



CALIFORNIA
COMMUNITY

- Founded in 1915
- \$191 million in total grants to nonprofits last year
 - \$17 million from CCF
 - \$146 million from CCF donors
 - \$5 million in scholarships
 - \$22 million to supporting organizations and special projects
- 1550 unique charitable funds

Grantmaking Overview

Competitive
Grants

Donor advised
Grants

- **Competitive grants** are awarded to organizations that seek to meet an identified community need and that match the goals, objectives and priorities of the foundation. Competitive grants are awarded through a Letter of Intent and application process.
- **Donor advised grants** are awarded by individual donors/funds with specific preferences for their

Program Area Goals

- Arts
 - Increase the participation of diverse, ethnic, and low-income individuals and communities in the arts.
- Human Development
 - Increase the ability of aging adults and youth transitioning out of the foster care system to become self-sufficient, live independently and build connections with the community.
- Education
 - Increase PreK-5 student achievement in literacy and math among low-income, minority and English learner students.
- Health Care
 - Increase access to a regular, sustainable source of quality health care for low-income adults and children.
- Neighborhood Revitalization
 - Create stable and livable communities for low-income residents.

Types of Support

Four types of competitive grants:

- 1) **Core operating** – Unrestricted funding; supports the overall work of the organization
- 2) **Capacity building** – Helps organizations plan for long-term growth; limited to specific activities such as strategic planning, training and technical assistance, board and staff development, etc.
- 3) **Policy analysis and advocacy** – Supports nonpartisan studies, public awareness campaigns
- 4) **Capital projects** – One-time funding for purchase, renovation or new construction of facilities

* Average grant awards are between \$50,000 to \$100,000

Special Grant Programs

- Dolphin Change Fund
- Fedco Charitable Trust Foundation
- Thelma Pearl Howard Foundation

- Arts
 - Fellowship for Visual Artists
 - Capacity Building Initiative

- Health Care
 - Centinela Medical Funds

- Education
 - Education Collaborative

- Human Development
 - Best Care Initiative

- Other:
 - Preschool Advocacy
 - Immigrant Integration
 - Community Experience Partnership (CEP)

Soliciting A Grant

Step 1: Submit Letter of Intent (LOI)

Program Officer review/evaluation
(approximately 8 weeks)

Step 2: Submit Proposal (following invitation)

Program Officer review/evaluation (4 – 5 months)

- * Recommendations reviewed by the Board in March, June and October.
- * Refer to the timeline on the Competitive Grantmaking page on the CCF Website for schedule of grant application/review cycles.

Step 1:
Review CCF website and
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TOP NEWS ITEMS

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LOI Checklist

- A completed LOI Form (LOI word document)
- Strategic Plan or Business Plan
- Geographic Coding Form (PDF)
- If you are applying for capacity building, capital project policy/advocacy support, include a copy of your project budget and project schedule.
- Submit the completed forms as email attachments to grantsmanager@ccf-la.org.
- To contact the grants specialists, call the grants

Timeline

LOI Submission Window Timeline	LOI Review and Notification Period	Review by of Direct
April 1 - April 30	8 - 10 weeks	October
August 1 - August 30	8 - 10 weeks	March
December 1 - December 31	8 - 10 weeks	June