

### **ABOUT**

The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) established the Supporting Our Neighbors Fund to assist nonprofit organizations providing support for individuals and families facing urgent needs due to immigration and policy-related concerns. Areas of support that the fund will address include community outreach, legal assistance, community education about immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights, basic needs, and access to mental and physical health services. The grant guidelines are subject to change to be flexible and responsive to needs as they arise.

### **GRANT CRITERIA**

At this time, grants from the fund will be considered for specific types of activities in Monterey County. Grants are not available to replace the loss of funds (operating or program) due to policy changes or budget cuts.

1. Community Outreach and Education
  - a. Continued community training on Know Your Rights (KYR) and family safety planning
2. Family Support
  - a. Connection to community resources including legal assistance and basic needs
  - b. Mental Wellness
    - i. Training and Technical Assistance for providers
    - ii. Wellness care for providers
    - iii. Training materials
3. Rapid Response Network
  - a. Training of Trainers for Know Your Rights (KYR)
  - b. Training of Trainers and management of Legal Observers
  - c. Maintaining the 24/7 rapid response line
  - d. Supplies and equipment for volunteers
4. Policy and Advocacy
  - a. Support for local, state and federal policy changes related to immigrant and LGBTQ+ rights

### **SELECTING GRANTS**

We understand the needs will exceed the available funds. The Foundation will invite organizations to apply due to limited funding. Applications will be reviewed by CFMC staff for approval by the CFMC President/CEO.

### **GRANT AWARDS**

Generally, grants will range in size from \$10,000 to \$30,000. There may be other grants that are outside this range due to specific programmatic needs, which the foundation will coordinate. Organizations may apply for more than one grant during the calendar year, as this fund is intended to be responsive to the ongoing needs of the community.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Grants are open to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and other public agencies serving the community and will be limited to invitation-only applicants.

- Organizations that would like to be considered to apply should contact CFMC staff.
- Businesses and individuals are not eligible.

#### **Exclusions:**

- Activities that are non-secular or promote a religious doctrine
- Academic or medical research
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Political or partisan purposes
- Unincorporated groups
- Fiscally sponsored groups

*CFMC does not support organizations that discriminate in their employment practices, volunteer opportunities, or delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other characteristics protected by law.*

## **SUBMITTING A GRANT PROPOSAL**

1. Organizations invited by CFMC staff to apply for a grant will be provided an access code to submit a grant application through the [CFMC's online grant manager](#)
2. Review the grant page and guidelines: [cfmco.org/SupportingOurNeighborsGrants](http://cfmco.org/SupportingOurNeighborsGrants)
3. [Apply](#)

Supporting Our Neighbors Fund grant applications can be submitted at any time while funds are available. Grantmaking decisions will typically be made as soon as possible after receipt of a complete application. Organizations that are awarded a grant are encouraged to stay in close contact with the CFMC on the progress of their efforts. A final grant report will not be required.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [CFMC Supporting Our Neighbors Grant Page](#)

## **CONTACT**

If you have questions about the Supporting Our Neighbors Fund grantmaking process after reviewing the guidelines and application instructions, please contact Michael Castro, Director of Community Initiatives and Partnerships, [michaelc@cfmco.org](mailto:michaelc@cfmco.org) or 831.375.9712 x 127.

*Note: contact by email is preferred.*

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