

VALLEJO

LATE NIGHT BASKETBALL

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Program Overview

Vallejo Late Night Basketball (VLNBB) is a community-led, youth-focused summer program offering:

- Weekly Friday night basketball, mentorship, meals, and breakout sessions
- Hosted at Elite Public Schools from June 20 – August 8, 6 PM to midnight
- Serving youth ages 12–25, targeting those most impacted by violence, disconnection, and lack of access
- Built and run by a group of local leaders, educators, youth advocates, mentors, and organizers.
- Fiscal sponsor: Solano Community Foundation

A promotional poster for Vallejo Late Night Basketball Summer 2025. The background is dark blue with silhouettes of basketball players in action, a bridge, and a city skyline. The text is in white and yellow. A yellow box with the word 'FREE!' is on the left. The main title is 'VALLEJO LATE NIGHT BASKETBALL' in large white letters. Below it is 'SUMMER 2025' in purple. The target audience is 'YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS AGES 12-25' with the note '(ALL GENDERS WELCOME. BRING YOUR CREW!)'. The dates and times are 'FRIDAYS JUNE 20 - AUG. 8' and '6:00 PM - 12:00 AM'. The location is 'ELITE PUBLIC SCHOOLS GYMNASIUM, 100 WHITNEY AVE., VALLEJO, CA'. A list of activities is at the bottom right.

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- **COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL**
- **FREE FOOD & SNACKS**
- **MENTORSHIP & GUEST SPEAKERS**
- **REAL CONVERSATIONS & COMMUNITY**

Reviving a Proven Program

- VLNBB is inspired by the original “iBall” program (2016–2018), funded through a BSCC grant via Vallejo PD
- Served 400+ youth during high-risk weekend hours
- Offered mentorship, health screenings, meals, and basketball — and received widespread community support
- Helped reduce youth-police tension and build community trust



Now Led by Community

- Fully community-led, not run by VPD or city agencies
- No longer backed by large state grants — this is a grassroots comeback
- GVRD's \$25K would directly support meals, transportation, equipment, and youth incentives

Goals:

- Engage 300+ youth over 8 weeks
- Host weekly breakout sessions on wellness, identity, and life skills
- Serve 800+ meals over 8 weeks
- Track attendance, engagement, and safety outcomes to guide future expansion



Project Timeline

MAR 17, 2025

First Meeting

Councilwoman Gordon brought community leaders together around a shared vision: Bring back Late Night Basketball as a safe, empowering space for Vallejo youth.

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Planning

Four subcommittees formed:

- Operations
- Programming
- Fundraising
- Communications

May

Finalizing

- Securing the gym
- Launching outreach and registration
- Finalizing programming and partnerships
- Securing sponsorships and raising funds

June 20, 2025

Launch

We're launching with the goal of sustaining and expanding the program year after year, with support from partners like GVRD and the broader Vallejo community.

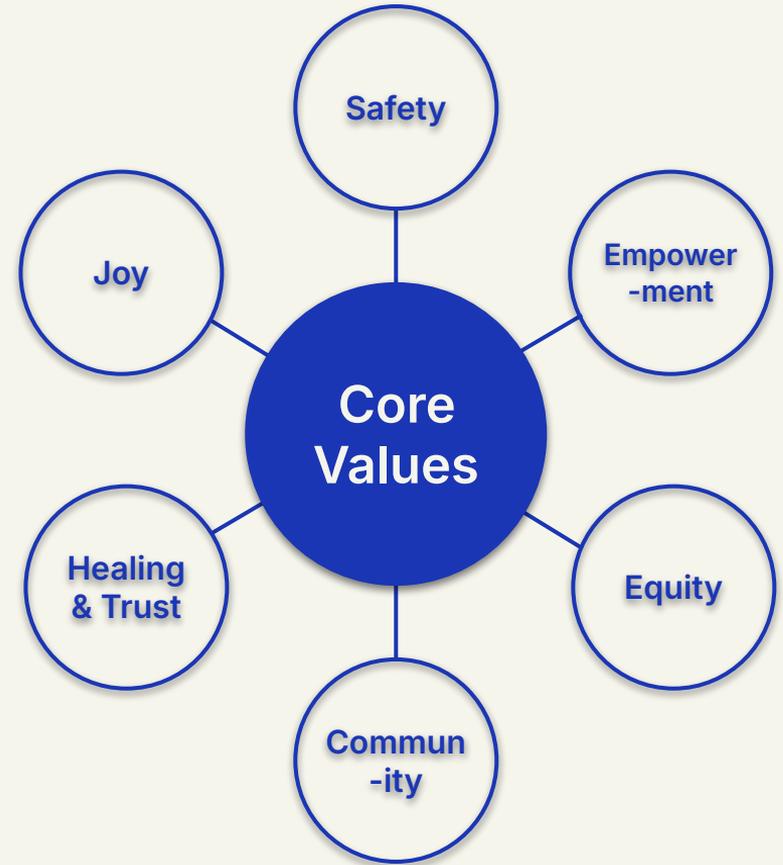
Program Leadership	
Role	Name
Program Director	Louis Michael
Assistant Director – <i>Operations & Logistics</i>	Katie Burns
Assistant Director – <i>Programming & Partnerships</i>	Rayvon Williamson
Communications & Promotion Director	Tamra Armstrong
Fundraising & Sponsorship Coordinator	Vacant
Senior Advisor – <i>Safety & Program Strategy</i>	Brenton Gerrick
Community Liason & Supporter	Councilwoman Cookie Gordon

