



2025 GRANT GUIDELINES

The Carmel Woman's Club (CWC) provides grants to Monterey County nonprofit organizations with a Carmel Community focus.

CWC GRANTS

Each year, the CWC determines where its available grant dollars can be invested for greatest impact in our community. Using these grant making guidelines, the CWC Philanthropy Committee carefully reviews grant applications and recommends a slate of grants once a year to the CWC board, which has final authority in grant decisions. Funding proposals will be considered in 2024 for grant making priorities described below.

2023 GRANTMAKING PRIORITIES

The CWC seeks to support nonprofit organizations that provide important community resources and services in Monterey County with a Carmel Community focus. Funding will be considered for the following types of requests within these five key priorities:

- Women
- Seniors
- Youth
- Arts
- Community Outreach Services

GRANT AWARD

Grants are expected to range from a minimum \$300 to a maximum of \$600. The number and size of grants awarded may vary depending on the Philanthropy Committee's assessment of the impact of the nonprofit within the community and the number of grant requests received. Grant recipients will be expected to use all funds and provide a written evaluation of the project within 11 months from the grant date.

Funding decisions will be announced in late November/early December.

Funding will be considered for the following types of requests:

- Program Support: for the expansion or refinement of existing programs, as well as new programs that show the promise of immediate resident benefit (during the award period) and sustainability.
- Operating Support: unrestricted grants to organizations
- Organizational Development: to strengthen or enhance the internal capacity and infrastructure of organizations that have a proven track record of community benefit in the Carmel/Carmel Valley/Monterey County area.

ELIGIBILITY:

Grants will only be considered for projects and programs serving the Monterey County area with a Carmel Community focus.

- 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations or groups or collaborative operating under the fiscal sponsorship of another 501(c)3 nonprofit organization
- Public programs, such as school activities and programs not included in normal curricula, parks, public hearth, etc.
- Faith-based sponsored activities with benefits to the entire community (e.g. a food pantry)
- Organizations may only submit one application. However, if an organization is serving as a fiscal sponsor for a collaborative or unincorporated group, they can also apply for a grant to benefit their organization.

WHAT GRANT FUNDS MAY SUPPORT:

- Matching grants to leverage other funding
- Developmental costs for new programs expected to have direct community benefit during the award period
- Personnel expenses that relate to specific program goals.
- Equipment, materials and/or facilities expenses that directly benefit participants or are an identifiable part of the project

WHAT GRANTS WILL NOT SUPPORT:

- Projects that discriminate
- Projects with political or partisan purposes
- Pre-development or construction costs for facility construction or renovation that will not be completed within six months of grant award
- Religious activities or services that are non-secular and/or promote a religious doctrine
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Expenses incurred prior to the grant award date
- Attendance at conferences for staff or volunteers
- Research projects
- Grants to provide college or other educational scholarship to individuals
- Grants directly to individuals

Please visit www.carmelwomansclubca.org for instructions on how to apply.

GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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