

# San Diego Flood Response Fund Grant Guidelines



## About the San Diego Flood Response Fund

On Jan. 25, 2024, San Diego Foundation announced the launch of the [San Diego Flood Response Fund](#) to rapidly deploy flexible resources into the community and support organizations responding to the unprecedented flooding in San Diego County. The fund will receive donations and make emergency grants to nonprofit service organizations engaged in disaster response and relief. The San Diego Flood Response Fund does not grant directly to individuals or families, but to the nonprofit organizations that serve individuals and families.

## The Funding Opportunity

San Diego Flood Response Fund (SDFRF) supports nonprofits that are directly helping local community members impacted by the flood.

At this time, SDFRF does not provide grants to nonprofit organizations seeking support for facility damages incurred due to flooding. The San Diego Flood Response Fund does not grant directly to for-profit businesses, individuals or families. SDFRF provides grants to the nonprofit organizations that serve individuals and families by providing the following services to those impacted by the recent storm:

- Housing vouchers or other methods of housing assistance
- Transportation vouchers or other methods of transportation assistance
- Goods and supplies (clothing, furniture, personal protective equipment (PPE), diapers, etc.)
- Food
- Legal assistance and support for individuals navigating eviction notices
- Navigation assistance for individuals dealing with damage claims or related issues
- Support in the reconstruction process
- Other relevant services

Nonprofits that apply should exhibit an immediate ability to support those impacted by the recent flooding and demonstrate existing trust-based relationships within the communities served, or a proven ability to provide emergency assistance.

## Background

The City and County of San Diego, along with Gov. Gavin Newsom, have declared a state of emergency regarding this January's flooding. Damages are estimated at millions of dollars and potentially hundreds of San Diegans are without homes. Some of the most acute flooding and damage occurred in communities in National City, Spring Valley and southeastern San Diego, including Mountain View, Southcrest, Logan Heights and Encanto.

## How To Apply

To access the application, please log in or create an account on the SDF grant portal and click the “Apply” button. For additional guidance regarding creating a new user account, please see [this tutorial](#).

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## Eligibility

- Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status, operating in and serving San Diego County.
- A 501(c)(3) public charity may serve as a fiscal sponsor for another applicant to administer the grant and provide regular financial reporting to SDF.
- Projects must be completed within a 6-month timeline.
- Previous recipients of SDF grants are eligible to apply.
- San Diego Foundation will not fund endowments, existing obligations/debt, scholarships, or projects that promote religious or political doctrines.
- Projects must expand care for low-to-moderate income communities and/or populations experiencing health disparities or negative social determinants of health, such as housing and food insecurity, unemployment, racism, discrimination, and violence.

## Recommendations

- Organizations should exhibit immediate ability to support individuals and families impacted by the recent floods.
- Show potential for community impact.
- Exhibit organizational strength, past performance and strong community partnerships.
- Demonstrate ability to connect authentically with the community served.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who should apply?

Please see eligibility requirements above. Nonprofits that apply should exhibit an immediate ability to support those impacted by the recent flooding and demonstrate existing trust-based relationships within the communities served.

### How much can we request?

San Diego Foundation has not established a maximum grant amount for this program and will consider requests based on available funding.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

To be eligible, organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and provide services in San Diego County. An organization may serve as a fiscal sponsor for a charitable organization that does not have 501(c)3 tax-exempt status if a cooperative relationship between the two can be clearly demonstrated. The fiscal sponsor must be willing to administer the grant if awarded. Please see [Eligibility](#) and [Recommendations](#) above.

### **Can previous grant recipients apply?**

Yes, organizations that have previously received funding from either San Diego Foundation or donor-advised fund holders at SDF are eligible to apply. Please see [Eligibility](#) and [Recommendations](#) above.

### **What is the grant period?**

Projects must be implemented within 6 months of grant approval.

### **When will applicants be notified?**

Funding decisions and announcements will be made on a rolling basis, subject to available funds.

### **What other funding opportunities are available at San Diego Foundation?**

Open grant programs are listed on the San Diego Foundation [“Apply for a Grant” page](#).

### **Can I submit an application to more than one open grant program at San Diego Foundation?**

Each open grant program at San Diego Foundation has its own grant guidelines. Please carefully read through each open funding opportunity’s grant guidelines for the unique eligibility requirements.

### **Who can I contact if I have a question or a technical issue with my application?**

Please submit questions to [communityimpact@sdfoundation.org](mailto:communityimpact@sdfoundation.org).