

# **SAN BRUNO**

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## **Community Foundation**

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### **SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND**

*Local Organizations May Apply for Grants of up to \$25,000  
for Projects Benefiting the San Bruno Community*

**San Bruno, California, July 1, 2016** – As one of its first program initiatives, the San Bruno Community Foundation is launching the Community Grants Fund, which will offer grants of up to \$25,000 to local community organizations in support of projects and programs that benefit the San Bruno community. The Foundation plans to award multiple grants totaling \$200,000 at the end of 2016.

Through the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation will utilize a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno’s settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno’s Crestmoor neighborhood to invest in the many local organizations that form the lifeblood of the San Bruno community. These organizations will be able to apply for grants to fund new and existing programs and projects that benefit the San Bruno community.

“With the Community Grants Fund, the San Bruno Community Foundation will be able to support numerous organizations that are serving our community in many important and different ways,” said Nancy Kraus, Foundation President. “We are thrilled to offer a new funding source for these groups that do so much to serve our community but often struggle to raise the funds needed to do

so. We look forward to receiving grant applications from a broad cross-section of community groups.”

The Foundation will fund three types of activities through the Community Grants Fund: projects (temporary, produces specific results) or programs (group of inter-related projects managed together on ongoing basis); capital projects (purchase or construction of capital assets); and capacity-building efforts (to assist organizations in carrying out their missions more effectively). Applications must be for activities that (1) benefit the San Bruno community and (2) fall within one of the Foundation’s focus areas, which include publicly owned community facilities; community health and safety; sports and recreation; education; youth activities; public spaces, parks, and open space; community-building; human and social services for all; economic vitality; intra-San Bruno transit; and healthy, stable, and affordable housing.

“The Community Grants Fund offers a wide variety of organizations that enrich San Bruno – including groups that serve our youth, our seniors, our diverse ethnic communities, those struggling economically, and our natural spaces – the opportunity to apply for funding to enhance their programs,” said Leslie Hatamiya, the Foundation’s Executive Director. “By leveraging the good work these organizations already do, the Foundation fulfills its mission of investing in the community and elevating the quality of life throughout San Bruno.”

Grant awards will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the benefits of the proposed project or program to the San Bruno community; the proposal’s alignment with one of the Foundation’s focus areas; project/program methodology and budget; requested grant amount in relation to the anticipated community benefit; and the organization’s track record, stability, and financial health.

Eligible organizations can apply for a grant through the Foundation’s online application, which is posted at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org). The grant application deadline is Friday, September 30, 2016. The Foundation intends to announce the first set of Community Grant awards in December 2016, which will be used to fund activities in 2017. Detailed program guidelines for the Community Grants Fund, including eligibility requirements and the application process, can be found on the Foundation’s website at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org).

In addition, the Foundation will host three optional Grant Workshops for organizations interested in learning more about the Community Grants Fund and the application process. The workshops will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, Monday, August 15, and Monday, September 12, at the San Bruno City Hall, Room 115, 567 El Camino Real.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits.

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