

San Diego County District Attorney's Office
Community Grant Program - 2025
Questions and Answers

[Community Grant Program Website](#)

Eligibility:

1. Are current/former Community Grant Program grantees eligible to apply?

The Community Grant Program 2025 announcement indicates, "Programs that were successful in their first year will be considered and are encouraged to reapply." An organization may apply for the District Attorney's Community Grant Program if they meet the 2025 eligibility criteria, and the program is in alignment with one of the four focus areas.

2. What is the anticipated effective date/term for the 2025 Community Grant Program?

As indicated on the announcement webpage, the 2025 RFA has an anticipated timeframe outlined below. The Community Grant Program anticipates grants will have 07/01/2025 effective dates. We will consider, and encourage, programs that were successful in their first year to reapply.

Grant Announcement:	Monday, January 27 th – Sunday, February 9 th , 2025
Grant Portal Opens:	12:00 AM (PST) Monday, February 10 th , 2025
Applications Due:	4:59 PM (PST) on Monday, March 24th, 2025
Grant Portal Closes:	5:00 PM (PST) Monday, March 24 th , 2025
Grant Applications Reviewed by Reviewing Committee:	Tuesday, March 25 th – Friday, May 23 rd , 2025
Notifications to Applicants:	Tuesday, May 27 th – Friday, May 30 th , 2025
Agreements Processed:	Monday, June 2 nd – Friday, June 6 th , 2025
Grant Effective Date:	July 1 st , 2025

3. Are current/former K -12 Youth Services Community Grant Program grantees eligible to apply?

San Diego County's [K -12 Youth Services Community Grant Program](#) is distinct from the District Attorney's Community Grant Program. An organization may apply for the District Attorney's 2025 Community Grant Program if they meet the eligibility criteria, and the program is in alignment with one of the four focus areas.

4. If an organization has multiple branches/locations, are they able to submit multiple applications?

Organizations may submit multiple applications for programs throughout San Diego County.

5. Are Title I Schools eligible to apply?

Yes. Organizations with a Business License or a Non-Profit Organization are eligible.

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6. Are preferences for award determination given to program proposals that serve County or DA populations?

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office is committed to maintaining a transparent and equitable application process. No preferences are given to proposals that include support for populations currently being served through existing DA or County programs. Any proposed programs that meet the District Attorney's Community Grant Program 2025 eligibility criteria and are in alignment with one of the four focus areas will be reviewed equitably.

Programmatic:

7. Is a program required to satisfy all four focus areas?

No – Applicants must select one of the four focus areas that best represents the proposed program/service.

8. Can a youth soccer program that aims to keep kids safe and out of gangs be considered?

All innovative ideas will be considered. The grant program is intended to fund innovative ideas in the four focus areas identified.

9. Would programs in industrial areas be considered?

There are no restrictions on service areas if they are within San Diego County.

10. Would previously funded programs be considered for continuation?

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Awards/Funding:

11. How many grants will be awarded?

The Community Grant Program anticipates granting 50 awards.

12. If a grant is awarded to an existing program can some of the money be used for expenses incurred by the program before the grant? Some non-profits are facing deficits, but still carrying out the good work.

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Grant funds are not intended to supplant or replace existing funding.

13. Will the Community Grant Program offer annual funding allocations?

The grant program is intended to provide non-sustaining, seed funding towards new and innovative projects. Grant recipients are encouraged to have a sustainability plan to seek primary ongoing funding from other funding sources. If funding is available, programs are required to reapply once the grant term has ended.

14. Will grants be offered in future years? If so, will the focus areas be the same or different?

This community grant is made possible by funding from the state of California and may not always be available. The focus areas for this community grant are determined in collaboration with stakeholders and community partners and are supported by trends in regional crime data.