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**GRANT FUNDING FOR LOCAL YOUTH-SERVING NONPROFITS AVAILABLE IN STANISLAUS**

*Partnership Announced to Distribute Cannabis Community Benefit Dollars*

Stanislaus County is partnering with the Stanislaus Community Foundation to support local nonprofit organizations. Stanislaus County developed the Community Benefit Contribution Program to provide a mechanism for the Cannabis Businesses in Stanislaus County to give back to the community. In 2018, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors designated a portion of funds raised through the Community Benefit Contribution Program to support youth-serving organizations in Stanislaus County. In 2022, the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office contracted with Stanislaus Community Foundation to manage the Community Benefit grant administration process. Organizations can apply for funding online starting October 4, 2022.

"We're pleased to extend the original intent of these community benefit dollars on behalf of the local cannabis industry, to area nonprofits," said Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer for Stanislaus County. "We are excited to support youth programs and youth-serving nonprofits."

501c3 nonprofits serving youth in Stanislaus County in good standing with the IRS are encouraged to apply as well as schools located in Stanislaus County. Grant requests may not exceed \$50,000. Applying for a grant does not guarantee a funding award.

"Youth leadership and youth activities are incredibly important to all of us," said Marian Kaanon, President and CEO of Stanislaus Community Foundation. "Our hope is that this flexible funding will extend the capacity of local youth-serving nonprofits to build on existing programs."

Stanislaus Community Foundation is managing the application process on behalf of Stanislaus County. Foundation staff will screen and score applications based on a grant program rubric and present its recommendations to Stanislaus Community Foundation's Grants and Programs Committee, which must agree, by majority vote, on the final grant approvals. Stanislaus Community Foundation will present recommended grant approvals to the Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office for ratification by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors in December 2022.

Grant applications will be accepted between Tuesday, October 4, 2022, and Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 5:00 PM PST. Award notifications will occur in November, and award disbursements will occur in December 2022. For more information, visit: [StanislausCF.org](http://StanislausCF.org)

**About Stanislaus Community Foundation**

Stanislaus Community Foundation (SCF) is a place-based funder serving the residents of Stanislaus County. Since 2002, SCF has been a catalyst to transform local resources into common good through strategic philanthropy and bold leadership. The vision of Stanislaus Community Foundation is to create a community of choice where people can live, work, and thrive. To support this vision, SCF nurtures partnerships and grows charitable resources to advance the common good in Stanislaus County. For more information, please visit [stanislauscf.org](http://stanislauscf.org).

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