- 458 Male- 54.1% Female- 45.8% Asian- 2% Black/African American- 7.4% American Indian/Alaska Native- 4.4% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander- 0.4% White- 68.9% Multiracial- 16.3% Free and reduced- 39% English language learners- 11.6% Special Ed- 18.3%

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

Sunflower Marathon Club started in February 2010. The club meets twice a week, Monday mornings before school, and Wednesdays after school. Two years ago, we were given permission from Southwest Middle School to use their track, which is conveniently located directly behind both Sunflower and Southwest. When the SWMS track is being used by SWMS during club times (occasional football games or track meets), we have a .25 mile course set up on the Sunflower playground and fields, which are also located directly behind Sunflower. Participants can run/walk the .25 mile course as many times as they want, as time allows. The goals of our club are to foster a lifetime love of physical activity, encourage goal setting, and to give kids of all ages and grades at Sunflower a chance to come together to inspire and support one another. We currently have 165 kids enrolled in the club, with new members added almost weekly. This year we had approximately 20 families donate \$5 each towards club Finisher t-shirts. (\$100).

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

1st time finisher- Sunflower Marathon Club Finisher t shirt (150- \$1500) 2nd time finisher- Pick of prize: water bottle, lunch box, sunglasses (inventory purchased in previous years- \$0) 3rd time finisher- Medal with 3rd time finisher and 78.6 miles inscribed (inventory from previous years- \$0) 4th time finisher- Sweet treat (5- \$50) 5th time finisher- 2nd finisher shirt with 5th time Finisher printed (3- \$50-75) Office supplies- pens, printing, finish line supplies (\$50 year) Club celebrations at end of fall semester and end of school year- hot chocolate and popsicles (\$100 year) First time Finisher t-shirts are our biggest expense and prices for our Finisher t-shirts have gone up in recent years. We are also seeing more kids achieve the goal of first-time finisher and therefore, our budget for t-shirts has had to go up. We find this a good problem to have!

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

Our Sunflower Marathon Club finisher t-shirts have always been a coveted prize. There is a great sense of pride and feeling of accomplishment when participants finish their first marathon. The kids love running

through the finish line, with their friends cheering them on, being handed the t-shirt and getting their picture taken. You will see finishers wearing their shirt to school the very next day, and all over the community throughout the year. On school spirit days, Marathon Club t-shirts are often the choice of finishers to wear. The t-shirts also help to promote our club within the school and motivate classmates to join Marathon Club too!

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

Sunflower is one of the largest schools in the Lawrence school district. We have found that Sunflower Marathon Club brings together a large number of our school population where scholars feel they can find friendship, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. We start receiving emails the first week of school from parents and guardians asking when marathon club will start for the current school year. We love that we can provide a rewarding activity, and a welcoming space, that the entire Sunflower community can enjoy, as well as being one of those places for community building within our school.

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Angela Wilson, **Deerfield PTO**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Deerfield Elementary has an enrollment of approximately 460 students. Our socio-economic demographic is diverse and 30% of our student population qualifies for free/reduced lunch.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

Marathon Club has about 100 runners in kindergarten through 5th grade. The goal of Marathon Club is to provide a sustainable fitness opportunity for Deerfield students and their families. It encourages kids to challenge themselves to complete the goal of walking or running a mile or more once per week throughout the school year. All mileage is tracked when students attend. After a student completes a full marathon, they earn a Marathon Club t-shirt. In addition to these tangible awards, Marathon Club hopes to: *Promote lifelong wellness *Provide students a sense of accomplishment * Improve concentration in the classroom *Create a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere for all participants

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

Funds will be used in order to buy t-shirts for marathon finishers. We also use funds to provide students with their own water bottles so they are able to properly hydrate during this time.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

Keeping kids active is really important, especially after the past two years. We really try to promote getting out, staying active and having fun. The kids who participate really enjoy their time on the route and look forward to coming back every year.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

We appreciate the funds to help our program. Since Covid, we have struggled to find a chair that can keep our program going. Deerfield PTO has consistently solicited for volunteers and are hoping to start up our program as soon as we can!

