

The Women's Fund 2025

Community Foundation of the North State

Grant Information/Parameters

The Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of the North State was founded in 2008 to address the persistent challenges facing women and their families in the Redding area. Today, The Women's Fund is part of a global movement of Women's Funds throughout the world, making a difference through collaborative philanthropy.

Grant applicants must address The Women's Fund mission to "create a better future for women and their families in the Redding Area". The services provided by organizations funded through grants from The Women's Fund must take place within and include residents of the Redding area which is defined as Cottonwood (within Shasta County) to the South, Shasta Lake City to the North, Palo Cedro to the East, and Igo/Ono to the West.

Grant requests should be between \$1,000 and \$40,000.

Eligible organizations include: Nonprofit, public charities with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, public entities (ex: counties, special districts, federally-recognized tribes), or projects/programs fiscally-sponsored by a nonprofit or public entity. Organizations are not precluded from applying to The Women's Fund for consecutive years.

Grant awardees will be asked to give a brief presentation at a Women's Fund Giving Circle event, which is typically held the first week of November. Giving Circle participants will vote for one awardee organization to be recipient of unrestricted bonus award from monies raised at event.

Organizational Summary

Under what status are you applying?*

Choices

501c3 public charity/nonprofit

Public entity (ex: school, city, county, special district, federally-recognized tribe)

Project fiscally sponsored by 501c3 nonprofit or public entity

Optional: If your org has a physical address different from the mailing address, enter it below.

If your organization has a physical address different from the mailing address provided in the organizational record, please enter the physical address here, including street, city, state and zip.

Ex: 123 Sally St. Redding, CA 96001

Character Limit: 250

Explain the history and purpose of the organization, including recent achievements and challenges.*

Tell us about your organization from a helicopter level, in case reviewers are unfamiliar, or to update those who may be familiar.

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Please upload a PDF listing of the organization's board members.*

Please include their role/title within your organization (ex: Board President, Treasurer, etc.)

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Proposal Summary

Project Name/Grant Description*

At its simplest core, what will be done if the grant is awarded?

Most common examples start with "purchase", "support", "provide", "sponsor", etc.

A good grant description can include:

What – What is the primary purpose of the grant?

Who – Who is specifically meant to benefit from the grant?

Where – What geographic area(s) is the grant meant to serve?

Example: *Purchase books for learners 0-5 years old in Shasta County.* For additional examples, see "project name" section of a [past grant award list](#) from this fund

Please keep this to one sentence.

Character Limit: 250

Project Description*

Please briefly summarize your project (approx. 1-2 paragraphs). Imagine you are telling someone about your project in an elevator and you have just a few minutes to pitch it. Why is this project needed?

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Describe the top goals (intended results) for the project, in terms of outputs and outcomes.*

Outputs: immediately quantifiable activities, goods or services offered by your project.

- What are the tangible things you will be able to do, if funded (ex: purchase software, host x# of workshops)?
- Who will you reach with these activities? How many people and who do you expect to serve?

Outcomes: changes brought about by project.

- What short and long-term changes do you hope to see as a result of your project?
- How will this project create a better future for women and their families in the Redding area in the near future and down the road?

Outputs and outcomes are part of the Logic Model framework, which help provide a roadmap for creating successful programs. For an overview, [click here](#) and for a more in-depth look, [click here](#).

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How will you work with others in the community to support this proposed project?*

Please briefly describe any collaborative relationships with other organizations and/or volunteer participation in this proposed project. If this particular project does not involve collaboration with other organizations or volunteers, how does your organization involve the community in general to meet its mission?

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Provide a timeline for your project, including key milestones and the estimated completion date.*

It takes up to 3 months from the application due date for the grant review process to complete. As such, project activity should start a minimum of 3 months from the application due date (in this instance, no earlier than early-to-mid December). Reimbursements for costs incurred prior to grant award are not eligible. If awarded, projects must be completed within 12 months of grant award notification.

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Project Budget

Amount Requested*

Amount requested should be between \$1,000 and \$40,000.

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Total project cost*

Character Limit: 20

Please upload a PDF of the project budget showing all anticipated expenses and revenues.*

Please show all anticipated expenses and revenues and sum the total project cost and requested amount.

If possible, list items and corresponding cost *in order of priority*.

Grants are not awarded to or for: budget deficits, endowment funds, annual fund drives, individuals, promotion of religious activities, or reimbursements of costs incurred prior to grant award.

