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Corporate Contributions Program

Addressing the greatest challenges in our communities

Sandia is committed to improve the lives of people in our local communities by increasing family stability, improving educational success, and supporting community leadership.

Overview

Sandia National Laboratories (Sandia) values being an informed, compassionate and contributing neighbor in our local communities. The commitment has been demonstrated throughout Sandia's history and is an enduring part of our future.

Sandia and National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia (NTESS) address the greatest challenges in our communities at our locations in Albuquerque, New Mexico (primary site) and Livermore, California. New Mexico faces many challenges including the highest childhood poverty rate in the United States. Lack of affordable housing and insufficient educational achievement are issues in the Bay Area near our Livermore site. We are investing our corporate contributions in the areas of Family Stability and Educational Success, recognizing that both are critical to a thriving community.



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Grant Process and Cycles

In 2020, Sandia will be accepting grant proposals in two focus areas:

Focus Area	Grant Amount	Grant Cycle Open Date	Grant Cycle Close Date	Review Period	Announcement Period
Educational Success	\$5000-\$25,000	January 14	January 31 at 6 pm MST	February 1 – February 28	March 4-8
Family Stability	\$5000-\$25,000	April 20	May 8 at 6 pm MST	May 11-June 5	June 8-12

Educational Success Criteria

This grant opportunity is intended to support non-profit organizations that are working to improve the educational success of preK-12 students by improving academic performance and engagement. Programs should demonstrate sustainable improvement and where applicable, partnerships with other organizations to create efficiencies and avoid duplication of services. Priority will be given to programs that address:

1. Students' academic skills in preparation for college and career readiness. Priority programs include programs to enhance literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning.
2. Learning through out-of-classroom time/extended learning programming (afterschool, summer or other out-of-classroom time) that boost students' educational, social and/or behavioral growth to keep them engaged in their academic success.
3. Resources for under-served students including students who may not receive equitable resources in the academic pipeline and low-income, under-represented racial/ethnic minorities, and first-generation college students.
4. Teacher professional development programs that support teachers who are new (under 5 years in the profession) or teachers who provide instruction in Computer Science and/or CyberSecurity.

Family Stability Criteria

This grant opportunity is intended to support non-profit organizations that are helping families in crisis provide and sustain a stable home environment, especially for families with children. Programs should demonstrate sustainable improvement and where applicable, partnerships with other organizations to create efficiencies and avoid duplication of services. Priority will be given to programs that address:

1. Hunger relief services including pantries and prepared meal services that serve people experiencing food insecurity.



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2. Short or long-term housing for those experiencing homelessness and those moving into more stable housing.
3. Workforce development serving under-employed populations.
4. Services and wraparound support for children/families who are experiencing a temporary crisis.

Geographic Boundaries

Due to limited resources, Sandia can only consider proposals from non-profits serving the following geographical areas:

New Mexico – Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia counties

California –Alameda and San Joaquin counties

Non-Discrimination

Sandia supports programs that demonstrate a practice of nondiscrimination and inclusion. As such, Sandia will only support programs that provide equal opportunity and access to individuals regardless of race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity,

Funding Restrictions

Sandia does not provide funding for:

Schools

Programs that provide individual financial assistance (ex: scholarships)

Requirements

The grant application is available online via [SHARE New Mexico](#). The following information will be requested in the application.

- Fiscal agent partner (if applicable)
- Agency name to receive funding (name check should be made out too)
- Mailing address to receive funding (address check should be mailed too)
- Brief description of agency/mission
- Actual total revenues from last completed fiscal year
- Total current year annual operating budget
- Number of paid staff
- Number of board members
- Program title



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- Brief description of program (no longer than 350 characters)
- Program start date (if applicable)
- Program end date (if applicable)
- Amount requested
- Description of program
 - The need for the program
 - The population served (gender, age, ethnicity, county, socioeconomic status)
 - The impact the program will have on the community
 - The method of service provision
 - Applicable partnerships and associated benefits
- Description of how the program meets one or more of the priority areas (see Criteria)
 - Describe your projected or actual results (if a current program) and how you collect the data.
 - How much did you do? # of unduplicated clients served by this program
 - How well did you do it? Quality of program
 - Is anyone better off? Client outcomes
 - How do you collect and utilize data to determine your results?
- How specifically the funds will be used
- The names and amounts of committed and pending funders for this program

General FAQs

Who is eligible for a grant?

Qualified 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organizations providing services that meet the grant criteria and operate within the four-county Greater Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, including Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia and Torrance or in the Livermore area, including Alameda and San Joaquin counties.

I'm not a non-profit organization; I'm just a person who needs some extra help. Can I apply for a grant?

We are unable to award grants to individuals.

Does Sandia fund local offices, chapters or affiliates of national organizations?

Yes.

Does Sandia only fund large organizations...or only small organizations?

There is not a "right" size organization.

Does my organization need a 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS before I can apply for funds?

Your organization must have a 501(c)(3) designation or be a public educational institution.

What is a 501(c)(3) designation? How can I get one?

501(c)(3) refers to the specific section of the Internal Revenue Code that defines a charitable organization. For more information, contact the Internal Revenue Service.



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Sometimes an organization can use another non-profit organization's 501(c)(3). This would be called a "fiscal agent partner." Organizations using a fiscal agent partner are eligible for funding.

If my organization has received grants in the past, are there limitations to how many years we can receive grants?

No.

Does Sandia provide funding for capital projects?

Sandia will consider funding capital projects that align with Family Stability or Educational Excellence.

Does Sandia provide multi-year grants?

No, Sandia does not fund multi-year grants.

Does Sandia fund faith-based 501(c)(3) organizations?

Sandia may fund faith-based organizations if the funds will be used for nonreligious programs that provide equal opportunity and access regardless of an individual's religious affiliation.

Does Sandia have submission deadlines for requests?

Yes. Sandia will run two grant cycles each year and each posted grant will include deadlines.

How are grant applicants notified?

Per the above grant cycle, Sandia will contact organizations via email to inform them of their funding status.