

CRITERIA FOR THE 2022 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 that would contribute to agricultural, artistic enrichment, civic, cultural, educational, environmental, health, recreational, or 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 of 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 nor to organizations that do not have their nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. Submit the most recent copy of the California form **RRF-1**. Signed and dated 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, Education, Civic Services, Culture, Health, Recreation, and Technology.

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

TIMELINE: Applications will be posted on our website on October 1 of each year. Applications can be downloaded from the Foundation's website. Completed applications must be emailed to director@gilroyfoundation.org no later than **9 P.M. PST, Wednesday, December 15, 2021.**

The completed application with all attachments, as required by the Grant Application Form, must be submitted.

GRANT NOTIFICATION/DISTRIBUTION: March/April 2022

SITE VISIT: A representative of Gilroy Foundation may be conducting a site visit in the fall of 2022.

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 September 30 of the grant year. Failure to submit a complete Final Report by September 30 shall disqualify the organization for consideration for a grant 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 agricultural, artistic enrichment, civic services, cultural, educational, health, recreational, or 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. Scholarships or 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