Budget Example							
Below is a sample budget. You are not required to use this format. Using this layout makes it easy to include expenses for items covered by varied income sources, if it applies to your project.							
* In-Kind includes anything donated including supplies, volunteer time, and vendor discounts.							
* General Funds are funds used for every day operations and core services.							
* Community donations/fundraisers for a specific project are designated funds, not general funds.							
* If the general funds and/or community fundraiser income is pending (not in your bank), please make that clear.							
* Expenses must equal revenue							
Organization Name: _____							
Grant Fund Name: _____							
Date: _____							
Project Name: _____							
EXPENSES		REVENUE SOURCES					
Description	Cost	Current Grant Request	ABC Foundation Grant	General Funds	Community Fundraisers	In Kind Donations	Total Revenue
Two-Stall Climate-Controlled Restroom Trailer	48,000.00	38,000.00	10,000.00				48,000.00
6-person Outdoor Handwashing Station	880.00	880.00					880.00
Site Preparation	3,500.00			1,500.00	2,000.00		3,500.00
Utility Hookups	1,500.00			500.00		1,000.00	1,500.00
Panel Siding & Enhancements	3,000.00			1,500.00		1,500.00	3,000.00
Volunteer Supplies (Tools, Fasteners, Paint)	500.00					500.00	500.00
Total Project Costs	57,880.00	38,880.00	10,000.00	3,500.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	57,380.00

Or download this document here.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Please explain how the project will be supported once grant funds have been spent.*

If the project will be supported through general operations, include a brief description of your various fundraising efforts (ex: online or mail appeals, major gifts, events, other grants, etc.)

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If a request for this project is under review by another funder, please share funder name here.

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Organizational Financials - for 501c3 applicants

Please upload a PDF of the organization's Income & Expense Statement.*

This is also known as a Profit and Loss Statement or Statement of Activities. It should represent the closest 12- month time period. If there is an unusually large net gain or loss (ex: >10% of gross revenue) please explain on the upload. What caused this?

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Please upload a PDF of the organization's Balance Sheet.*

This is also known as a Statement of Financial Position. This sheet should have a date matching that of the end date provided on the Income and Expense Statement (time periods should match).

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Organizational Financials - for public entity applicants

Please upload a PDF of your current year department budget (1-2 page summary).*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

For fiscally sponsored applicants - Fiscal Sponsor Information

Please provide information about the organization fiscally-sponsoring your project/program.

Fiscal Sponsor - Organization Name*

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Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's EIN/Tax ID*

This number can be found on Guidestar.

Character Limit: 10

Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's State Corporation Number*

For California organizations, this can be found on the CA Secretary of State Business Search page. For out-of-state organizations, please reference state's business search page.

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Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's website*

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Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's Mailing Address*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's City, State & Zip**Character Limit: 250***Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's CEO/ED Name & Title****Character Limit: 250***Fiscal Sponsor - Organization's CEO/ED email****Character Limit: 254**For fiscally sponsored applicants - **Organizational Financials***

For fiscally-sponsored organizations, please attach financials for BOTH the organization sponsoring your project as well as for your specific sponsored project, if available.

Please upload a PDF of fiscal sponsor's Income & Expense Statement.*

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*File Size Limit: 2 MB***Please upload a PDF of fiscal sponsor's Balance Sheet.***

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Photo/Video (Visual)

Please provide a related photo as it helps to describe the project.*

A picture is worth a thousand words, especially for visual learners. If awarded, this photo may be used for social media/marketing purposes. As such, we prefer high-resolution photo or video with front-facing people engaged in activity related to the organization's good work.

Please include a line of text to describe the photo context & how it relates to the project.

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Optional: If you would like to share a video related to the project, please provide the weblink.

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Agreements & Authorizations

Use of Grant Funds*

By agreeing to this statement, the applicant hereby agrees that funds, if granted, will be used only for the purpose described in this proposal unless written approval for revision is granted by the Foundation.

Choices

I agree

CFNS Non-discrimination Policy*

Applicant organization affirms it does not discriminate as outlined below and that it complies with the Community Foundation of the North State (CFNS) Non-Discrimination Policy:

The Foundation seeks to promote respect for all people. We hold ourselves, and those whom we support, to a high standard of nondiscrimination. The Foundation will not knowingly support organizations whose programs or services are not open to all without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, medical condition, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law. We recognize that organizations may identify special needs in the community and target programs or services to a specific population based on those needs; however the programs must be open to all people in those targeted populations to be eligible for grant consideration.

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The Women's Fund Non-discrimination Policy*

Applicant organization affirms it does not discriminate as outlined below and that it complies with The Women's Fund Non-Discrimination Policy: *The Women's Fund will not knowingly support organizations whose programs, services or hiring practices discriminate in regard to*

race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, political ideology, age, creed, religion, heritage, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, disability, unrelated to job or course of study requirements, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Choices

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Authorization*

I have sought and obtained permission from senior leadership of the organization that is represented by this application. The following name and title is the representative of the organization from whom I obtained permission to submit this application.

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