Palo Alto Community Fund

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 we make grants based on the philosophy of trust-based philanthropy. **(We no longer make grants for specific projects.)**

Grant Range

Our grants are typically for one year of funding and usually range from $2,500 to $20,000 per year. In some cases we will provide two year grants at our discretion.

Who May Apply

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

- Supporting families

- Enhancing community life

- Uplifting the vulnerable

- Enabling educational equity

Grants are for *general operating support*.

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

- Online optional information session **Thursday, December 8, 2022 1-2pm**; Zoom link

- Completed applications are due *no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023*

- Highly recommended: 25 minute phone interviews for those that meet our basic criteria will be conducted *between February 6 and February 17, 2023* (We will contact the Executive Director of qualifying applicants the last week of January to set up the interview.)

- Applicants will be notified by *mid-May 2023*

APPLY HERE