



Big Sur Relief Fund GRANT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) established the Big Sur Relief Fund in response to the need for relief and emergency assistance to individuals and families affected by the recent rain and storms. The storm damage has closed Big Sur businesses, roads and portions of Highway 1. Grants from this special purpose fund will support nonprofit organizations directly assisting local individuals and families who have been affected/displaced. The Foundation is working in close partnership with the Coast Property Owners Association to deploy resources where they are most needed.

GRANT CRITERIA

Grants are considered for the following types of activities:

Relief

Funds may be provided to organizations providing immediate direct relief to individuals impacted by the recent rain and storms that have closed Big Sur businesses, roads and portions of Highway 1.

Some possible activities might include:

- Support for food, housing and immediate needs
- Monetary compensation to those displaced or affected by the closure of businesses/employment
- Assistance to individuals to “fill in gaps” due to the loss of employment caused by the closure of Big Sur businesses.

SELECTING GRANTS

To assist with the selection of grants, a volunteer grant committee comprised of local residents from the area impacted by the Soberanes Fire and winter storms will review the applications on an as-needed basis and make recommendations to the CFMC President/CEO.

GRANT AWARDS

We expect grants to range in size from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Organizations may apply for more than one grant during the calendar year, as this fund is intended to be responsive to the ongoing needs of the community.

Eligibility:

- Grants are open to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and other public agencies serving the community affected by the winter rain and storms.
- Businesses and individuals are not eligible at this time.

Exclusions:

- Activities that are non-secular or promote a religious doctrine
- Academic or medical research
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Political or partisan purposes

CFMC does not support organizations that discriminate in their employment practices, volunteer opportunities, or delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other characteristics protected by law.

SUBMITTING A GRANT PROPOSAL

Big Sur Relief Fund grant applications can be submitted at any time while funds are still available. Grantmaking decisions will typically be made within six weeks of receipt of the proposal.

EVALUATION

Organizations that are awarded a Big Sur Relief Fund grant are encouraged to stay in close contact with the CFMC on the progress of their efforts. A final grant report will be required to share the impact of the grant.

CONTACT

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Please visit our website at www.cfmco.org/apply for the grant application, instructions and all materials needed to submit a proposal.