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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MONTEREY COUNTY ANNOUNCES \$160,000 IN GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR GRASSROOTS GROUPS Required Information Session for Qualified Applicants Takes Place July 14

Monterey, CA —The Community Foundation for Monterey County has issued a request for proposal for \$160,000 in funding to be awarded to grassroots organizations that serve low-income people and communities of color in Monterey County. Four grantees will receive \$40,000 each over a two-year period to support their efforts to improve the quality of life in their communities. The grants are part of the Community Leadership Project, a three-year initiative funded by the [David and Lucile Packard Foundation](#), the [William and Flora Hewlett Foundation](#), and the [James Irvine Foundation](#).

“This is an opportunity for organizations seeking to improve conditions in low-income communities in Monterey County to receive significant support to build their capacity to make a greater impact.” says Julie Drezner, Vice President of Community Engagement at the Community Foundation for Monterey County. “These grassroots groups are often closest to the real needs in their community, but don’t have the fundraising and nonprofit management systems to allow them to move from survival to long-term sustainability, she continued.

The Request for Proposal and Application are available on the Community Foundation website, www.cfmco.org. Organizations are encouraged to review the request for proposal to determine their eligibility in advance. **All qualified organizations who are intending to apply must attend a required pre-application workshop on Wednesday, July 14** from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Quadrangle Building at 1000 South Main Street, Room 110 in Salinas. The Executive Director and

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Board Chair of the interested organizations are encouraged to attend. To confirm attendance at the workshop or for more information, please contact Ana Paz-Rangel at 831.375.9712 x122 by Friday, July 9.

Last year, in the first round of funding, a total of \$200,000 was awarded to the following five grantees: The Alisal Center for the Fine Arts, the Central Coast Center for Independent Living (CCCIL), Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA), the Second Chance Youth Program, and the Village Project, Inc.

The Community Leadership Project is a joint effort funded by the David and Lucile Packard, James Irvine, and William and Flora Hewlett foundations to strengthen grassroots organizations that serve low-income people and communities of color. The project was underwritten with \$10 million from the three foundations and targets small and mid-sized organizations in three geographic areas: the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, Central Coast and San Joaquin Valley. The Community Foundation for Monterey County is one of nine intermediary organizations that distribute grants and provide technical assistance and leadership programs to organizations serving the targeted communities.

The mission of the Community Foundation for Monterey County is to improve the quality of life in Monterey County by raising, managing, and distributing charitable funds to qualified organizations and by creating positive connections between donors and their interests. For more information, please visit www.cfmco.org or call 831.375.9712.

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