



Illustrative LOI (for reference only)

(January 2019 Recipient-Education Through Music)

(EIN #) seeks GKV Foundation support to bring dynamic music instruction to at-risk middle school students in NYC through implementing SoundTree music tech labs in two partner schools in 2019. We believe this will provide an avenue for better engaging students in music and overall learning at this transitional age.

A \$(deleted by GKV) grant would enable piloting state-of-the-art music tech labs in two middle schools, providing access to music technology educational experiences for an estimated 600 students and fostering enthusiasm at this crucial point in their educational journey. Previous research into our programming found students' interest in music decreases as they enter middle school, but that those who participate in ensembles maintain interest levels equivalent to elementary school students. However, the time and cost of ensemble membership remains prohibitive for many students, and music technology may provide a more accessible pathway to connect with these students.

The labs will offer students access to resources they would likely not have elsewhere. SoundTree microlabs are cost-effective and include midi controllers, headphones, and software and interface with Chromebooks. In addition to equipment, your support would enable curriculum design, and training and mentoring to school principals and music teachers to ensure they are set up for sustained success.

In year one, we will collect students' reports of motivation and interest in music, as well as their sense of competence, autonomy, and relatedness, and compare among students who: a) use this technology in a dedicated music-technology class; b) use it to supplement general music education or traditional ensembles; c) do not use it.

If we find the labs successful in increasing engagement, we will expand this initiative to additional schools. Since technology grants are available to many schools, we could leverage findings to help schools secure support, and scaling would not require that we purchase all equipment.

We assert that (EIN #) , the applicant, meets GKV Foundation's Minimum Requirements as stated in the GKV website.