

CRITERIA FOR THE 2021 COMPETITIVE GRANT CYCLE

In reviewing grant applications, in addition to evaluating the potential impact of the requests, the Foundation gives careful consideration to:

1. Programs which would contribute to agriculture, artistic enrichment, civic, cultural, educational, environmental, health, recreational, and technological needs of Gilroy and the surrounding area by addressing the cause of major problems rather than merely discussing their continuing effect upon society.
2. The extent of local volunteer involvement and support for the organization's board.
3. The organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications.

Organizations must be properly constituted and organized with a board of directors, by-laws, financial records, and controls. Grant consideration cannot be given either to individuals or to organizations that do not have their nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. You must also have the most recent copy of the **RRF-1** to the Attorney General of the State of California. Grant applications will also be accepted from all Gilroy public and private schools and the City of Gilroy.

GUIDELINES

AREAS OF FUNDING: Agriculture, Artistic Enrichment, Civic, Cultural, Educational, Environmental, Health, Recreational, and Technological

GRANT RANGE: \$500 - \$5,000

TIMELINE: Applications will be posted on our website December 1 of each year. Applications can be downloaded from the Foundation's website. Completed applications must be emailed to info@gilroyfoundation.org no later than 5 P.M. by **Tuesday, February 1, 2021**.

The completed Application with all attachments as required by the Grant Application Form needs to be submitted.

GRANT NOTIFICATION/DISTRIBUTION: March/April 2021

SITE VISIT: A representative of Gilroy Foundation may be conducting a site visit in the fall of 2021.

REQUIRED REPORTS: TERMS OF GRANT FORM provided with a winning Grant letter must be signed before funding is made. A FINAL REPORT is due by December 31 of the grant year. Failure to submit a complete Final Report by December 31 shall disqualify the organization for consideration for another grant for the following year, or any year until the missing Final Report is submitted. The Final Report is available online.

In authorizing grants, the Foundation gives preference to projects of the following types, whether undertaken by existing agencies or by new agencies.

1. Projects or programs aimed at providing needed facilities or services, for which public funds are either not available or not sufficient and the Foundation's contribution, either by itself or in conjunction with other private support, would have a significant impact.
2. Projects that will provide leverage in an agency's ability to secure other funds.
3. Projects that, in responding to known community needs, are designed to coordinate or consolidate community services in an effort to reduce overhead expenses, increase efficiency or eliminate unnecessary duplication.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

In addition to the above mentioned three types of projects, consideration MAY be given to grant applications from organizations that have a history of contributing to the agriculture, artistic enrichment, civic, cultural, educational, environmental, health, recreational, and technological needs of Gilroy and its surrounding area, but whose grant application may not otherwise meet the criteria of Gilroy Foundation.

Grants normally will **NOT** be awarded to:

1. Individuals
2. Endowment purposes
3. Influence legislation or elections
4. Basic research
5. Travel to, or in support of, conferences
6. Debt retirement or for operational deficit
7. Programs outside of the Gilroy community
8. Contributions to annual fund drives or in support of operational expenses, except during a start-up period
9. Sectarian religious purposes (does not preclude consideration of requests for educational, medical, or social service-oriented programs undertaken by church affiliated or supported agencies)
10. Fund the same project for more than three consecutive years