

# San Diego Gas & Electric Community Assistance Fund



## Funding Opportunity

With the Community Assistance Fund, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) provides much-needed basic needs support to families and individuals in the SDG&E service territory of San Diego County and South Orange County\*.

Please note that this is a separate initiative from SDG&E's bill relief program. Individuals seeking bill relief should refer to SDG&E's [Neighbor-To-Neighbor Program](#).

SDG&E, through the SDG&E Community Investment Fund at San Diego Foundation, will provide a transformational level of support to community-based organizations across the region, allowing them to expand the reach and impact of critical services.

SDG&E seeks to support trusted social service organizations with significant programmatic reach and the organizational capacity to quickly utilize funding for the expansion of direct-service work to benefit communities. Funding can be used flexibly across basic needs programs.

In consultation with local experts and leaders, SDG&E has identified the following priorities for this grant initiative, and we would like to know about your work in these areas in particular.

### Priority focus areas include:

- Housing and rental assistance, focused on short-term assistance to prevent evictions (not to include homeless shelters and services)
- Food security, including emergency food assistance and access/enrollment in permanent assistance programs

### SDG&E seeks to support diverse underserved communities. Priority populations include:

- Low-income individuals and families
- Older adults
- Communities of concern (any geographic unit with a population experiencing poverty that is higher than a certain threshold)

### This initiative will not support:

- Payments on existing debt
- Endowments

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- Regranting programs
- Research
- Capital projects or building campaigns
- Pilot programs, unless they represent an expansion of an organization's existing work
- Programs whose beneficiaries are outside of San Diego County and South Orange County

SDG&E will award \$10 million in total funding, with grant awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million. SDG&E intends to provide flexible funding that can be used across different programs to benefit communities. A portion of each grant will be available to use for organizational capacity building.

SDG&E is currently accepting Letters of Interest for this grant opportunity. Qualified organizations that align with the purpose of this initiative will be invited to submit a proposal in May.

For questions, please contact [SDGEGrant@sdfoundation.org](mailto:SDGEGrant@sdfoundation.org).

\*South Orange County zip codes to include only 92624, 92629, 92637, 92651, 92653, 92656, 92672, 92673, 92675, 92677, 92679, 92688, 92691, 92692, 92692.

## How To Apply

[Apply via the San Diego Foundation \(SDF\) grants portal.](#)

SDF has introduced a new grant application portal to submit your grant application(s). Whether you have submitted an SDF grant application in previous years or not, all nonprofit applicants are required to create a new user account to submit your application.

After creating your account, click the "Apply" button to access the application. For additional guidance regarding creating a new user account, [please see this tutorial](#).

**LOI Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. PDT, Friday, April 14, 2023.**

To review the application questions in advance of creating an account, you may view the [LOI application questions](#). We will only accept applications submitted through the grant application portal linked above.

## Grant Criteria & Eligibility

Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status, located in and serving San Diego County and/or select ZIP codes in South Orange County.

### Eligibility

- Applications will only be accepted from nonprofits with 501(c)(3) public charity status, operating in and serving San Diego County or select South Orange County ZIP codes.

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- Grant funds must be expended within a 12-month timeline for the purposes outlined above.
- Initiative will not fund payments on existing debt, regranting programs, endowments, research, capital projects or organizations that are outside of SDG&E’s San Diego/South Orange County service area.

### Recommendations

- Clearly articulate the organization’s current work in the priority focus areas.
- Demonstrate the organization’s capacity (based on budget, staff size and current programmatic reach) to quickly utilize funding to provide direct basic needs support to priority populations.
- Use bullet points and lists as possible in LOI responses, rather than paragraphs, to provide an overview of your work and reach.

### Timeline

Dates after April 14, 2023, are subject to change.

<b>April 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m. PDT</b>	LOI Deadline
<b>May 3, 2023</b>	Applicants notified, proposal opens for invited applicants
<b>May 24, 2023, 5:00 p.m. PDT</b>	Proposal Deadline
<b>June 2023 (TBD)</b>	Applicants notified

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# San Diego Gas & Electric Community Assistance Fund LOI Questions

\*Required fields

## Eligibility

Is your organization a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) or an equivalent tax-exempt status?\*

### Choices

- Yes
- No

EIN / Tax ID Number\*

*Character Limit: 10*

Does your organization deliver services within San Diego County and/or South Orange County?\*

### Choices

- Yes
- No

## Organization Information

As part of this application, we are interested in learning more about the mission, size and service area of your organization.

Organization Name\*

*Character Limit: 100*

Mission statement and brief organizational overview\*

*Character Limit: 1500*

Most recent year's operating budget\*

Note that, given the size of grants and the goal for this funding to be used quickly to benefit communities, organizations with budgets of under \$1 million are unlikely to be funded.

*Character Limit: 20*

Number of full-time employees\*

Please only include employees in San Diego and/or Orange County.

*Character Limit: 4*

## Geographic area served by your organization\*

*Character Limit: 350*

## Are you applying on behalf of a collaborative?\*

### Choices

- Yes
- No

If yes, please list the organizations included in your collaborative application

*Character Limit: 300*

## Letter of Interest Narrative

### Please describe the basic needs services that your organization currently provides.\*

Particularly housing/rental assistance and food security as described in the Grant Guidelines. Use bullet points and lists when possible. Include the number of individuals or families served by the work described.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Briefly describe the urgent/unmet needs that the above programs serve to address.\*

*Character Limit: 1000*

## Region(s) Served\*

SDG&E intends to support communities across the service area with this initiative. Please check the communities that are primarily served by the basic needs work described above. Check all that apply.

### Choices:

- Central San Diego
- East San Diego County
- North San Diego County
- South San Diego County
- South Orange County

## Region(s) Served Detail

If applicable, please list more specific neighborhoods/communities served by this work.

*Character Limit: 300*

### Describe the underserved populations that your programs serve.\*

Example: Low-income families, older adults, other communities of concern.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### **Amount requested\***

You may change this funding request when submitting a full proposal, if invited to do so. Grant awards will range from \$250,000 - \$1 million.

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Would your organization be able to expend grant funding within 12 months?\***

The purpose of this initiative is to provide rapid relief to benefit vulnerable families and individuals.

#### **Choices**

- Yes
- No

**Thank you for your application. We will contact you in early May for next steps.**