

**San Diego County District Attorney's Office**  
**COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**  
**RFA 2026**  
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**1. Where do I apply?**

Navigate to the [Community Grant Program Website](https://www.sdcda.org/office/Community-Grant-Program) to submit an application:  
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**ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS**

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**2. Are current/former Community Grant Program (CGP) grantees eligible to apply?**

Current or former Community Grant Program (CGP) grantees are eligible to apply; however, priority will be given to new applicants. Continued funding for prior grantees may be considered based on performance and funding availability. Community Grant Program awards are one-time funds intended to support the pilot or expansion of community-based solutions. Grants are not designed to serve as ongoing or sustainable funding sources.

**3. What is the anticipated effective date and term for the 2026 Community Grant Program?**

The 2026 Community Grant Program will have an effective start date of June 1, 2026. Each grant will have a 12-month term, running from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

**4. What is the anticipated award timeframe?**

As outlined on the Community Grant Program website, the anticipated timeframe for the 2026 RFA is provided below.

<b>Grant Announcement &amp; Grant Portal Opening:</b>	Monday, February 2, 2026
<b>Grant Applications Due:</b>	4:59 PM (PST) Monday, March 16, 2026
<b>Grant Portal Closes:</b>	5:00 PM (PST) Monday, March 16, 2026
<b>Application Review Period:</b>	Tuesday, March 17– Friday, April 24, 2026
<b>Applicant Notifications &amp; Agreement Processing:</b>	Monday, April 27 – Friday, May 22, 2026
<b>Grants Effective:</b>	Monday, June 1, 2026

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

Yes. San Diego County's [K-12 Youth Services Community Grant Program](https://www.sdcda.org/office/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 2026 Community Grant Program if they meet the eligibility criteria, and the program is in alignment with one of the four focus areas.

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

Yes. Organizations may submit multiple applications for programs across San Diego County, please also refer to question 2.

**7. Are Title I Schools eligible to apply?**

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

**8. Are preferences given to program proposals that serve County or San Diego County District Attorney populations?**

No. The San Diego County District Attorney's Office is committed to a transparent and equitable application process. Proposals that include support for populations currently served by existing San Diego County District Attorney or County programs do not receive preference. Applicants must not state, imply, or reference serving these populations in their application, as such information will not be considered during evaluation. All eligible programs that meet the 2026 Community Grant Program criteria and align with one of the four focus areas will be reviewed equitably.

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**PROGRAMMATIC QUESTIONS:**

**9. 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.

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

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

**11. Would programs in industrial areas be considered?**

Yes. There are no restrictions on service areas as long as the programs operate within San Diego County.

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**AWARDS/FUNDING QUESTIONS**

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**12. How many grants are expected to be awarded?**

The Community Grant Program anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants.

**13. If a grant is awarded to a currently operational program, can any funds be used for expenses incurred before the grant?**

No. Grant funds are not intended to supplant or replace existing funding or cover prior expenses. They must be applied only to eligible costs incurred during the designated grant term.

**14. Will the Community Grant Program offer annual funding allocations?**

No. The Community Grant Program provides one-time seed funding to support new and innovative projects or the expansion of community-based solutions. Grants are not intended to serve as ongoing funding sources. Recipients are encouraged to develop a sustainability plan and seek primary, long-term funding from other sources.

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

This grant is funded by the State of California and is subject to funding availability. Focus areas are identified in collaboration with stakeholders and community partners and are informed by regional crime trends.