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Michelle Hindman **Hillcrest Elementary**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

We are an ELL cluster site and also a title school.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

We run Wednesdays after school on a route on our school grounds. We currently receive a little money from PTO and that is all the funding.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

We do t-shirts for those that make a marathon. There are also foot key chains for those that complete half a marathon. We use the stridetrack program to record steps/ miles.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

These items keep our students interested in the running club. We have a high number of participants from the school and from students who do BGC after school.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

Any funding is greatly appreciated. Being a title building, we have more than half of our students on free/reduced lunch.

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Kaci Haney - **Schwegler Elementary**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Schwegler Elementary opened in 1957 and is located in the center of Lawrence. Schwegler has 400 students. Marathon Club is organized and operated by volunteer parents on the PTA. Our demographics for the school are as follows: 199 Female students, 197 male students, 172 white, 28 Black or African American, 8 Asian, 13 American Indian, 1 Native Hawaiian, 106 Hispanic, 68 multiple race categories.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources.*

We have a Marathon Club that meets Friday mornings before school for 45 min. Our program starts a couple weeks after the school year begins, ends before winter break and starts back up around Spring Break. We have approximately 100 students that participate, a large number of those students from BGC. The goal is for all students to earn their marathon. There are prizes for all levels of participation. We have a very small budget to provide prizes.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices.*

Funds will be used to purchase milestone prizes as well as tennis shoes for those participants who complete the marathon. We usually spend about \$50 per student. Last year we had 6 people earn tennis shoes and our hope this year is to at least double that. We are also in need of additional prizes that would be about \$1,000.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program.* Our hope is to get more students involved in Marathon Club by them seeing that they could earn a pair of tennis shoes with the completion of Marathon Club. Our goal is to get more students involved in fitness.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here. This program is 100% voluntary for our students, but we try to get more students to be involved to promote health and fitness. We put on a "Sunset Stroll" at the beginning of the year to promote Marathon Club and get parents involved with their students. We seek donations from businesses around town to try to get water bottle donations for prizes and the PTA pays for a treat in awards day. We make sure all kids get at least a participation award.

Does your team use Stridetrack? Yes No

Nami Stone, **LMH Health Therapy Services RunStrong team**

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

LMH Therapy Services RunStrong program is a team of Physical Therapists and trainers who specialize in the care and wellness of runners of all ages and ability. We provided care to the injured runner in the form of formal therapy and/or training as well as wellness and injury prevention through comprehensive video analysis and training classes/recommendations. Our goal is to be accessible to all runners regardless of demographics or ability to pay.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources.*

RunStrong first started in 2019 and has stayed strong through present. Our training classes usually have 30-50 participants per training sessions depending on the time of year. We also provide running assessments on the University of Kansas, Baker and Emporia State Cross Country teams prior to season. Our training classes all occur in our private space at Rock Chalk Park and our run assessments occur in the motion lab at the LMH West campus. Funding for the classes is through class registration, but we keep the cost quite low at \$10 per session in order to make it as accessible as possible to anyone interested. LMH funds the cost of the facility and hopefully is able to use some of the resources from the class registration. Running assessments are either out of pocket or billed to insurance. The primary goal of the RunStrong team is to help runners have a healthy fun relationship with runner whether it be purely for enjoyment and exercise or for competition.

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices.*

Funds from RunLawrence have supported scholarships for local runners to participate in our training classes. 1 8 week class typically costs about \$160. We hold approximately 4 of these per year.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program.*

Currently, we have 2 local high schools benefitting from RunLawrence scholarships. Both runners participate on their high school teams and are looking to have a healthy fun track season in the Spring. We have hosted 3 other runners in the past who have all excelled at their event and stayed healthy throughout their season.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

LMH Health RunStrong has the unique opportunity to really give back to the community, All our team members have a passion for the sport of running and can be seen at local runs and sporting events supporting RunStrong participants. We absolutely love the running community of Lawrence and look for any opportunity to be involved.

