



## Asha-Kansas City New Project Proposal Template

**Project Name: "Siri School Adoption"**

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### **Part I: Information about your group/organization**

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

**1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.**

Siri Foundation, Charitable trust

**2. When was the group established?**

2010

**3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.**

Siri foundation is an organization with like minded people from diverse backgrounds in India and USA. The team passionately believes in making a difference in someone else's life. They believe and practice in giving something back to the less fortunate and to the community.



**4. Name the key people running the organization and describe their background**

1. Mr. Srinu Chintala & Dr. Lakshmi Chintala, Founding members and Live in US: They believe in supporting less fortunate and giving back to the community.
2. Viswa Mohan Ammala, Senior Director for a Global corporation. Founding member of Siri and well know supporter of Asha Kansas Chapter. Mrs.Rama Ammala is an ardent supporter of the many Philanthropic & Community activities in Kansas City.
3. LVN Rao, Teacher and founding member of Sirifoundation in India

**5. Briefly describe the aims of your group.**

Siri Foundation was founded by a group of friends who have always believed in leading by example and have aimed at leaving the world and their associations better than they found them. The founding team believes in **making a difference** in putting **education at the grassroots level** towards a **socio-economic change**. The experienced team is committed to identifying specific areas of focus which are quicker to implement yet yield good results towards long term sustainability of the programs served. A team of young teachers and volunteers are already working with schools in remote villages in rural India towards the motto - "**Supporting education at the grassroots level**"

**6. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.**

There is No religious or political affiliation.

**7. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?**

None at this time, but may initiate health & hygiene in future



8. **Does your organization have FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976) clearance from the Indian government? This is required for you to receive foreign funds. If yes, please provide FCRA details. If no, have you applied for Prior Permission (one time acceptance of foreign funds)? If yes, when was the application submitted?**

Siri foundation is tied up with 'Kiranam Organization for the disabled in AP'. Funds allocated to Siri will be transferred through the FCRA account of Kiranam.

FCRA: 010230360, Approval dated 06.19.1997

Address: C-262, Sachivalaya Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad AP-500070

Bank information: ICICI: 030401000011, Branch: Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad

## **Part II: Details about your educational project/s**

1. **List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.**

Project Lingapuram School: The project addresses some of the basic objectives towards giving the indispensable requirements of quality education to a local school in a small village of Andhra Pradesh, 100 km south of Vishakhapatnam.

<http://www.sirifoundation.net/current-projects/project-lingapuram-school>

2. **Who owns the school legally? Is it the organization or trustees or an individual. Please provide details.**

It is a A.P Government Telugu medium school.

3. **Location of school/s**     Urban     Rural     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Rural village 100Km south of Vishakhapatnam

4. **Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).**

Basic education and after school programs



**5. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).**

Conventional for now. Planning for alternate trainings and or summer coaching programs and afterschool programs.

**6. What is the literacy rate in your local community? Please give a breakdown between boys and girls if possible.**

N/A

**7. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.**

**Lingapuram**, a small village with green fields, clean air, and a population of 100% farmers. The only elementary school with 137 students with no electricity and other basic amenities that may be considered essential or minimum requirements in other parts of the world.

**8. What is the admission criteria for the students to join your school? Have you ever turned away students? If so, why? How many children attend your school currently? How many teachers do you have? How many full time students? How many part time teachers? How much is the fees? Is there an admission one time fee? Do you have parent teacher meetings (parent involvement)?**

This is a Government school from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade with 137 students. Two full time three temp teachers are running the school. The school follows standard AP curriculum in Telugu medium.

**9. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?**

Following are planned for next 12 months

- Provide electricity for classrooms
- Basic building and playground renovation
- Provide teaching aids and school supplies
- Build a Library
- Provide books, furniture and other aids to the library
- Create and fund the after school programs
- Create funds for scholarships
- Kitchen and supplies for kitchen



**10. How do you perceive that education will improve the lives of the children in your village?**

“Education equals awareness, awareness equals change and change equals progress” - Unknown

Addressing education at grassroots level is more critical to the long term sustainability of a socio-economic change. The quality of school education in rural areas is much different than urban areas. Children who have never been to any kind of schooling or who give up schooling as their parents do not believe in them going to school, or kids dropping out of school as it fails to create a curriculum that inculcates interest, or the school facilities that are so un kept and filthy that they fall short of creating a constructive ambiance, or resources (teachers) that fail to engage the kids in creating the inquisitiveness, a fuel for awakening the little minds. That is the reason Siri is focusing education at the grass roots level.

