



2022 Grant Information

About the Fund

The Palo Alto Community Fund (PACF) focuses on the unique needs of our community and channels charitable giving of local donors to effective organizations that improve the quality of life for everyone in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

PACF is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of local leaders who represent a wide range of community interests.

Purpose of Grants

We make grants for general operating support. We believe grantees know best how to use their funds and therefore grant based under the philosophy of trust-based philanthropy. (We no longer make grants for specific projects.)

Grant Range

Our grants are for one year of funding and typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Who May Apply

PACF supports charitable nonprofit organizations whose programs serve the communities of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, and/or Menlo Park and generally focus on:

- o Uplifting the vulnerable
- o Supporting families
- o Enhancing community life
- o Supporting educational opportunities

Who May Not Apply

PACF does not consider funding requests for fundraising events, endowment funds, capital and endowment campaigns, political or religious activities, deficit funding or cash reserves, for-profit schools, or basic research programs. Organizations must serve the Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and/or Menlo Park communities.

Important Dates

- **Application opens** December 1, 2021 <https://smr.to/p78202>
- **Optional Info Session** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:00-2:00 pm on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/2nbt84w8>
- **Application due** Friday, January 14, 2022 by 5:00 pm
- **Optional Interviews** January 31 - February 11, 2022
- **Grant decisions** no later than mid-May 2022