

Community Grant Policies in Santa Clara County

City	Cupertino	Campbell	Los Gatos	Mountain View	Santa Clara	San Jose	Saratoga	Sunnyvale
Policy Name	Community Funding Grant Policy	Social Service Subgrants	Community Grants	Community for All Grant <i>*One-Time Program for FY 2018-2019</i>	Community Grant Policy	Festival, Parade & Celebration Grants	Community Event Grants	Community Events Grant Program
Purpose	Provides funding to local non-profit organizations in the areas of social services, fine arts and other programs for the general public. The policy provides a framework for the City's Community Funding Grant Program and guides the administration of the program and decision-making process. It also provides guidance on key aspects of the City's Community Funding Grant Program processes including: Eligibility, Evaluation Criteria, Restrictions/Guidelines, and Procedure.	Provides grant funds to support community agencies that offer programs to serve Campbell residents. The programs fulfill a critical need that is not already provided by the City through an existing program or service. The Social Service Subgrant program provides funding for two years and applicants must specify the requested funding per year in their application.	Provides grants of Town general fund monies to projects and organizations that directly benefit the community and residents of Los Gatos.	As part of the City Council Major Goals, the Council adopted a goal that affirms Mountain View's commitment to protecting vulnerable populations and preserving the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of Mountain View. Known as "Community for All," the goal supports efforts to fund and/or improve awareness of, and access to, information and referral resources for immigrants; particularly for mixed-status families.	To establish a standardized process to award grants to qualifying nonprofit community organizations, youth athletic groups or organizations, educational groups or organizations, or individuals, for events, activities, and competitions that provide a public benefit for the City of Santa Clara and its residents.	Provides a limited number of Festival, Parade & Celebration Grant (FPC) awards each year in order to: - Expand access for all City residents to a wide range of cultural experiences in the form of community festivals, parades and celebrations; - Enhance San Jose's overall cultural environment; - Support San Jose's economic vitality; and - Increase the City's visibility and reputation as a desirable destination for visitors.	Program gives local event organizers the opportunity to seek funding for their community events and focuses in bringing residents together, building community, and establishing an identity for the City.	Program was created to support and encourage groups to build community and celebrate our unique culture by holding community events in Sunnyvale.
Eligibility	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be made or sponsored by a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with experienced members capable of implementing and managing the program/project/event. - Identify how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community. - Be awarded only once per project - For specific needs, not ongoing, operational costs. - Have more than 75% of the requested funds allocated for direct service costs versus administrative costs. - Be complete and submitted by the application deadline. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program demonstrates the community need or problem to be addressed by the proposed project. - Program serves and benefits Campbell residents. - Program serves an at-risk population. - Program does not duplicate a service already provided by the City. - Program shows a positive and measurable impact for the community. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants must be incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization - For community non-profit organizations to propose one-time funding for projects or services that have a direct impact on post-pandemic recovery and/or a need created as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic - Limit of one community grant proposal per agency/organization. Priority will be given to organizations that do not receive Town funding through other means - Proposal must directly benefit Los Gatos residents or the general community of Los Gatos - Applicants must be in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and non-discrimination requirements 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, including faith-based organizations, that serves Mountain View residents; or - Community-based organization or association in partnership with a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsorship that serves Mountain View residents. - The grant-funded project, program, or event must take place during the 2019 calendar year in the City of Mountain View and serve Mountain View residents; and - Grant recipients are responsible for the implementation of the project, program, or event and must have the authority and capacity to complete the funded activity. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides a benefit to Santa Clara residents - If the grant is for an event, then the event will be open to the general public and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic under state or federal law - Aligns with established Council goals - Grant funds will not be used for political or religious purposes - If the event or activity is a fundraising event, that the proceeds from the fundraising activity will support programs, services or events for residents of the City of Santa Clara 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Designated as a 501(c) not-for-profit public benefit corporation in good standing; - One year history of events programming in San Jose at the time of application; - Organization's event takes place during July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 in the city of San Jose and has cash expenses of at least \$5,000; - Organization's event is not conducted primarily as a fundraiser and is not intended to convey a religious message nor advocate a political position; and - Organization a) is not a division/department within the City of San Jose; and b) will not fund the event with a take pART Grant from the City of San Jose. 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event is located in Saratoga - Event is free and open to the public - Event is volunteer-led - Event concentrates on Saratoga's character, diversity, or history - Event celebrates the community, not limited to a small group (such as a reunion) - \$1 million liability coverage for event is required 	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The sponsoring organizations must be nonprofit or not-for-profit. Applicants must attach a copy of nonprofit documentation if the organization has such documentation. - All proposed events must: be held within Sunnyvale City limits, be of a citywide nature, serve the greater community, be free and open to the public, and occur between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Note: priority may be given to events that demonstrate capacity to serve at least 500 people. - The event should encourage celebrations of community which focus on the character, diversity and quality of Sunnyvale and provide vitality and identity to the community. - Priority will be given to encourage new event applications as well as supporting existing events that have been highly successful in the past, subject to other grant criteria. - Community event grant funding from the City will represent no more than 40 percent of the total event budget, including the value of in-kind goods and services but excluding the value of volunteer time.
Evaluation Criteria	<p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact on and benefit to the Cupertino community - Community need for the program/project/event - Alignment with City mission and values - Uniqueness of the program/project/event - Qualifications and experience of the organization and its members - Reasonable cost - Demonstrated effort to secure funding from other sources and/or establishing partnerships with other community or city organizations - Clarity, completeness, and accuracy of grant application - Past performance and compliance with requirements if a recurring applicant - Applications will be sorted into two categories (New applicant and Past recipients) - Applications in each category will be evaluated using a tiered structure based on the dollar amount requested for award as follows: < \$999.99 \$1,000.00 - \$4,999.99 \$5,000.00 – \$9,999.99 \$10,000.00 - \$20,000.00 	N/A	<p>Criteria:</p> <p>Applications will be ranked and evaluated based on the scoring rubric.</p> <p>Grant Scoring Rubric - Scored on a scale (exemplary, good, needs improvement, and evidence not demonstrated/disqualifying if received in any one category). Criteria Categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-pandemic recovery or need related to COVID-19 pandemic - Community Impact - Organizational Background - Approach - Budget Analysis - Feasibility - Assessment/Evaluation 	<p>Criteria:</p> <p>Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:</p> <p>Project Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information and Referral: How does the project, program, or event provide access to information or referral services for immigrant communities? - Benefit: How many people and/or which populations are expected to benefit from the project or event? Does the project fill a gap in services or address an identified need? - Diversity: Does the project or event help to preserve the socioeconomic and cultural diversity of the Mountain View community? - Number of Mountain View residents served. <p>Project/Event Design: Is the project or event well planned and conceptualized? Is there a high likelihood of success? Does the applicant have experience in providing similar projects?</p> <p>Values: Does the project demonstrate close alignment to City values of respect, inclusivity, and preserving cultural diversity?</p>	<p>Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants submit timely and complete grant applications to the City Manager's Office for review - City Manager's Office reviews application for compliance with eligibility criteria and availability of funds. City Manager may seek additional information from applicant as necessary. - If an application is approved by the City Manager's Office, then the approved application marked accordingly shall be transmitted to the applicant with additional instructions, if any. - If an application is not approved by the City Manager's Office, the City Manager shall notify the applicant in writing. 	