Operations & Logistics Subcommittee		Programming & Partnerships Subcommittee	
Role	Name	Role	Name
Operations & Logistics Coordinator	Katie Burns (IHART) *Point Person	Programming & Partnerships Coordinator	Rayvon Williamson (IHART) *Point Person
Referee Coordinator	Mark Lampkin	Mentorship Coordinator	Alisha Austin (Probation)
Safety & Security Lead	Sgt. Hollis	Youth Outreach Lead	Alisha Austin (Probation)
Data & Evaluation Lead	Destany Michael	Youth Advisory Liason (Youth Role)	Marriah Virgies
General Committee Member	Celina Perez (First Chance Vallejo)	Parent/Gaurdian Engagement Liason	Jameelah Hanif (Watch Me Grow)
General Committee Member	Tamra Armstrong (Elite)	Community Partnerships Coordinator	Celina Perez (First Chance Vallejo)
General Committee Member	Dr. Ramona Bishop (Elite)	Faith-Based Community Liason	Sir Winston
General Committee Member	Tausha Johnson	Faith-Based Community Liason	Apostle Tony Summers
Sponsorship & Fundraising Subcommittee		Faith-Based Community Liason	Pastor Bryan Harris (Emmanuel Temple)
Role	Name	General Committee Member	Matt Olsen
Sponsorship & Fundraising Coordinator	Vacant	General Committee Member	Demetrius Nelson(Voices)
Fiscal Sponsor (501c3 Representative)	Mike Ioakamedis (Solano Community Foundation)	General Committee Member	Destany Michael
Fund Holder	Bryan Harris (Emmanuel Temple)	Communications & Promotion Subcommittee	
Fund Holder	Louis Michael	Role	Name
General Committee Member	Charles Davis	Communication & Promotion Director	Tamra Armstrong (Elite) *Point Person
General Committee Member	Tausha Johnson	Photography Lead	Tet Amen-Ra (California State University Maritime)
General Committee Member	Celina Perez (First Chance Vallejo)	Media Lead	Sean West (Vallejo Crime & Safety)
		General Committee Member	Jessica Tuttle
		General Committee Member	Josette Lacey (Solano Community Fund)
		General Committee Member	Izzy Drumgoole (One People Tribe)
		General Committee Member	Thomas Judt (GVRD)
		General Committee Member	Marriah Virgies

Mission & Vision

Our mission is to provide a safe, empowering, and community-centered space for Vallejo youth through basketball, mentorship, and meaningful connection — fostering leadership, wellness, and belonging on and off the court while offering positive alternatives that build trust, reduce harm, and strengthen our community.

We envision a Vallejo where every young person feels seen, supported, and inspired to thrive — where the experiences, relationships, and lessons built through Late Night Basketball extend far beyond the court, shaping a stronger, safer, and more connected community for generations to come.



Why This Matters

- Vallejo youth lack structured, safe programming, especially on weekends and evenings
- Addresses safety, wellness, mentorship, and access to resources, while centering youth leadership, voice, and empowerment.
- Connects young people with trusted adult mentors and strengthens relationships between youth and institutions
- Helps reduce harm and build a safer, more connected Vallejo
- This is more than just giving kids a basketball and a gym



Community Support & Partnerships

Letters of Support From:

- Vallejo Fire Department
- Solano County Probation
- Vallejo Police Department
- Councilmember Gordon
- Shawna Gilroy, Vallejo Chamber of Commerce
- John Garcia, Retired Vallejo Police Officer

Community Partners:

- Elite Public Schools
- Solano Community Foundation
- Touro University California – Public Health Program
- Vallejo PD, Vallejo Fire, & Solano County Sheriff
- DA's Office & Probation
- Local Rapper, Larussel
- Local businesses, community organizations, faith leaders, coaches, youth mentors, and educators.

