

Vacaville Community Mini Grants

About the Community Mini Grants

The Health Education Council invites residents of the City of Vacaville to apply for a mini grant of \$250 to \$500 for projects that address community needs or identified priorities.

What we will fund

We will fund individual Vacaville community members or small teams of community members with local ideas and solutions that reach the residents of Vacaville with the greatest need. Projects that take place or serve Vacaville's Districts 1 and 3 will be prioritized in the selection process. See link below for map of the districts: <https://www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/government/city-clerk/district-elections/vacaville-district-map?locale=en>

We seek innovative solutions that increase social connection and support health and well-being. People representing communities of color, youth or other underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Projects must address at least one of the priority areas below that were identified by residents through a recent survey:

- Neighborhood Improvements
- Youth programming
- Safety
- Food Security/Nutrition
- Mental health

Example projects include*:

- Food care packages for door to door delivery at a low-income housing community.
- A two-series podcast featuring a mental health professional who can listen and answer community questions and concerns.
- Fitness class for members of a church held in a native language, other than English
- Community art classes for children, youth, adults and/or seniors.
- Creating and sustaining a community garden with fresh produce for the neighborhood.

****Please note these are just examples and we encourage creative new ideas that will impact the specific needs you see in your community.***

Eligibility

Only residents residing in the City of Vacaville and projects that benefit people living in the City of Vacaville are eligible for these mini grants. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age or older to apply. For youth under the age of 18, consent from a parent or legal guardian is required. Formal organizations such as 501 (c)(3) and for-profit organizations may apply as a fiscal recipient for community members.

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Individuals who work for a formal organization and are residents may apply individually. **Projects must be completed within 90 days. Funded applicants will be asked to complete a project summary and participate in a 30-minute interview so we can learn more about your project and experience.**

Timeline

Promote Mini Grant Opportunity	April 18 th -June 30 th
Completed grant applications due*	July 15 th (until funds are spent)
Announcement of grant recipients	Beginning May 1, Mini Grant recipients will be notified on a rolling basis
Complete funded grant activities	July 1 st September 30 th
Complete brief survey and interview	October 31 st

If you have questions or need assistance completing this grant application, please contact Michaella Crane:

Email: mcrane@healthedcouncil.org

Phone: 916-556-3344

Text: 1-866-894-5305

(Add QR code with survey link to application or website application???)

If you would like to apply, please complete the application on our website or complete the application below and return to **__(ADD LOCATION)___ by __(ADD DATE)___.**

1. Select one or more focus area below by checking the box next to **it**.

- Neighborhood Improvement
- Youth Programming
- Safety
- Food Security/Nutrition
- Mental health/Social Connection

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2. Complete the Form Below.

1. Your Project Title	
2. Your name(s) (up to 4 people can share \$250 to \$500 to work on this project)	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
3. Main contact person's phone number	
4. Main contact person's email	
5. Main contact person's address	
6. Amount you are requesting:	\$ _____ (between \$250 and \$500)
<p>7. Tell us <u>what</u> you want to do under the focus area(s) you selected and <u>how</u> you will spend the money:</p> <p><u>Do not</u> write more than 250 words ***</p>	
<p>8) <u>Where</u> will your community project take place and which residents will benefit from it? How are you reaching residents in need?</p>	

<p>9) Tell us <u>what</u> will be different in your community because of this project and <u>how</u> we will know your project was successful.</p> <p><u>Do not</u> write more than 75 words ***</p>	
<p>10) Tell us <u>why</u> it is important to get this funding to do your project right now.</p> <p><u>Do not</u> write more than 75 words ***</p>	
<p>11) Youth under 18- legal guardian signature:</p>	

3. Submit your Completed Application

Attach your completed application online or return it to:

By July 15, 2023