

Capacity Building Grants 2010 Request for Proposals

The E. Richard Jones Family Foundation, Napa Valley Community Foundation, Napa Valley Vintners/Auction Napa Valley and the Peter A. and Vernice H. Gasser Foundation have combined resources to provide Capacity Building Grants to non-profit health and human service organizations working in Napa County. **The total amount available in 2010 is \$135,000.**

This program was initiated in 2004 as a pilot with a pool of \$25,000. By 2008, the pool was \$200,000, and 35 applications were received for a total requested amount of \$262,000 (27 were awarded). Last year, the pool was \$185,000, and 36 applications were received, with requests totaling about \$247,000. We awarded 30 grants for a total amount of \$160,582.

Who and What is Eligible

501(c)3 public charities working in Napa County's health and human services sector only may apply. Applications can be submitted in amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000. The funds must be used for one-time assistance that will improve the capacity of your organization to conduct business. **This year, preference will be given to applicants that demonstrate how their proposed project will address the impacts of the economic downturn on their organization.** Examples include but are not limited to: new equipment or business/operating models that increase revenues or reduce expenses; fundraising planning; board development; strategic planning. Projects must be completed within 12 months of funding. Projects must be concrete, practical and impactful. Requests for ongoing operating or program expenses will not be considered.

How to Apply

Applicants should submit their request via email to Julia DeNatale, julia@napavalleycf.org with copies to: Susan Duke at sduke@napavintners.com, Terri Niles at terri@gasserfoundation.org, and Stephanie Jones Bailey at stephanie@joneswine.com. The letter must state the amount requested and for what purpose it will be used. In addition, the letter must indicate how the economic downturn has impacted your organization and how your proposed capacity grant project would address these impacts. Please include a project budget (you may use the attached budget template if you wish). Applications must not exceed one page; do not include attachments other than a budget. Please note that any applications exceeding one page and including attachments other than a budget will not be considered. Applications are due August 13, 2010.

Application Review and Decisions

A review team consisting of a member of each of the funders will review and determine approval or denial of the grants. The team will consider the following when reviewing applications: eligibility of applicant and type of project; clarity of project rationale/need as well as approach; alignment of project scope with funds requested. Notification of the review team's final decisions will be made no later than September 2, 2010.

Follow-Up and Reporting Requirements

Grantees will be required to submit a report that tells us the results of the project and how the funds were spent.

Please note that applications and grant reports may be posted publicly to reflect our value of transparency, and to encourage learning among grantees and future applicants, as well as members of the community at large.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, contact Julia DeNatale, at (707) 254-9565, ext. 16 or email: julia@napavalleycf.org.

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