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Eudora Elementary School houses Preschool-5th grade students. There are 800+ students in the building. We have quite the mix of students with socio-economic backgrounds and our minority population continues to grow.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources.*

The Cardinal Marathon Club main site is at Eudora Elementary School. We have 149 students participating every Monday and Wednesday after school. We get into grade level groups to warm up and present students with their reward for earning their half marathons and full marathons, as well as, discuss setting goals for the day. Then, all students walk or run on our path. Our school also has an after school program off site and we encourage those students to participate, as well. We have 13 students participating at the Quest site this year. This gives us a total of 162 students participating in our Cardinal Marathon Club this year. Our club is open to PreK-5th graders but we even have some former students (in middle school) that join us for a run from time to time. We encourage parents and grandparents to sign up and we have many moms, dads, and grandparents working to complete a full marathon too. Our goal is to have families exercising together because it benefits the health of the family and develops a lifelong love of fitness that our students will hopefully share with their own children some day! We do have a fee to help offset the cost of our scanning system and rewards because we don't seek out donations from our community anymore since our businesses are constantly asked to support the various fundraisers/organizations throughout our schools and small community. We don't turn anyone away regardless of if they pay the fee or not because we just want kids out moving as often as possible!

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices.*

The funds that we receive from runLawrence help us pay for our timing system and to purchase t-shirts for our participants that meet their full marathon goal. T-shirts costs us approximately \$1500 per year. Wristbands for half marathons rewards and dogtags for 2 time marathon earners costs about \$150 per year. We did have to find a new scan system this year because the Stridetrack membership was costing us too much money so we went with the EZScan System through Fitness Finder because it is only \$169.95 per year.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program.*

The rewards program help motivate our students. Everyone wants to be the first one to earn their half marathon wristband to see what the new wristbands look like. Then the goal is to see what the t-shirt color is for this school year and be the first to wear one! The scanning system makes my life and my volunteers lives easier because we are no longer handing out wristbands as the kids complete a lap and then having to count and collect those after each day.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

Kids love it and hate when the weather forces us to have to cancel it!

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No

Douglas County CASA Shepherd Shoe Fund

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Briefly describe the school or organization, including the demographics.

Douglas County CASA, Inc. administers the Shepherd Shoe Fund. Donors and funders contribute to the Shepherd Shoe Fund to provide shoes for children in Douglas County involved in the court system due to abuse and neglect. Often shoes are needed to allow children to participate in school sports or afterschool and other activities. Often the cost of appropriate footwear is the only barrier to allowing these children to participate in these enrichment activities. Annually Douglas County CASA supports volunteers who advocate for the best interest of at least 130 children of all ages.

Describe the school or organization's running/fitness program; e.g., age of club, # of students participating, goals, activities, routes, and current resources. *

N/A

Explain in detail how the runLawrence funds will support your program (e.g. T-shirts, safety signage, milestone prizes, etc.) If possible include a simple budget and prices. *

Funds would be used to purchase shoes for CASA children to be able to participate in school and other activities. Funds are sometimes used to provide shoes for other siblings in the home in addition to the child with an assigned CASA volunteer. The child's CASA volunteer makes the request and CASA either reimburses the volunteer or provides a gift card to a local store using funds in the Shepherd Shoe Fund so they are able to go shopping with the child and allow the child to pick out the shoes they need.

Explain how these items will benefit and promote the program. *

CASA is fortunate to be able to provide certain items to meet the needs of children we serve so they can participate in life enriching activities (basketball, parks & recreation activities and camps, horse riding camp, etc.). Often children involved in the child welfare system do not have the same access to community school and community activities as children who are not involved in the child welfare system. This is a small way our staff and volunteers are able to provide enriching and normative activities for these children who have experienced trauma, abuse, and neglect.

If there is anything else you would like the review committee to know about your running/fitness club or program, please share here.

CASA greatly appreciates any amount Lawrence is able to contribute to this fund. The need for shoes for CASA kids has always far outweighed the funds we have for this type of resource. Shoes range in cost from \$25 - \$150 depending on the activity requirement and any special needs of the child.

Does your team use Stridetrack?

Yes

No