LA County Summer Learning Initiative
Call for Proposals

The California Community Foundation (CCF), in partnership with the LA County Office of Education and the Greater LA Education Foundation (Greater LA), seeks proposals from schools, districts/LEAs, and nonprofit organizations in L.A. County to support extended learning opportunities for low-income and vulnerable K-12 populations in summer 2020.

Together, CCF and Greater LA seek to allocate at least $1 million towards these efforts. Resources are made possible through the CCF COVID-19 LA County Response Fund, The Greater LA Education Foundation, and the generous support of donors and philanthropic partners.

The COVID-19 pandemic has both highlighted and exacerbated existing inequalities within the education and youth development systems. Given the extended physical closures of schools and youth-serving community centers, there is an increased need for responsive summertime learning environments to mitigate potential learning loss and to address the social-emotional needs of youth, especially for our most vulnerable student groups. Further, these services must be adapted to the unique logistical challenges of Safer at Home and other public health guidelines.

CCF and Greater LA also recognize that many nonprofits and school-based summer programs are experiencing losses in revenue that may threaten the availability of summer learning programs, while also experiencing new potential costs such as expanded technology infrastructure and associated training.

Specifically, we seek to impact the following student and community goals:

- Increase or maintain academic progress.
- Support youth and community safety and well-being.
- Create safe spaces and outlets for youth, including virtual “spaces.”
- Increase family, caregiver and/or community engagement.

HOW TO APPLY

Programs are asked to complete a brief online application. Please read all of the information provided below prior to submission.

Please note that the online application form must be completed in one session. To assist with planning, a copy of the application questions is provided at the end of this document.

Link to complete the online application

Proposals will be considered on a rolling basis. There is no deadline for submission, but it is expected that all resources will be expended by late June 2020.

Please direct all questions to YouthDevelopment@calfund.org.

ABOUT THE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Grants are intended to support activities in summer 2020 (early June – late August).

Grants amounts are expected to range from $25,000 – $100,000 each, with consideration given to the number of youth served and the frequency and duration of the program model.
Grant funds may be used to support staff salaries, supplies, technology needs of staff or participants, general operating costs, or any other needs tied to the effective delivery of programs for students in summer 2020. To that end, funds could be used to support:

- Adapting an existing site-based program to a new virtual / hybrid program model that is responsive to the needs and assets of low-income students and families.
- Creating new virtual / hybrid programs that reflect the needs of an organization’s cohort of youth (e.g., those who historically came to a community center, or an onsite afterschool program).
- Adapting services and programs typically provided in after-school settings to a summertime format.
- Maximizing the number of youth to be served, given increased needs and potentially new or increased service costs.

Programs must be administered by a K-12 school (including public charters), district/LEAs, and/or a nonprofit organization. Independent K-12 school systems that serve low-income student populations are welcomed to apply. Preference will be given to collaborations between nonprofit and schools as partners.

To be considered, programs must:

- Be adapted to evolving COVID-19/Safer at Home guidelines. This may include virtual or hybrid delivery models.
- Serve K-12 students (roughly ages 5 – 18). Organizations may serve a segment of this age range (for example, only high school-age students).
- Provide high-quality programming, centered around academic enrichment, and that includes at least one of the following key domains:
  - Social-emotional. Skills and mindsets involved in the social process of learning and development. This domain includes social and emotional factors with links to well-being and academic success, like healthy adult attachment, stress management, self-regulation, and resilience.
  - Mental health and well-being. A state of well-being demonstrated by the ability to realize potential, cope with stress, work toward goals, and make meaningful social contributions and connections.
  - Identity development. An individual’s unique sense of purpose, including one’s personal, collective, and cultural identities, as well as one’s personal values.
- Engage participants multiple times per week and over multiple weeks or months.
- Serve no fewer than 20 students.
- Serve students in L.A. County.
- Serve students from low-income families.
- Provide services at very low or no cost to participants.

Preference will be given to programs that:

- Are collaborations between nonprofit and schools or district/LEAs as partners.
- Serve foster youth, disconnected youth, English learners and students with disabilities.
- Are multi-generational and/or engage and empower caregivers as educational partners/advocates.
- Are culturally relevant, community informed, administered by folks who are seen and trusted by the community served, and build shared learning spaces through which young people feel seen, reflected and respected.
- Partner with food and basic needs distribution centers.

The following will not be considered:

- Programs that are unable to serve youth in summer 2020 due to Safer at Home and other public health guidelines. Services that will begin in fall 2020 will not be considered.
- Events, such as one-time workshops.

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* 1. Organization Name

* 2. Organization EIN. Please note that you must be a valid 501(c)(3) organization. If you are fiscally sponsored, please provide the EIN of your fiscal sponsor.

3. Fiscal Sponsor. If you are fiscally sponsored, please provide the name of your fiscal sponsor.

* 4. Contact Name
* 5. Contact Email


* 6. Current Mailing Address: If funded, where should the check be mailed?

Address
City
Zip Code

* 7. Annual Operating Budget: What is your organization's most recent annual operating budget?


* 8. Number of Staff/Faculty

Full-Time Paid Staff/Faculty
Part-Time Paid Staff/Faculty

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* 9. Requested Amount:
* 10. **Program/Project:** Describe the program or project that this grant would support. (Up to 250 words)

* 11. **COVID-19/Safer at Home:** Describe how the program or project that this grant would support has been adapted to respond to the evolving COVID-19/Safer at Home guidelines. (Up to 250 words)

* 12. **Needs and Services:** What needs are you addressing? How are you addressing those needs? (Up to 250 words)

Please note that programs must be centered around academic enrichment, and include at least one of the following additional key domains: Social-emotional, Mental health and well-being, Identity development. Please refer to the grant guidelines for additional information.

* 13. **Fund Usage:** Describe how the grant funds will be used. (Up to 250 words)

Please note that grant funds may be used to support staff salaries, supplies, technology needs of staff or participants, general operating costs, or any other needs tied to the effective delivery of programs for students in summer 2020.
14. **Community Served:** Who will be served by this grant? What populations will be prioritized or served? *(Up to 250 words)*

*Please note that programs must serve no fewer than 20 students in L.A. County from low-income families.*

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15. **Youth Served:** How many youth/young people will be served by this program?

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16. **Ages Served:** Note the age of the population(s) that would primarily be served by this grant. *Please check all that apply.*

- [ ] 5 - 10 years
- [ ] 11 - 14 years
- [ ] 15 - 18 years
- [ ] 18+ years
- [ ] Other (please specify)

17. **Region Served:** Select the region(s) of L.A. County to be reached by this grant ([https://laedc.org/wtc/chooselacounty/regions-of-la-county/](https://laedc.org/wtc/chooselacounty/regions-of-la-county/)). *Please check all that apply.*

- [ ] Antelope Valley
- [ ] Central Los Angeles
- [ ] Gateway Cities
- [ ] San Fernando Valley
- [ ] San Gabriel Valley
- [ ] Santa Clarita Valley
- [ ] South Bay
- [ ] Westside
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18. (If applicable) Partnerships: If your program is based or aligned with specific school(s), district(s) or other nonprofit organizations, please list them below. (Up to 250 words)

19. (If applicable) Other Resources: Please list any other confirmed funding to support your proposed scope of work, including the source and amount.

20. (Optional) Other: Any other information / thoughts you'd like to share regarding your organization, services, or community needs? (Up to 250 words)

21. (Optional) Supplemental Documents: Feel free to attach any documents that would be helpful in clarifying your organization's needs, services, or community served.

Choose File  Choose File  No file chosen
22. (Optional) Additional Supplemental Documents

Choose File  Choose File  No file chosen