

County of Marin Nonprofit Community Partners application guidelines and criteria

1. Requesting organizations/agencies must:
 - Have a current nonprofit 501c3 or tax-exempt status, AND
 - Be able to provide a complete W-9 form or be a current vendor with the County
2. An online application is required for all requests. Requests submitted outside of the application window will be disregarded.
3. The same organization may apply for more than one specific project or program during each application cycle. Please submit one application per project / program.
4. Requests may be no less than \$10,000 and no greater than \$40,000. The County Administrator recommends the final funding amounts to the Board of Supervisors as part of the Proposed Budget. Some requests may not be funded, and final funding may be less than the total requested. For this reason, applicants will be required to demonstrate that other funding sources exist to ensure project viability. Requested funding amount should be equal to or less than 50% of the total project cost.
5. All Nonprofit Community Partners funding is one-time for the subsequent fiscal year only.
6. Projects or services that do not clearly fit within the activities of a single County department will be prioritized.
7. The proposed project or services must provide specific, measurable benefit to Marin County residents.
8. Projects/programs must be carried out in Marin County and benefit Marin County residents.
9. Applicants must offer their services to all residents of the County of Marin regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, or any other factors.
10. Funding should not be used to supplant other funding or revenue sources.
11. If the funding recipient chooses to give recognition for funds received, it shall recognize the County of Marin only.
12. Nonprofit Community Partners funding cannot be used for political, religious, or fundraising activities.

Projects / Programs will be reviewed and prioritized, among other things, on:

- Countywide benefit to residents of Marin County
- Services needs of unincorporated areas of Marin
- Funding sources and ability to leverage funds
- Projects/programs proposed evaluation plans and reporting strategy
- Applicant's ability to complete the program/project within the fiscal year for which funding is received.
- Program cost compared to the projected number of beneficiaries
- Geographic distribution of services
- Percentage of requested funding being used for direct services
- Collaboration with other community-based organizations
- The degree to which projects / programs do not clearly fit within the activities of a single County department.