



2025 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. FVCCU's three pillars of giving include: the underserved, health & well-being, and beautification or preservation of our local environment.

HOW TO APPLY:

- A completed online grant application is due by **11:59 pm on August 31, 2025**
- Organizations can submit one (1) grant application annually
- Organizations must indicate the amount requested (\$2,500 - \$10,000) in the online application and your cover letter; the submitted grant budget must reflect the total requested

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: *the underserved, health & well-being, and beautification or preservation of our local environment*

Organizations that are not eligible for funding:

- Organizations that deny service to a potential client or beneficiary based on 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

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.

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