<p>Criteria:</p> <p>Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria, in the context of the applicant's overall goals and the purpose and goals of Festival, Parade and Celebration Grants Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Event narrative & cultural, historical and/or neighborhood significance 30% - Communications (marketing and outreach) and attendance 30% - Financial and budgetary capabilities/leveraging of City funding 20% - Ability to produce a well-planned and safe event 10% - Economic impact 10% <p>Rating System: 10- point scale - An application must receive an overall score of at least 75 points in order for the panel to consider it for funding. However, achieving a score of at least 75 points does not guarantee that the Panel will recommend an application for funding, as funds may not be sufficient to recommend a grant for all applicants that score above the minimum threshold.</p>	N/A	<p>Criteria:</p> <p>The CENGP Subcommittee will review each application and may choose to contact the applicant for more information or clarification regarding the details of the application during the review period and/or request an interview with any applicant. City Council will make final funding decisions by January 2022 and grant applicants will be notified, in writing within 10 days.</p> <p>Fundraiser events are not eligible for grant funding. A "fundraiser" is defined as any event that solicits funds from attendees either through direct ticket sales or asking for a donation. Events that are free and open to the public that include passive, purely optional opportunities for donations to other community nonprofit organizations, such as canned food or school supply drives or voluntary donation jars on exhibitor tables, are not considered fundraisers. Under no circumstances shall event sponsors, partners or participants seek funds in the form of raffie tickets, silent auction bids or items of similar intent.</p>
Restrictions and Guidelines	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An organization that is applying for multiple grants shall only submit one application. - Proceeds generated from the funded activity may only be used for the conducted activity. - If requested, recipients must provide full financial statements for the organization. - Admission to or participation in the event must be "free of charge" for Cupertino residents unless stated in the application and approved by Parks & Recreation Commission. - If an applicant makes a grant request directly to a member of the City Council, whether individually or as a group, the Council shall refer the applicant to the Parks and Recreation Department for a Grant application to be reviewed in accordance with this policy. - Grant recipients shall acknowledge the City contribution in formal promotional materials and efforts related to the funded activity. Any use of the City logo must be approved by the City's Communications Officer. 	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Civic Improvement Commission (CIC) is responsible for making recommendations to Council on allocating the City's Social Service Subgrant funds. - The CIC will manage the Social Services Subgrant allocation based on the budget approved by City Council. - During the two-year funding cycle the City reserves the right to reduce funding levels should the City's operating budget be constrained. - Performance Reports are required annually and reviewed by the Commission. 	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application does not commit the Town to award a contract, pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the application, or procure or contract for services or supplies. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject an or all applications received, to negotiate with all qualified applicants, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the community grant program if it is in the best interest of the Town. The Town may also negotiate with qualified agencies to meet community need. 	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant proposals need to demonstrate a focus on one or more of the following areas: - Improving awareness of, and access to, information and referral resources for immigrant communities. - Building community and helping to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for immigrant communities. <p>The Community for All Grant will not fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Political and organization fundraising campaigns - Lobbying efforts - Marketing of products or technologies - Costs for preparing or submitting a grant application - Endowment campaigns - Alcoholic beverages <p>All groups or organizations receiving Community for All grants will be required to enter into an agreement with the City of Mountain View concerning the use of grant funds and term of grant funding.</p>	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the applicant has received a grant for an event/activity other than competition attendance, then applicant shall submit proof that the grant funds have been spent in the manner and for the purposes stated on the application within thirty (30) days after the event/activity. - If the applicant has received a grant for competition attendance, then proof of all allowable expenses actually incurred, as well as allocation of grant funds, shall be submitted to the City Manager's Office by the applicant within thirty (30) days after the competition. - If an applicant makes a grant request directly to a member of the City Council, whether individually or as a group, the Council shall refer the applicant to the City Manager's Office for application and review in accordance with this policy. - Staff shall report any distributions in accordance with applicable tax law. 	