

CRITERIA FOR THE 2023 COMPETITIVE GRANT CYCLE

GUIDELINES

AREAS OF FUNDING: Agriculture, Artistic Enrichment, Education, Environment, 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. The Applications and all required documents must be emailed as one attachment **PDF** to grants@gilroyfoundation.org no later than **9 P.M. PST, Thursday, December 15, 2022.** (When submitting your grant application, make sure to confirm its receipt.)

GRANT NOTIFICATION/DISTRIBUTION: March 2023

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 June of each year.

In reviewing and 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.
4. Programs that would contribute to agricultural, artistic enrichment, civic, cultural, educational, environmental, health, recreational, or technological needs of Gilroy by addressing the cause of major problems rather than merely discussing their continuing effect upon society.
5. The extent of local volunteer involvement and support of the organization's board.
6. The organization's fiscal responsibility and management qualifications.
7. Organizations must be properly constituted and organized with a board of directors, by-laws, financial records, and controls.

8. 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.
9. 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.

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 not serving the people of the Gilroy community
8. Contributions to annual fund drives or in support of operational expenses, except during a start-up period
9. 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