



# Corporate Contributions Program

*Addressing the greatest challenges in our communities*

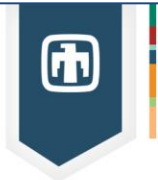
*Sandia is committed to improving the lives of people in our local communities by increasing family stability, improving educational success, and supporting community leadership. Please read through the materials below and return here to access the [Grant Application](#).*

## 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) provide grants to 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, food insecurity, 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.





## Grant Process and Cycles

In 2022, Sandia will conduct two grant cycles and will be accepting grant proposals for both focus areas, Educational Success and Family Stability, during each cycle.

	Focus Area	Grant Amount	Grant Cycle Open Date	Grant Cycle Close Date	Review Period	Announcement Period	Funding Distribution
<b>1st Qtr. Cycle</b>	Educational Success and Family Stability	\$5000-\$25,000	January 17	February 11 at 6 pm MST	February 14 – March 11	March 14-18	By April 29
<b>2nd Qtr. Cycle</b>	Educational Success and Family Stability	\$5000-\$25,000	May 2	May 27 at 6 pm MST	May 30— June 24	June 27-July 1	By July 30

## 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 provide STEM content, with priority for programs that support new teachers (under 5 years in the profession).



## 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.
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, Tarrant, 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 Labs does not provide funding for:

- Individual schools
- Student teams
- Programs that provide individual financial assistance (ex: scholarships)

## 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 Tarrant 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. 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 Success.

**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.

**How are grant applicants notified?**

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



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