Grant Guidelines

2026-2027 Grant Cycle: Arts and Culture

Carlsbad Charitable Foundation
A proud affiliate of San Diego Foundation

Mission and Purpose

The mission of Carlsbad Charitable Foundation (CCF) is to improve the quality of life in Carlsbad by meeting emerging needs through:

- Encouraging and increasing responsible and effective philanthropy,
- Building a community endowment,
- Providing 2025 funds annually to organizations and causes, and
- Giving the community a vehicle for legacy planning and cash gifts that will benefit the residents of Carlsbad annually and in perpetuity.

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

Focus Area

CCF will be accepting proposals for projects that address Arts & Culture – Programs that promote the development and growth of arts and culture through performing and/or visual arts. Examples include programs supporting theatre, dance, music, painting, sculpture, poetry/spoken word, public art, or integrated programs (e.g., therapy through the arts).

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. CCF does not make grants to supporting organizations or private, non-operating foundations. CCF does not fund 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.

Grants will be evaluated against the following bullet points (at a minimum):

- Have a beneficial, positive impact on Carlsbad
- Have ongoing verifiable, measurable and scalable outcomes
- Maximize the impact of the grant dollars

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Carlsbad Charitable Foundation Timeline?

- March 2, 2026 - Full Application is due by 5:00 p.m.
- April and May: Site visits conducted with all finalists
- September: Selection of award recipients and grant celebration

How much can we request?

CCF will accept proposals of $15,000 up to $40,000.

What is the grant period?

Grants are made for one year. This grant cycle runs from September 2026, through August 2027.

What reporting is required?

CCF requires a final report the details of which will be specified in the grant award letter and will be accessible in Foundant.

What will CCF not fund?

Carlsbad Charitable Foundation does not fund:

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

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

For program questions or technical questions regarding the online application, please contact Eve Childs at ccf@sdfoundation.org.

Application Instructions

If you do not already have an account, begin by creating your account, then click the "Apply" button to access the eligibility survey. For additional guidance regarding creating a new user account, please see this tutorial. Log on to apply here.

Note: SDF highly recommends updating all of your organization's contact information in Foundant including address and EIN# as well as updating your profile in Candid.

Applicant Information

- **Organization Name**
- **Address, City, State, Zip**
- **Telephone**
- **Email**
- **Website**

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 Carlsbad community.

Fiscal Sponsor Information (if relevant)

- **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.

Full Application Questions

Project Information

- **Project Name*:** Name of Project.
- **Amount Requested*:**
- **Executive Summary* (Character Limit: 2000):** Briefly describe how your program relates to this year's focus area- programs that promote the development and growth of arts and culture through performing and/or visual arts. Examples include programs supporting theatre, dance, music, painting, sculpture, poetry/spoken word, public art, or integrated programs (e.g., therapy through the arts).

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.
- **Project Budget:** Please fill in your Project Budget (example below).

Expense Category	Requested Amount	Program Budget
1. Equipment & Project Materials (Example)		
2. Consultants & Contractors (Example)		
3. Curriculum (Example)		
4. Training (Example)		
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	Total Requested Amount:	**Total Program Budget:**