

Grant Guidelines

2027-2028 Grant Cycle: Addressing Food Insecurity
for Children and Youth up to Age 25



**Oceanside
Community Foundation**

A proud affiliate of San Diego Foundation

Mission & Purpose

The mission of Oceanside Community Foundation (OCF) is to improve the quality of life in Oceanside by meeting emerging needs through:

- Encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy,
- Building a community endowment,
- Providing funds annually to organizations and causes, and
- Giving the community a vehicle for legacy planning and cash gifts that will benefit the residents of Oceanside annually and in perpetuity.

The vision of OCF is to inspire a culture of giving that supports, strengthens and enriches the quality of life in the Oceanside community now and for generations to come.

Focus Area

The Oceanside Community Foundation is accepting proposals for projects and programs that address food insecurity for children and youth up to the age of 25.

For the 2027-2028 grant cycle, grant requests from a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$25,000 in funding may be awarded. **OCF is committed to the financial support of projects that make the biggest impact on those who live, work, and play in Oceanside. OCF is interested in how these projects benefit Oceanside and have a positive impact on the community.**

Eligibility Criteria

Grants must be administered by a 501(c)3 public charity, or an organization that is fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3, a school, or other government agency. OCF does not make grants to supporting organizations or private, non-operating foundations. OCF does not fund staff salaries or scholarships. If an organization is using a fiscal sponsor, a cooperative relationship between the two must be clearly demonstrated. The project must be achievable within a 12-month time frame.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Oceanside Community Foundation timeline?

- **November 14, 2026:** Full applications due by 5:00 p.m.
- **February and March 2027:** Site visits conducted with all finalists.
- **May and June 2028:** Selection of award recipients and Grants Celebration.

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2026.

How much can we request?

OCF will accept proposals \$10,000 up to \$25,000.

What is the grant period?

Grants are made for one year. This grant period is from July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028.

What reporting is required?

OCF requires one brief final report in Foundant along with photos and /or videos that represent your program.

What OCF will not fund:

- Scholarships
- Capital or annual campaigns
- Existing obligations/debt
- Projects that promote religious or political doctrine
- Ongoing Staff Salaries

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

For program questions or technical questions regarding the online application, please contact us at OCF@sdfoundation.org.

Application Instructions

San Diego Foundation has introduced a new grant application portal called Foundant. If you have applied recently, your organization already has an account in this system. If this is your first time applying to any grant program at San Diego Foundation, you will need to establish your account, then click the “Apply” button to access a list of open the applications. For additional guidance regarding creating a new user account, please [see this tutorial](#). Register and apply [here](#).

Note: SDF highly recommends updating all of your organizations contact information in Foundant including address and EIN# as well as updating your profile in [Candid](#).

Application Questions

Organization Information

- **Type of Organization*:** Which describes your organization?
 - A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
 - Fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3 organization
- **DBA:** Please provide if the organization name you use is different from your legal name.
- **Mission Statement*:** Describe the organization’s mission and goals.
- **Geographic Areas Served (list)*:** Please provide how your project specifically serves the Oceanside community.

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Fiscal Sponsor Information (if applicable)

- **Fiscal Sponsor Name***
- **Fiscal Sponsor EIN Number***: Please be sure to format it correctly (##-#####)
- **Fiscal Sponsor Agreement***: Please upload a letter demonstrating the agreement between your organization and your fiscal sponsor. A letter or MOU will suffice.

Project Information

- **Project Name***: Name of Project.
- **Amount Requested***: (Between \$10,000 and \$25,000)
- **Executive Summary***: Briefly describe the purpose of the project including goals, impact on Oceanside, how many people will be served, and how this program addresses this year's focus area. (2000 characters)
- **Impact**: How many people in Oceanside do you anticipate will be served? (100 characters)

Project Budget*

- **Annual Operating Budget***: Please enter your annual operating budget based on your last fiscal year.
- **Project Budget Narrative**: Describe your specific line items (1000 characters).
- **Project Budget**: Please fill in your Project Budget (example below).

Expense Category	Requested Amount	Program Budget
1. Equipment & Project Materials, including food (Example)		
2. Consultants & Contractors, not ongoing staff (Example)		
3. Curriculum (Example)		
4. Training (Example)		
5. Transportation (Example)		
	Total Requested Amount:	Total Program Budget: