

# 2025 AANHPI Grant Guidelines

Supporting Well-Being for AANHPI Youth for San Diego



## About the AANHPI Fund

Comprising 16.2% of San Diego County's total population, the region's Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community is one of the largest and most diverse in the U.S. However, these individuals are often treated as a monolith or a group of people who are thought to be the same, which masks the disparities in health, education, income and social inclusion that exist across different AANHPI subgroups.

In 2024, San Diego Foundation (SDF) launched the AANHPI Fund with a \$2.5 million endowment from the SDF Board of Governors. The AANHPI Fund celebrates the diversity of the AANHPI community and works with donors and community leaders to invest directly in solutions that address the challenges faced by AANHPI communities.

## Background

In 2024, the new [State of San Diego AANHPI Report](#) commissioned by SDF revealed significant disparities in outcomes across AANHPI communities and highlighted a critical need to support the well-being of AANHPI youth ages 15-24.

The report found that suicide is the leading cause of death for AANHPI individuals ages 15-24 in California and that 30 percent of AANHPI community members reported difficulties accessing health services due to financial cost, lack of awareness about available options, limited insurance coverage and limited English proficiency. The report also highlighted a critical need for AANHPI mental health professionals who can offer culturally and linguistically appropriate care. For many AANHPI individuals, the absence of services available in native languages and the shortage of mental health providers with expertise in first-generation or immigrant care further deepens the gap in accessing appropriate mental and behavioral health support.

## Funding Opportunity

The award amount for this grant cycle is expected to total \$500,000. Eligible organizations may request a maximum of \$50,000 per proposal. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are invited to apply through 5:00 p.m. PDT, Friday, April 18, 2025.

## Goal

This grant supports projects and programs focused on well-being for AANHPI youth and young adults, ages 15-24, while providing and destigmatizing access to mental and behavioral health services utilizing culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices.

## Strategies

The AANHPI Fund 2025 grant cycle aims to support projects that employ one or more of the following key strategies:

- **Provide screening, treatment and/or access to supportive interventions**  
Provide trauma-informed, culturally relevant programs and interventions for AANHPI youth and young people, ages 15-24, to support mental health and well-being. Priority is given to programs that offer in-language services and support.
- **Facilitate intergenerational connections that promote well-being**  
Provide opportunities for AANHPI youth and young people, ages 15-24, to build and maintain connections with community elders in a supportive and culturally relevant environment.
- **Create pathways to leadership development**  
Provide opportunities for AANHPI youth and young people, ages 15-24, to access culturally relevant mentorship and leadership development opportunities that reinforce belonging and well-being.
- **Outreach and education to create narrative change and enhance access to care**  
Conduct outreach and education to reduce the stigma of mental health in the community and ensure AANHPI youth and young people are knowledgeable and have access to high-quality, affordable and culturally responsive mental and behavioral health support.

Proposals can include, but are not limited to, creative youth development programs, family-centered interventions, peer-to-peer support, coaching and mentoring, or other culturally relevant programs that promote resiliency, well-being and belonging.

Proposals that include collaborations between multiple AANHPI-led/-serving organizations and/or projects that can demonstrate capacity to engage multiple AANHPI communities are highly encouraged to apply.

Organizations will be asked to identify the primary strategies they plan to employ in their application. If awarded, organizations will be required to provide an interim and final report detailing progress and impact.

## Grant Criteria & Eligibility

Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status, located in and serving San Diego County. A 501(c)(3) public charity may serve as a fiscal sponsor for another applicant to administer the grant and provide regular financial reporting to San Diego Foundation.

### Eligibility

- Each proposal must be led by a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) public charity status, operating in and serving San Diego County.
- A 501(c)(3) public charity may serve as a fiscal sponsor for another applicant to administer the grant and provide regular financial reporting to SDF.
- Projects must be completed within a 12-month timeline.
- San Diego Foundation will not fund endowments, existing obligations/debt, scholarships, or projects that promote religious or political doctrines.

**Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. PDT, Friday, April 18, 2025.**

- Projects must work to enhance mental health and well-being for AANHPI youth and young people, ages 15-24.
- Projects must include mechanisms to collect and report participant data disaggregated by AANHPI subgroup.

## Recommendations

- Articulate a strategy for project success
- Show potential for positive outcomes and impact for AANHPI youth
- Exhibit organizational strength, past performance and strong community partnerships
- Describe how you'll connect authentically with the community you serve

## How To Apply

SDF utilizes the grant application portal (Foundant Grant Management System) for grant application submissions.

Returning applicants/users: If your organization has previously applied for a SDF grant using Foundant, please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to reset your password.

New applicants/users: If your organization has never applied for a SDF grant using Foundant, please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials. Once logged in, click the "Apply" button to access funding opportunities. [Register/apply today.](#)

**Application Deadline:** Friday, April 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. PDT

## Application

To review the application questions in advance, you may [view a PDF of the application](#). Please note we will only accept applications submitted through the grant application portal linked above.

## Timeline

Dates	Milestones
March 24, 2025	Grant Guidelines released (Application period opens)
March 24 – April 17	Organizations can schedule time with Manager, Philanthropic Initiatives to clarify opportunity and answer any questions
April 18, 2025	Application period closes
May 2025	Applicants will be notified

## Q&A

We will offer office hours where organizations can schedule time with Manager, Philanthropic Initiatives Hector Borja to clarify questions. [Schedule a time online.](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do we apply?

Applications will be accepted from March 24, 2025, until April 18, 2025, 5:00 p.m. PDT. All applications must be submitted online using SDF's online portal. [Click here](#) to access the portal.

### How much can we request?

San Diego Foundation will accept requests up to \$50,000.

### Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for this grant opportunity, organizations must have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and provide services in San Diego County. An organization may serve as a fiscal sponsor for a charitable organization that does not have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status if a cooperative relationship between the two can be clearly demonstrated. The fiscal sponsor must be willing to administer the grant if awarded. Please see Eligibility & Recommendations above.

### What is the grant period?

Projects must be implemented within 12 months of grant approval.

### When will applicants be notified?

Applicants will be notified in May 2025.

### Can I submit an application for more than one open grant program at San Diego Foundation?

Each open grant program at San Diego Foundation has its own grant guidelines. Please carefully read through each open funding opportunity's grant guidelines for the unique eligibility requirements. For the purposes of this grant, organizations who have applied to other San Diego Foundation open grant programs are eligible to apply for the 2025 AANHPI Grant.

### What other grant opportunities are available at San Diego Foundation?

Open grant programs are listed on the San Diego Foundation "[Apply for a Grant](#)" page.

### Who can I contact if I have questions about the application?

Please contact [philanthropy@sdfoundation.org](mailto:philanthropy@sdfoundation.org) if you have questions about the application or encounter any technical issues with your application.