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant awards are intended to serve as partial support for events. Grant requests: - Must not exceed 50 percent of the proposed event's expenses and, due to limited funds, grant awards will usually be significantly less. - Must be a minimum of \$2,500, which means that an event must have expenses of at least \$5,000 to be eligible. - Must be between \$2,500 and \$5,000 if the proposed event has not been produced in the last five years. <p>Grant funds must be used for event-related expenses only and not for a previous year's operating deficit, administrative costs, or other organizational costs unrelated to production of the event or for any capital equipment purchases. No part of the grant shall be used to promote or inhibit religion nor for any political advocacy.</p>	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant funding may be used for: - City-related fees (such as park rental or permit costs) - Contract services - Event materials - Permits - Supplies - Grants are issued upon a reimbursement basis. Funding sources in addition to the grant are encouraged. <p>Insurance Coverage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All event organizers who receive funding through the Community Event Grant Program must obtain event liability insurance coverage in the amount of at least \$1 million. The insurance coverage will name the City of Saratoga, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insured. Event organizers must provide a "Certificate of Insurance" with "Additional Insured Endorsement" to the City prior to holding the event. 	<p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds may be granted to religious organizations if the funds are not used for a religious purpose including for the promotion of any sect, church, creed, or sectarian organization, nor to conduct any religious service or ceremony. This eligibility criterion is an attempt to preserve separation of church and state while still allowing religious organizations to be eligible for grant funds. - Organizations that are collaborating with the City in co-sponsoring an event are eligible to apply for grant funding, however, grant funds can only be used to defray expenses incurred by the co-sponsoring organization(s) rather than the City. - Grants will not be awarded to organizations owing a debt to the City. - Grants will not be awarded to individuals. - The sponsoring organization must demonstrate the ability to produce a well-planned, safe event and demonstrate strong financial management and effective management controls, including cost-effectiveness. - Organizations must be able to communicate the public purpose of their proposed event or service. Some factors that demonstrate the purpose of your event may include: Whether the proposed project/service compliments or enhances a service that the City also provides. When there is an identifiable secondary, or indirect, benefit to
Funds Available	Total: \$70,000 - \$90,000 Grant shall not exceed \$20,000 per applicant, per year	N/A	Total: \$80,000 Grant shall not exceed \$10,000 each	Total: \$60,000 Grant shall not exceed \$10,000 each	Grant shall not exceed \$10,000 each	Up to 50% of total event expenses	Grants shall not exceed \$2,000 per event	Total: \$34,000 Up to 40% of total event expenses
Funding (Provided Upfront or Reimbursement)	Upfront	N/A	N/A	Reimbursed	N/A	N/A	Reimbursed	Reimbursed

Notes/Comments	<p>Applications are due by February 1.</p> <p>- Applicants will be expected to reimburse the City any funding awarded and not used for their program/project/event.</p>	<p>Applications open for two Fiscal Years/Funding Cycles at a time</p>		<p>Applications are reviewed by the City Manager's Office staff for completeness and conformance to guidelines and will present recommendations to the Human Relations Commission. The Human Relations Commission will evaluate grant requests and make funding recommendations to the Mountain View City Council for approval. The City Council will have the sole discretion to approve or not approve grant awards.</p>	<p>If the activity being funded is individual or group attendance at a youth competition or performance, then the applicant must demonstrate that the activity being funded by the City's grant will satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding the activity provides a benefit to Santa Clara residents, students or schools - Contributes positively to the recognition and image of the City of Santa Clara - Aligns with established Council goals - Grant funds will not be used for political or religious purposes - The grant funds requested will only be used for a specific state, national, or international title or performance - The grant funds requested do not exceed 20% of the allowable expenses (registration, hotel, transportation, and food) and comport with the other requirements stated in the application - Individuals, teams or groups should either be from Santa Clara schools or have at least 50% of the students from the teams or groups be residents in the City of Santa Clara - The student-to-coach/chaperone ratio is six students to one coach/chaperone 		<p>City Council also sets aside funding to help a local organization pay for the cost of closing down Big Basin Way for a community event. This Street Closure Grant is separate from the Community Event Grant and is awarded to only one organization.</p>	<p>Grant recipients must attempt to expend all grant funding within City limits. Grant funds must be used only for the event applied for, but may be used for any costs, including costs payable to the City. The City will not waive any fees for services associated with the event.</p>
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Cities that do NOT have Community Grants: Los Altos

Cities reached out to and have not heard back from: Gilroy, Milpitas, Palo Alto