

Lodi Community Foundation Grants Program 2024

San Joaquin Community Foundation

Program Overview and Information

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The **LODI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** is pleased to invite eligible 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations serving Lodi area residents to apply for funding for its 2024 grants cycle. The Board of Directors of the Lodi Community Foundation (LCF) recognizes that Lodi and its surrounding areas are a community with diverse and everchanging needs, and one in which philanthropy can make an impact through strategic grantmaking. To further LCF's mission to build a stronger community through leveraging its own resources for strategically focused grantmaking, the LCF Board has allocated funding in 2024 from its Field of Interest Fund to support special projects, programs and/or initiatives serving residents in our community.

FUNDING FOR 2024

The LCF Board has committed a total of \$20,000 for this grants program in 2024. The maximum grant amount an applicant may request under this program is **\$5,000**, although applicants may request less than the maximum amount.

TIMEFRAME FOR USING GRANT MONIES

The timeframe to expend grant monies is December 1, 2024 - November 30, 2025.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Those organizations receiving grant awards will be required to provide a brief twelve-month closeout report on the outcome of the grant, including a report of how funds were spent. Pictures related to the use of grant funds will also be requested as part of reporting, where applicable.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- All clearly stated, and reasonable expenses necessary to meet the outcomes of the proposed project/program will be considered
- Up-to 15% of the grant may be used for administrative fees

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Fundraising events and/or fundraising activities
- General operating support
- Debt obligations

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

LCF will consider requests for funding from the following organizations:

- Nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, classified as a public charity, not as a “private foundation” under section 509(a), and are designated a 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization; and
- Serving Lodi area residents.

At this time, requests for funding will not be accepted from local government entities/agencies, or local public education agencies such as K-12 public school districts, community colleges, and public universities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

LCF will accept applications from eligible organizations that propose projects or activities that support community-based initiatives in the Lodi area. The LCF Board anticipates receiving more requests than there is funding available. Due to limited funding, the review committee will take into consideration the following in its decision-making process:

- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** – Request, impact, and use of funds is clearly stated and understood
- **BUDGET** – Budget is reasonable, and clearly itemized and stated with a realistic timeline for expending funds
- **COST EFFECTIVE** – Use of grants funds is a good financial investment with a high benefit for the cost
- **SERVICE AREA** – Serving residents of Lodi and/or its immediate surrounding areas
- **FEASIBILITY** – Programs/projects with the highest likelihood of success
- **SUSTAINABILITY** – Having a lasting and measurable impact
- **COMPLETED** – All questions in the application are answered and complete
- **OTHER** - other considerations above and beyond those listed will also be given weight

SUBMISSION REVIEW TIMELINE

Below are the approximate dates for submission, review, and awarding of grant funds. The Foundation will contact applicants by email regarding the outcome of the review committee's decision.

- **Grant Proposal Submission Due Date** - Grant proposals must be submitted on or before Friday, October 11, 2024, 5:00pm (Pacific Standard Time).
- **Grant Proposal Review (Approximate)** - Applicants can expect to be notified of the outcome of their requests by November 30, 2024.

- **Date Funds Available (Approximate)** - Grant funding will be made available by December 31, 2024.

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for technical assistance with using our online grant portal, including any questions about the Lodi Community Foundation Grants Program, must be submitted in writing by e-mail to GLorente@sanjoaquinconf.org with the subject line “Lodi Community Foundation Grants Program.”

ABOUT THE LODI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

LCF is an affiliate of San Joaquin Community Foundation– a relationship between our two Foundations to enhance our collective impact in our local community. The mission of LCF is to advocate and facilitate charitable giving to create lasting legacies that build a stronger Lodi community. For more information, visit www.lodicommunityfoundation.org.

Project Description

Name of applicant organization*

Please state the name of the applicant organization applying for grant funding. If this project involves multiple organizations, please state the name of the lead organization. This is the legal name associated with your 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Character Limit: 100

Organization mission*

What is your organizations mission statement?

Character Limit: 250

Organization’s total operating budget*

What is the total operating budget of the applicant organization (most recent fiscal year)?

Choices

- \$0 - \$24,999
- \$25,000 - \$99,000
- \$100,000- \$249,999
- \$250,000 - \$499,999
- \$500,000 - \$999,999
- More than \$1,000,000

Geographic area(s) served*

Please mark all applicable areas that the proposed project will serve.

Choices

- Acampo
- Lockeford

Lodi
Woodbridge
Other

If you marked “other” in the previous question, please include what other is here.
If you did not mark other above, skip this question.

Character Limit: 250

Area of Focus*

Please check the box below next to the area(s) of focus your organization addresses (check all that apply.)

Choices

- Animal Welfare
- Arts & Culture
- Children & Youth
- Crisis Support (including domestic violence)
- Education
- Environment
- Family Services (including childcare)
- Food Security
- Health & Well-Being
- Healthcare Access (including behavioral health)
- Homelessness & Housing
- Racial & Social Justice
- Religious
- Social & Legal Services
- Veterans
- Women & Families
- Workforce Development & Employment Training
- Other

If you marked “other” in the previous question, please describe what "other" is here.

If you did not mark other above, skip this question.

Character Limit: 250

Amount of funding requested.*

What is the amount of funding being requested? The maximum grant amount an applicant may request under this program is \$5,000, although applicants may request less than the maximum amount.

Character Limit: 20

If you don't receive full funding through this grant request, will the project still happen?*

Choices

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Are there matching funds for this request?*

Matching funds are not a requirement for this grant program. Your response to this question will help to inform our board if nonprofits serving the Lodi area are utilizing matching funds and/or have access or knowledge of matching opportunities. For purposes of this question, we are only seeking input on monetary matching funds (not in-kind support). Thank you!

Choices

- Yes, we will have and/or use this grant for matching funds
- No, this request will not use matching funds

Amount of individuals to be served*

Please approximate how many individuals will be directly served with these funds during the time period December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2023.

Character Limit: 250

Project and funding request in brief*

Please provide the review committee a brief and succinct description of your request summarizing how these grant funds would be used and what populations will be served. You will be able to provide a line-item breakdown of the actual budget in the next question.

Character Limit: 2500

Project budget*

Please provide a line-item breakdown of how grant funds would be used. This may be a single line-item in some cases, or several line-items in other cases. Please use general categories only. Do not provide a detailed shopping list of every single item to be purchased for a project or program. The budget should be aligned with the funding request in the previous question.

Character Limit: 750

Applicant Acknowledgement

Acknowledgment*

Please mark here to indicate that the applicant has read and understands the Lodi Community Foundation's Grants Program and Eligibility Criteria, is aware that not all applicants will receive funding, and declare that the information contained in this Grant Request is true and correct.

Choices

The applicant hereby acknowledges the above