

YBCBD Community Benefit Fund Grants Available

New Changes for FY22



The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District (YBCBD) provides grants to neighborhood nonprofits through its Community Benefit Fund. The updated Guidelines are attached.

As the coronavirus pandemic quickly and significantly changed our daily lives, neighborhoods, and economy, the YBCBD Board of Directors approved changes to the organization's approach and guidelines for Community Benefit Fund Grants for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The committee made grants of \$15,000 each to support nonprofits headquartered in the Yerba Buena neighborhood. Grantees were required to have received a Community Benefit Fund grant since FY16, have an annual budget of less than \$5M, and clearly state how funds would be used to address organizational challenges related to the pandemic.

A year ago we assumed the pandemic would be behind us at this point and that we would resume our normal grant-making process. Unfortunately that's not the case. For Fiscal Year 2021-2022, some new changes have been made in order to be as flexible as possible as our neighborhood needs continue to evolve. The key changes are:

- Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2022 and considered on a first-come, first-served basis *instead of* on a bi-annual basis
- Activities/events that draw people to the neighborhood, are safe (having the appropriate COVID protocols as determined by the Department of Public Health), and have an outdoor component will be prioritized. The traditional funding categories of public art, community engagement, public realm improvements, and public safety enhancements still apply

Please note that these changes will be for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 only.

If you have questions or would like to chat about your ideas, please feel free to contact me a cmaupin@ybcbd.org to schedule a call.

On behalf of the YBCBD Board of Directors and Community Benefit Fund Committee,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cathy Maupin", is positioned above the name and title of the signatory.

Cathy Maupin
Executive Director

The YBCBD is a nonprofit community-based organization that works to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors in Yerba Buena by fostering a safe and secure community, enhancing environmental quality and beauty, and reinforcing the viability of the economic base.