

Fiscal Policies – Community Funding Policy

PURPOSE

The City of Cupertino currently provides funding to local non-profit organizations in the areas of social services, fine arts and other programs for the general public. This policy establishes a standard application process whereby funding decisions of non-profit requests can be addressed on a fair and consistent basis by establishing a set of criteria for evaluating requests, ensuring that all entities follow a formal application process and pre-approving a dollar limit for those requests.

SCOPE

All requests for funding must comply with this policy.

POLICY

The applicant should identify the services provided, purpose for the funds, how the expenditure aligns to City priorities and how the funds will be used to benefit the Cupertino community.

A recurring organization should state how prior year funds, if any, were used.

The applicant should include information about the organization, its budget and its purpose.

Non-profit organizations which serve multi-jurisdictions should state what they have requested from other cities/organizations they service in regards to this program request.

Cupertino does not fund ongoing operational costs. Requests should be for one-time, project specific needs.

The organization must show that their staff has the experience to implement and manage the project. More than 75% of the budget must go to direct service costs versus administrative costs.

Staff should include all requests and funding recommendations for Council consideration.

Non-profits will be notified of our process in advance and no proposals will be entertained after **March 1 of each year.**

City Council will make the final decision as part of the budget process.