



Pecos West Charitable Fund Community Grants-RFP

Program Overview

The Pecos West Charitable Fund was established to support community needs and strengthen neighborhoods in the Paso del Norte region. Through this grant program, local nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for funding to support projects and programs that improve the quality of life for residents within the eligible service area.

The Fund reflects a commitment to investing in communities that are helping shape the future of our region. By supporting local organizations and community-driven solutions, the Pecos West Charitable Fund seeks to address emerging needs, expand opportunities, and enhance residents' well-being.

Community-Led Grantmaking

The Pecos West Charitable Fund is guided by local voices. Grant applications are reviewed by an Advisory Committee comprised of community leaders from the service areas who understand the strengths, opportunities, and needs of their neighborhoods. Their recommendations help ensure funding supports projects that are responsive to community priorities and create lasting local impact.

Eligible Project Areas

Priority will be given to nonprofit organizations whose programs directly benefit individuals, families, and neighborhoods within the eligible service area. Projects may focus on a variety of community needs, including:

- Education and youth development
- Health and wellness
- Community development, environmental stewardship
- Arts and culture
- Basic community needs

Competitive Proposals Will Demonstrate

- Strong and measurable benefit to residents in the eligible service area
- Clear, achievable outcomes with measurable results

- A realistic budget and timeline
- Meaningful community engagement in project planning and implementation

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a nonprofit organization with current 501(c)(3) status or have a qualified fiscal sponsor.
- **The project must serve residents in ZIP codes 79938 and 79936 and/or the Montana Vista area.**
- Demonstrate how the proposed project or program addresses a community need and benefits residents.
- Be in good standing with the IRS, along with other federal and state reporting requirements.
- Submit a timeline for the project.
- Funds must be expended within 12 months of the award unless otherwise approved.

Ineligible Use of Grant Funds:

- Projects or programs that do not primarily serve residents within ZIP codes 79938 and 79936 or the Montana Vista area.
- Individuals or direct financial assistance to individuals.
- Political campaigns, lobbying activities, or efforts intended to influence legislation.
- Religious worship, sectarian instruction, or activities that require participation in a particular faith (faith-based organizations may apply for non-religious community programs that serve the general public).
- Debt reduction, deficit financing, or reimbursement for expenses incurred before the grant award date.
- Endowment campaigns or contributions to reserve funds.
- Capital campaigns for major construction or land acquisition (unless specifically approved by the fund).
- Annual fundraising events, galas, golf tournaments, auctions, or other fundraising activities.
- Scholarships, tuition assistance, or individual educational awards.
- Medical research or clinical trials.
- Grants to private foundations or organizations that re-grant funds to other organizations.

- Activities that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected characteristic under applicable law.
- Grant funds may not be transferred to another organization without prior written approval.
- Requests seeking to replace existing government funding or fulfill governmental obligations.
- Projects that primarily benefit a for-profit business or private individual.

Funding Information

- Grant requests may be submitted for up to \$10,000.
- Organizations may submit one application per grant cycle.
- Funding may support programs, projects, supplies, equipment, outreach activities, and other expenses directly related to serving the community.
- Preference may be given to projects that demonstrate strong community engagement and measurable impact.

Timeline

- Application Opens: July 20
- Application Deadline: August 10 at 11:59 PM MT
- Advisory Board Review: August 11-27
- Award Notifications: August 31

Please note: Because the application requires uploading supporting documents, Google Forms requires applicants to sign in with a Google account to complete and submit the form. If your organization does not currently have a Google account, you may create one at no cost. We recommend using a shared organizational account whenever possible.

Questions

For questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please contact:

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