

2020 GRANT GUIDELINES



Southern Monterey County Foundation

an affiliate fund of the
Community Foundation for Monterey County

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN MONTEREY COUNTY FOUNDATION

Founded in 2014, the Southern Monterey County Foundation (SMCF) is an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County. Our mission is to inspire philanthropy and be a catalyst for strengthening communities throughout Southern Monterey County.

The SMCF encourages philanthropic giving and engages donors in making a difference for our communities. We provide grants to organizations that benefit the communities of Southern Monterey County, **which we define as King City and all points south, excluding the coastal region**. By strategically leveraging our donors' investments, the SMCF aims to bring about positive change for Southern Monterey County.

For more information about the Southern Monterey County Foundation, go to www.cfmco.org/smcf

SMCF GRANTS

Each year, the SMCF determines where its available grant dollars can be placed for greatest impact on our communities' highest priority needs. Using these grantmaking guidelines, the SMCF Advisory Board, made up of community volunteers, will carefully review grant applications and recommend a slate of grants once a year to the CFMC board, which has final authority in grant decisions.

Funding proposals will be considered in Fall 2020 for grantmaking priorities described below.

2020 GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES:

The SMCF seeks to support nonprofit organizations that have the leadership and capacity to provide important community resources and services in Southern Monterey County communities. In 2020, priority will be given to the following types of requests:

- Projects or programs addressing Covid 19-related needs

Preference is given to locally based organizations that have less access to other sources of support, and where a small grant can make a meaningful difference. Proposals selected for funding will demonstrate strong community support for the project or program and a viable plan for achieving results.

GRANT AWARD:

A total of \$14,000 is available in 2020. Grants are expected to range from a minimum \$500 to a maximum of \$2,000. The number and size of grants awarded may vary depending on the Advisory Board's assessment of a proposed project's impact to Southern Monterey County communities. Grant recipients will be expected to use all funds and provide a written evaluation of the project within 11 months from the grant date, which will be in November.

ELIGIBILITY:

Grants will only be considered for projects and programs serving Southern Monterey County communities. **The SMCF considers Southern Monterey County to include King City and all points south, excluding the coastal region.**

- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations
- Public programs (schools, parks, public health, etc.)
- Church-sponsored activities with benefit beyond their own membership
- Organizations and collaboratives that are not legally incorporated—for these, CFMC requires an agreement with a “Fiscal Sponsor” defined as a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization accountable for financial management of the grant.
- Organization may only submit one application. However, if an organization is serving as a fiscal sponsor for a collaborative or unincorporated group, they can also apply for a grant to benefit their organization.

WHAT GRANT FUNDS MAY SUPPORT:

- Pre-development or construction costs for facility construction or renovation
- Matching grants to leverage other funding
- Developmental costs for new programs
- Personnel expenses that relate to specific program goals
- Equipment, materials and/or facilities expenses that directly benefit participants or are an identifiable part of project

WHAT GRANT FUNDS WILL NOT SUPPORT:

- Projects that discriminate or with political or partisan purposes
- Religious activities or services that are non-secular and/or promote a religious doctrine
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Individual sports teams
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Expenses incurred prior to the grant award date
- Attendance at conferences for staff or volunteers
- Research projects
- Grants to provide college or other educational scholarships to individuals
- Grants to provide financial assistance directly to individuals

Please visit www.cfmco.org/smcf for instructions on how to apply online.

PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

FUNDING DECISIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER.

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