

Grant Proposals – What We Look For

Community Foundation Sonoma County recognizes the importance of our community-benefit partners in carrying out our mission. Your work is essential to the success of our grant programs. In our commitment to our grantmaking, we work with you to ensure a clear understanding of how to submit a good grant proposal.

Here are some fundamental guidelines, suggestions and grant criteria to inform your application process:

Understand the Grant's Goals

In approaching any funding opportunity, ask the question, "Why is the money being given away?" Read the grant description carefully and make sure you have a clear understanding of the goals and objectives. You will gain insights about the lens that will be used to review your application. This perspective may be different in important aspects from the one you use to describe your program.

Follow Directions

Our standard application form provides us with the information we need to evaluate your proposal. This avoids grant applications with special formats that can obscure content. Your application need not be formulaic and dry, but it is very important to follow directions. Care in submitting an application raises our confidence in your ability to carry out your proposal.

Current Grant Update

Because some of our grant programs are now in review, our grant criteria will be changing. We will update this page when new grant criteria have been developed.