



CHANCELLOR'S COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

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2020-2021 GRANT GUIDELINES

Mission and Goals of the Fund

The UC Berkeley Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund (the Fund) supports projects and programs that establish, extend and/or strengthen collaborative partnerships between UC Berkeley and the wider Berkeley community. Therefore, it is required that proposed projects or programs have one community partner and one UC Berkeley partner. The Fund seeks to enhance the quality of life for people who live and work in Berkeley by linking the university's energy and resources with those of the community.

The Fund supports neighborhood improvement projects and community service programs that utilize collaborative relationships between UC Berkeley and the community to address critical needs in the following thematic areas:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Safety, Public Health and Wellness
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship

Eligibility

Applicants:

All applicants, projects and/or programs must be based in the City of Berkeley and benefit Berkeley residents. All projects and programs must be a collaborative attempt of at least one community and UC Berkeley partner.

Applicants must *either* be tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations *or* arrange for an eligible 501(c)(3) organization to serve as a fiscal sponsor. In the latter case, written confirmation by the 501(c)(3) organization of its willingness to act as fiscal agent is required.

Projects and Programs:

The Fund awards grants for neighborhood improvement projects and community service programs. For more information on past funded projects, please visit the Fund's website by clicking on the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund link on the UC Berkeley Local Government and Community Relations main page: chancellor.berkeley.edu/gcr/local-community.

- *Neighborhood improvement projects* enhance the physical structures and environment in Berkeley. Past neighborhood improvement projects have been related to the restoration of historic landmarks, the beautification of parks and open spaces, and enhancing emergency and disaster preparedness. Specific activities have included the installation of street lights and park benches, the creation of murals and other public art installations, landscaping and tree planting. Activities that will eventually lead to a completed neighborhood improvement

project, including planning activities, feasibility studies, and needs assessments are also eligible for funding.

- *Community service programs* enhance the economic, social, and cultural well-being of Berkeley residents. Examples of past community service programs include: performing arts workshops, teacher training and mentoring, community-based cultural events, homeless outreach, and literacy after-school programs.

Thematic Areas:

Applicants are asked to align their project or program with one of the following themes:

- *Arts and Culture:* proposals aligned with this theme seek to expose the Berkeley community to a wide range of artistic, musical and cultural styles and practices. Projects or programs could include supporting or developing public art installations, performances, trainings, and workshops.
- *Community Safety, Public Health & Wellness:* proposals aligned with this theme aim to make Berkeley a safer, more welcoming, healthier and more equitable community. Projects and programs could focus on a range of subjects, including but not limited to the following for public safety: safety crime prevention, emergency preparedness, pedestrian and bike safety, increased street lighting and vegetation management, conflict resolution, etc. We have recently broadened this category to include projects and programs that address issues of public health and wellness and consider the health of the Berkeley population as a whole and includes factors that result in health disparities such as socioeconomic conditions, environmental quality and the quality of the built environment. Proposals that seek to address issues facing Berkeley's homeless population might well fit in this category.
- *Economic Development:* proposals aligned with this theme aim to encourage and support economic development regionally and locally. The Fund encourages research, studies, marketing and other collaborative initiatives and partnerships that bolster the local and "green" economy, encourage job creation, etc. Please note that projects must serve a public as opposed to private benefit.
- *Education:* proposals aligned with this theme aim to enhance the educational experience of Berkeley residents. Projects or programs could involve mentoring activities, coaching and other after-school programs, writing workshops, adult literacy programs and classroom or community presentations and events. Education proposals should align with and forward the goals of Berkeley's 2020 Vision: Equity in Education.
- *Environmental Stewardship:* proposals aligned with this theme aim to protect, preserve and/or restore Berkeley's natural environment. Projects or programs could focus on issues linked to sustainability and ecological education, recycling and reuse programs, energy-efficiency and renewable energy, green business, and clean-up projects.

Permits:

It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure any required permits and other such approvals from the City of Berkeley in advance of the full grant application for projects that affect the city's infrastructure. If

such permits and approvals are not secured by the application due date, grant funding is contingent on securing the required approvals by the grant disbursement date. Applicants first provide a pre-application and are invited to submit a full application during the spring semester.

Partnerships:

The Fund seeks to fund projects that foster, encourage and enhance significant partnership and collaboration between the university and the community. Interested applicants should begin identifying and contacting potential partners early in the application process. Assistance in connecting with potential university partners will be provided by the UC Berkeley's Office of Local Government and Community Relations. A Community Mixer and information session in the fall will provide an opportunity to meet and network with potential partners.

All projects and programs must include significant collaboration and partnership between at least one eligible community-based partner and one eligible university partner.

