



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Foundation of VCCU provides financial support and education to local non-profit organizations throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Support is offered in the form of grants in the areas of program, capital, or operational support. *The FVCCU does not accept grant applications for event support; please email Community Development at cd@vccuonline.net or visit vccuonline.net/about/community_involvement.*

FVCCU's three pillars of giving include:

- The underserved
- Health & well-being
- The beautification or preservation of our local environment

Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed semiannually. Organizations can submit grant applications during each cycle-month period; however, the *maximum awarded to any one organization in a 12-month period is \$5,000.*

To request support and be considered for a grant, your organization:

- Must be tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and not classified as a private foundation
- Must be based and serve the communities of Ventura and/or Santa Barbara counties
- Should be aligned with our funding priorities of the underserved, beautification or preservation of the environment, and health and well-being

Organization that are not eligible for funding:

- Organizations that deny service to a potential client or beneficiary on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran, or disability status
- Individuals
- Political, labor, or fraternal organizations
- Religious organizations (for example, churches and synagogues). Some secular community service programs - such as soup kitchens, shelters for the homeless, and job banks are eligible - even when sponsored by religious groups:
- Individual pre-K-12 schools (public or private)
- Sports, athletic events, or athletic programs
- Travel-related events, including student trips or tours
- Development or production of books, films, videos, or television programs
- Memorial campaigns

Any questions can be directed to foundation@vccuonline.net. Thank you!