**11. Does your school have:**

Its own building(s):       Yes       No      Number  
Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): 5

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chairs & Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**12. What is the age group of the children currently enrolled in your school(s)?**

5 to 11 years

**13. How many staff are employed at your schools?**

Main Teachers - 2 Temporary teachers: 3

**14. Average distance the children travel to attend your school :** Local and nearby villages <3Km

**15. Please answer this if your school has existed for at least 5 years. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education possibilities. How would you visualize their future employment possibilities?**

This school is over 60 years old, Even in the 21st century; it is still the same school without basic amenities. No Electricity and toilets, shattered buildings, food is supplied by government through mid-day meal program but there is no place to eat or prepare food (kitchen with palm leaves). The government funds barely support the school. Most of the students are under privileged kids from local and nearby villages. Some kids, who can afford, go to nearest towns to get further education and some drop altogether to work at farm.



**16. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have completed school? If so please describe your efforts.**

We are planning for supporting bright students who cannot afford to go for higher education. We are relatively new organization and yet to prepare the strategy for supporting such programs.

**17. Do the students who have studies or graduated get involved in the school afterwards and help the next batch?**

It never happened before but we would like to instill the message of “Giving back to community” in those little minds through our programs and leading by example.

**18. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi, Elementary school, High school) in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.**

There are no other schools in the village.

**19. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.**

We are essentially enhancing the existing programs, also planning for additional English programs



**20. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area?**

The dropouts happened to work in their farms to meet the ends. Many times they cannot afford quality education that may be available in towns and cities.

**21. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.**

Only the administrative part in collaboration with local village panchayat leaders.

**22. What are your expansion plans for the future**

- **Build a Library, Provide books, furniture and other aids to the library**
- **Create and fund the after school programs**
- **Create funds for scholarships**
- Build a Kitchen, renovate buildings and playground
- Information access with computers and Internet
- Rollout similar programs at other schools
- Working with “Makeadiff” organization to initiate a pilot program of English – proven and successful program.

**23. Any additional details you would like to provide to us.**

The team on the ground is really enthusiastic and eager to work hard for a good cause especially related to education. Fortunate to have several teachers as volunteers.

**24. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community (not related to the school) who can describe the impact of your program.**

Parasu Ramayya – Worked as a volunteer at this school a year ago - +91 99-85-869211

Sriram Murthy Gudiwada – Village President - +91 99-85-338609

**25. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.**

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**Part III: Financial Details**

**1. What sources fund your group’s activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group’s activities, please describe those restrictions.**

1. Founders contribution.
2. Individual donors
3. Counting on organization like Asha

**2. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:**

Rs.1.5 Lakhs per annum for this project

**3. Salary expenditure details:**

We will hire a librarian to manage the school/village library

**5. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?**

Line Item	Amount (Rs)	Amount –Annual (Rs)	Onetime/ Annual
School Building Enhancements	50,000		One time
New Kitchen & Supplies	50,000		Onetime
Library furniture, books, material, personnel support	50,000	50,000	One time & Annual
Books & Supplies	10,000	10,000	One time & Annual
Teaching Aids	10,000	10,000	One time & Annual
Furniture, Electricity	55,000	15,000	One time & Annual
After School programs	15,000	15,000	One time & Annual
Higher Education and Scholarships	50,000	50,000	One time & Annual
<b>Total</b>	<b>Rs. 2,90,000</b>	<b>Rs.1,50,000</b>	<b>For the year 2011</b>





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To be filled by project steward:

**1. What parts of the above budget was approved?**

Line Item	Amount	One time / Annual
1. Project lingapuram School	Rs,2,90,000	Onetime
2. Annual support for the project Lingapuram School	Rs.1,50,000	Annual

**2. What is the total amount approved in Indian Rupees and for what time period?**

Year	Amount
2010-2011	Rs. 2,90,000
2011-2012	Rs, 1,50,000
2012-2013	Rs. 1,50,000

**3. Please list out the first year's goals of this funding (ie. what are the metrics by which we will measure the progress of this project? Please try as much as possible to list out objective things that can be measured.)**

1. Most the activities are fixed assets in the first year, like building enhancements, furniture, electricity, Books etc
2. The library room will be available in July/2011 and it may take few more months to be operational.
3. The site visits in 6 months will help measure the progress
4. And the students scholarships may enable enrollments to the summer coaching centers