

The Community Foundation was established in 2000 to enhance the quality of life for residents in the Greater Orange Community. Being a part of the community means giving back to the community. The primary purpose of the **Community Grant Program** is to provide financial assistance to programs within the Greater Orange Community, supporting efforts to strengthen the community, families, and individuals, and in particular, those in need of financial assistance for social, educational, and cultural programs.

Grant Guidelines

Grants are awarded to projects that work to improve the quality of life for residents of the greater Orange community. The Foundation's goal is to support the work of a wide variety of organizations that serve our community.

The Community Foundation distributes funds broadly. It supports both established and newly formed organizations, including those in the fields of human services, arts, culture and humanities, public/society benefit, health, and education.

Grant Requirements

To be eligible for funding, the following criteria must be met:

- All applicant organizations must be located in the County of Orange, California with preference for funding given to organizations located in the City of Orange, or those who directly impact the residents of the greater Orange community.
- Any applicant organization must qualify as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

Proposals Ineligible for Funding

- Any grant/scholarship that directly or indirectly financially benefits a CFO board member.
- Religious organizations where funds would be used to further the organization's religious purposes.
- Political organizations where funds would be used to further the organization's political purposes.
- Organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, political affiliation or religious belief.
- Endowments
- Conferences or seminars
- Debt reduction
- Operating expenses

How to Apply

All grant applicants must complete an online Community Grant Program Grant Application or Field of Valor Grant Application and provide supporting documents as requested by the CFO.

Proposal Review and Approval

Each grant application is thoughtfully considered by our Grant Committee, whose recommendations are then presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

Grant Reporting Requirements

A full report of how funds were used is due within 12 months of receipt of the funds. Any funds not used for the purpose requested must be returned to the Community Foundation of Orange.

- a) The Grantee shall report to the Community Foundation of Orange once per year with the initial report required by the end of the initial grant year and prior to requesting subsequent funding.
- b) Follow up reports may be required, as determined by the Grant Committee at the time of the approval of the grant.
- c) The Grantee may be requested to report on, and discuss the results of the grant, including the program or project beyond terms of the grant payments for a reasonable time thereafter, in order to demonstrate the impact of the grant.

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