GILROY FOUNDATION

CRITERIA FOR THE 2027 COMPETITIVE GRANT CYCLE

APPLICANT CRITERIA

The program will fund the following types of activies:

Agriculture	Civic Services
Culture	Artistic Enrichment
Health	Education
Recreation	Environment
Technology	

GRANT RANGE

$500 - $5,000

Grants are competitive and limited by the available funding. Partial funding may be awarded.

2026-27 TIMELINE

Upcoming grant cycle: Grant deadline is December 11, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. PST. Application review will take place December 2026-February 2027. Grantee announcements will take place in March 2027. We suggest that you email grants@gilroyfoundation.org to assure its arrival.

GRANT NOTIFICATION/DISTRIBUTION

March 2027

ELIGIBILITY

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

- Organizations must serve South Santa Clara County/specifically Gilroy and the surrounding area or San Martin and Morgan Hill.
- Organizations must have a 501(c)(3) designation or have a fiscal sponsor with a 501(c)(3) designation.
- Organizations must not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, citizenship status, creed, religion, religious affiliation, age gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, veteran status or any other protected status.
- Organizations with religious affiliations will be considered for funding only if the project for which they seek support addresses the needs of the wider community without regard to religious beliefs.

FUNDING EXEMPTIONS

Funding will not be provided for:

Capital Improvements
Budget shortfalls or fundraising events
Previously planned or long-term campaigns
Funding gaps due to organizational emergencies, such as office vandalism, resignation of an executive director or sudden loss of funding

The application is streamlined to reduce time spent on applying and processing. The grant review process will be expedited and only one application may be submitted per organization.