



East Bay Community Energy's COVID-19 Community Grant

Overview

As COVID-19 continues to have a profound impact on our everyday lives and take an economic toll on residents and businesses throughout Alameda County, EBCE continues to make addressing this crisis a top priority.

EBCE has allocated \$200,000 in additional funds to use in our response to COVID-19 for community grants.

Eligibility

Any community-based organization is eligible for a grant up to \$10,000 in this funding cycle. The applicant will note the preferred grant amount in the [application form](#); EBCE can choose to financially award less than the amount applied for due to limited resources. Non-profit, 501(c), or for-profit organizations are eligible to apply. While EBCE will exhibit preference for non-profits, if the applicant is a for-profit organization, it must clearly describe how its proposed use of funds explicitly centers communities most at risk.

A W-9 is required to be submitted with the application. If the organization does not have a W-9, EBCE will review applicants that have a fiscal sponsor. The fiscal sponsor's W-9 is required in the submission process.

The organization applying must serve residents and/or businesses in EBCE's service area. EBCE member cities include Albany, Berkeley, Dublin, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, Piedmont, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Tracy, Union City, and Unincorporated Alameda County.

Objectives

The organization must offer resources or support in at least one of the following areas:

- Assistance in Energy or Utility Bills
- Food Security
- Rent Support
- Physical and Mental Health Services

The Alameda County Public Health Department has collected data on infection rates based on zip code. Given this data, EBCE will prioritize organizations serving the areas with the highest COVID-19 infection rates (see weighting in Evaluation Table). EBCE will still consider and award organizations serving vulnerable populations outside of the highest-risk areas. We plan to holistically select organizations that support various demographics and communities.

How to Apply

The application can be found at tinyurl.com/EBCECOVID, and the due date is **Tuesday, July 21 by 5:00 PM**. If there are any difficulties in submitting the application via Google Form, please send answers to the questions via email to Feby Boediarto, fboediarto@ebce.org. The application questions are outlined below.

Section 1: Background Information

- First and Last Name
- Contact Phone Number

- Contact Email
- Organization Name
- Organization Address
- Please attach your organization’s W-9.
- Did you review EBCE’s COVID-19 Community Response grant eligibility document?
- Have you previously applied for COVID relief grant funding from EBCE?

Section 2: Program and Funding

- Please provide a brief description of your organization.
- Preferred grant award.
- Please describe how the funds will be used.
- Which of the following objectives will be served? Select all that apply.
 - a. Assistance in Energy or Utility Bills
 - b. Food Security
 - c. Rent Support
 - d. Physical and Mental Health Services
- Who benefits from the funding?
- How many people will be supported by the proposed funding?
- Which EBCE member cities will be served? Select all that apply.
- If your organization specifically serves any of the highest-risk areas, select all that apply.

Section 3: More Information

- Please provide any additional information about your organization's mission and the proposed cause.
- If awarded, do you agree to have your organization mentioned in a press release and other public-facing materials such as social media and our website? If yes, please upload your organization's logo. If no, please proceed to the next question.
- If awarded, do you agree to sign EBCE’s Grant Agreement? Please [review the template here](#).
- Please provide any additional information regarding your organization’s mission and the proposed need.

Evaluation

Criteria	Description	Weight
Requirements		
Funds directly impacting EBCE customers	The organization does not need a physical office in EBCE’s service area, but must be active and experienced in EBCE’s service area	Yes/No
Meets one of four grant objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assistance in Energy or Utility Bills - Food Security - Rent Support - Physical and Mental Health Services 	Yes/No
Organization Status	Organization is a non-profit, 501(c), or for-profit*	Yes/No

	<p>*While EBCE will exhibit preference for non-profits, if the applicant is a for-profit organization, they must clearly describe how their work is explicitly being used for community relief efforts.</p>	
<p>Primary Objectives</p>		<p>80%</p>
<p>Benefit to Communities Most At Risk - Geography</p>	<p>EBCE is committed to prioritizing the following areas that have been designated by the Alameda County Health Department and Office of Emergency Services and San Joaquin County Public Health Services as having the highest infection rates (based on 7/6/20 data); EBCE intends to allocate at least 50% of this cycle's grant funding to organizations serving communities in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashland - Cherryland - Downtown Hayward - Downtown Tracy - East Oakland - South Hayward - South San Leandro (Lower Bal and/or Upper Bal and/or Floresta Gardens and/or Hillcrest Knolls) 	<p>40%</p>
<p>Benefit to Communities Most At Risk - Demographics</p>	<p>Organization and their work is intentional and focused on supporting specific communities at risk; added value if work supports multiple communities.</p> <p>Communities at risk defined by CDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Older Adults - People with Underlying Conditions (i.e. Immunocompromised) - Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups - People with Disabilities - People with Developmental & Behavioral Disorders - Pregnant People - People Experiencing Homelessness <p>EBCE is also committed to communities that have been most financially impacted by COVID-19 including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Furloughed / Recently Laid-Off Workers - Service and Hourly Wage Workers - Renters - Undocumented People - Small Business Owners - Healthcare Workers 	<p>30%</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low-Income - Incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people 	
Number of People Served	Organization serves a greater number of people; showing large impact.	10%
Secondary Objectives		20%
Quality of Application	Organization demonstrates thoughtful response in the application.	15%
Funding to New Organizations	EBCE will place a slight priority on applicants who have not yet received COVID relief funding from the agency.	5%

Proposed Timeline

Issue Solicitation	Tuesday, July 7
Applications Due	Tuesday, July 21 by 5:00 PM
Review and Selection Period	July 22 - July 31
Applicants Notified	Week of August 3

Changes to the timeline may occur. Please visit [EBCE.org/COVID](https://www.ebce.org/COVID) for the most up-to-date information. In order for a grant to be issued, the organization must sign an EBCE Grant Agreement. Please see a grant agreement template on EBCE's COVID-19 webpage.

Contact Us

To learn more about EBCE's response to our communities during the COVID-19 crises, please visit [EBCE.org/COVID](https://www.ebce.org/COVID). If there are questions related to the community grant, please contact Feby Boediarto, Regulatory Analyst (fboediarto@ebce.org).