Funding Request – \$25,000

We are requesting \$25,000 in funding from GVRD to support:

- Meals, transportation, youth incentives, and safety supplies
- Gym materials and equipment
- Promotional materials

In-Kind Support Still Valued

- We appreciate GVRD's offer of in-kind support (e.g., staffing, cones, balls)
- That support is still welcome
- But the funding is essential to launch and sustain the program
- Community is stepping up — we're asking GVRD to do the same

Budget Overview

Vallejo Late Night Basketball Estimated Costs

Contingency

3.2%

Marketing & Outreach

3.9%

Equipment & Materials

6.5%

Safety Supplies

2.3%

Media & Content

2.7%

Swag & Incentives

7.8%

Transportation Support

13.6%

Operations Staff

6.5%

Referees

5.1%

Coaches

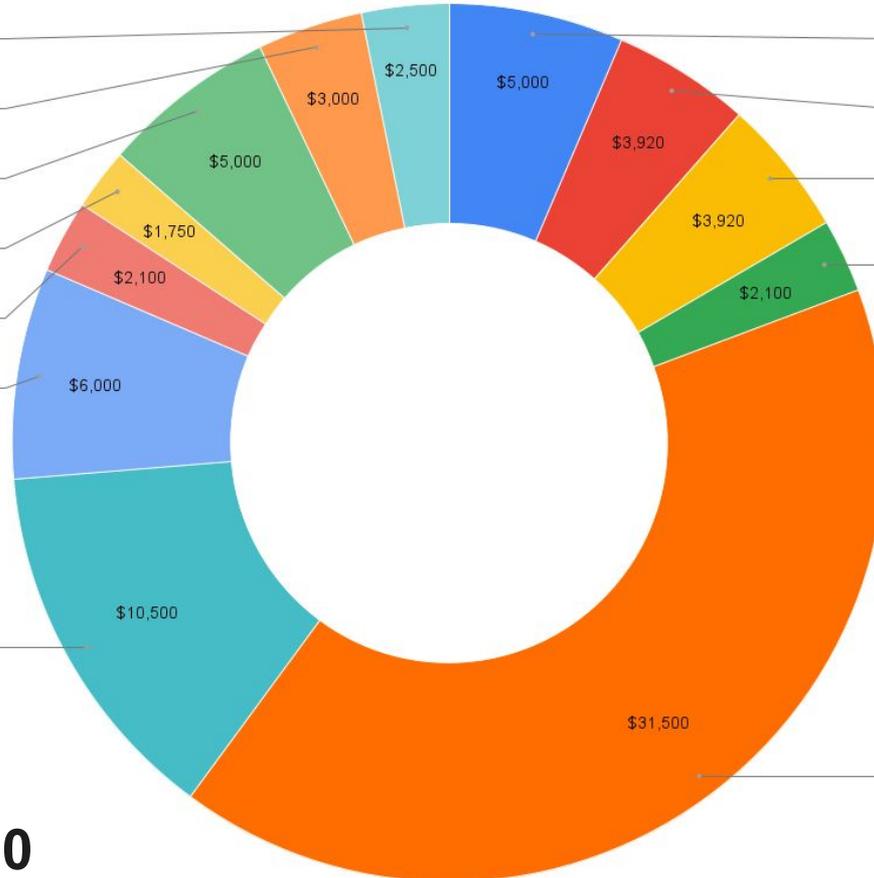
5.1%

Breakout Facilitators

2.7%

Meals & Snacks

40.8%



Total: \$78,290

Alignment with GVRD

Directly Supports GVRD's Mission & Vision

- Promotes wellness, safety, and innovative recreation for youth
- Provides structured, late-night programming during high-risk hours

Reflects GVRD's Hallmarks

- Safety: Trauma-informed environment and safety protocols, with trained volunteers and professionals
- Equity & Inclusion: Prioritizes underserved youth
- Creativity: Blends sports, mentorship, and culture
- Professionalism: Backed by credible partners and fiscal sponsor

Built on Strategic Priorities

- Expands Youth & Teen Programs — a core goal in the 10-Year Plan
- Strengthens cross-sector partnerships with schools, nonprofits, and public institutions

Help Us Bring This to Life

- Approve the full \$25,000 funding request
- Join us in delivering a safe, engaging summer for Vallejo youth
- Help us rebuild a proven program — with new leadership, strong collaboration, and community power at the center

Let's make this happen — together.



Thank you!

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