- Eligible community partners include but are not limited to:
 - Neighborhood, civic and merchant associations
 - Primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools
 - Community-based organizations, such as social service and faith-based organizations
 - Local governmental departments, agencies and commissions
- Eligible university partners include:
 - UC Berkeley departments and/or faculty
 - Non-academic campus departments and/or staff
 - Students and/or student organizations (in conjunction with at least one staff or faculty advisor)

In order to enhance collaboration, reasonable stipends may be awarded to university and/or community partners to secure participation and provide specialized expertise.

Application Process and Guidelines

Application Review and Evaluation

Pre-Application Phase:

The Fund's Advisory Board, whose members include representatives from the university, city and community, will review the submitted Pre-Application Forms and select approximately 20-25 proposals that will be asked to submit a full application packet. The Advisory Board may also provide written feedback to select applicants with the goal of creating and strengthening partnerships between the campus and community. Please note that being asked to submit an application does not guarantee a grant award.

Application Phase:

The Advisory Board will review and score applications using the following criteria: Strength and depth of partnership; support of Fund's mission and goals; project design and implementation plan; outcomes and performance measures; budget, financials and ability to leverage additional funds; and organizational capacity.

Submission Guidelines

All interested applicants should complete and submit the Pre-Application Form available on the Fund's website or you may request an electronic copy directly from the Fund. Incomplete Pre-Application Forms will not be reviewed.

Pre-Application Forms must be submitted electronically to the Fund **no later than 5:00 pm, December 13, 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please email completed Pre-Application Forms to calpartnershipfund@berkeley.edu.

Community Mixer

Applicants are invited to attend an informational meeting and community mixer in the fall. Visit the Fund website to RSVP. Fund Advisory Board members and UC Berkeley staff will describe the grant program and the application and review processes, respond to questions and provide an opportunity for interested applicants to network with potential partners. While attendance is encouraged, it is not mandatory and will not affect the evaluation of applications.

Additional information about the community mixer and the application documents may also be found on the Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund page on the UC Berkeley Office of Local Government and Community Relations website: chancellor.berkeley.edu/gcr/local-community.

Funding Terms and Restrictions

Award Amount and Duration:

Recently, the range of grants has been between \$5,000 and \$25,000. However, under special but rare circumstances, we will consider grants for larger amounts. Please note that most awards average between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, approximately \$300,000 will be allocated for distribution. The Fund is not required to fully allocate all available funds during each grant cycle. Unallocated funds will be carried forward for future distribution.

Terms and Conditions:

Grant recipients will be required to execute a Terms and Conditions document before funds will be disbursed as well as become an approved UC Berkeley Vendor. Funding will be allocated on an annual basis. And at this time the Fund is only awarding one-year grants.

To avoid dependency on the Fund, projects or programs that re-apply for a consecutive year of funding must demonstrate they are not solely reliant on the partnership grants and that they are effectively leveraging resources from other sources.

Reporting:

Grants must submit a progress report (due by February 26, 2021) and a final project report (due by September 30, 2021).

Restrictions:

Funding may not be used for the following activities and expenses:

- a. Political programs or activities to support, change, lobby, or otherwise influence legislation and/or ballot measures, elect candidates to public office, or other political issues.
- b. Religious activities; however, religious institutions may apply for funding for nonsectarian projects.
- c. Any organization that discriminates on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or political affiliation. The Fund may support organizations and projects that target groups that have been subject to historical discrimination.
- d. Deficit or emergency funding, debt reduction, loan repayment or retirement, or for project costs incurred before the effective date of the grant.
- e. Purchase or long-term real estate rental(s), lease(s), or sub-lease(s).
- f. Projects that exclusively benefit UC Berkeley faculty, staff, or students. (University faculty, staff and students are eligible, as are community partners, for reasonable stipend amounts for their work on approved projects.)
- g. Purchase of alcoholic beverages. (Use of grant funds for food and light refreshments is discouraged but will be reviewed on a case by case basis.)

Recognition and Publicity:

All grant recipients are required to recognize the Fund for its support of the project or program by using the logo of the University of California, Berkeley (which will be provided by the Fund to grant recipients) and the following language: "This [project or program] was made possible by the generous support of the UC Berkeley Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund." Alternative language or images must be approved in writing by the Director of Local Government and Community Relations.

Neighborhood Improvement projects are required to install a physical marker, such as a plaque or inscription, and community service programs should recognize the Fund in their publicity materials, such as brochures, press releases, websites, etc.

All funded projects or programs will be asked to provide copies of any printed, web-based or other publicity materials. The University of California, Berkeley retains the right to publish information about the Fund and its grant recipients in its own materials. The use of the name and logo of the University of California, Berkeley requires prior written approval.

Questions and Additional Information

If you have questions about the grant program or need assistance with a project idea, contact UC Berkeley's Office of Government and Community Relations by phone at (510) 642-7860, or via email at calpartnershipfund@berkeley.edu.

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