

HOLLISTER FREE LANCE

Foundation announces nearly \$400K in local grants

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The Community Foundation for San Benito County announced its Grant Awards for 2011.

Forty-six awards totaling \$398,800 will be distributed to forty nonprofit organizations, which will benefit San Benito County.

Volunteers and staff in six field-of-interest committees reviewed the applications, which were then consolidated by the grants committee. The grants committees are made up of a knowledgeable and diverse committee of community volunteers, as well as CFFSBC board members and staff to assure proper and fair evaluation of all grant requests.

The applications were ranked using pre-established criteria, such as expected community impact. The committee then made the difficult decisions necessary to fit the recommendations into its budget.

The Community Foundation for San Benito County is dedicated to building a stronger community and enhancing the quality of life in San Benito County through the support of philanthropic activities.

For questions and inquiries on the Community Foundation's granting program, please visit cfsbc.org, or call 630-1924.

Nonprofits applied for grants in five categories, including health and social services, education and youth, economic development, community enhancement, agriculture and environment, and arts and culture. The grants ranged in size from \$50,000 to \$3,500.

Below is a list of the grants by category:

Health & Social Services

Advocacy: \$4,000 for advocacy, rights protection, abuse response for seniors and disabled adults

Chamberlains Children center: \$8,000 for Health, Wellness & Nutrition Center for children with physical and emotional needs

Community Solutions: \$7,000 for crisis counseling & legal advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

Emmaus House: \$50,000 seed money for challenge match fundraising program for domestic violence shelter

Homeless Coalition: \$10,000 to establish HUD Continuum of Care program for homeless to enable future HUD funds

SB Collaborative for Homeless Services: \$5,000 for Homeless Information Data program required to enable future HUD funding

Seniors Council - AAA: \$10,000 for needs assessment surveys and listening sessions for seniors

Seniors Council - Foster Grandparents: \$6,159 for support of senior mentoring and tutoring for at-risk youth

Suicide Prevention: \$4,000 to support education, training and crisis line

YMCA: \$7,500 for school-based PE & nutrition education

Education & Youth

CASA: \$15,000 for recruiting & education for court appointed advocates for foster children

Chamberlains Mental Health: \$10,000 for behavioral Management programs for functionally impaired preschool children

CMAP (Community Access Media Partnership): \$5,000 for Summer Digital Media Institute and rural school media programs

Community Services Workforce Development: \$16,500 for Summer Employment Training program for economically disadvantaged youth



Two kids are seen drawing with chalk outside the Emmaus House in this file photo. The organization will get \$50,000 from Community Foundation for San Benito County.

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Community Services Workforce Development: \$5,000 for backpack & school supplies program for Fresh Start school children
Friends of The SBC Free Library: \$3,000 for books for children 0-6 for family literacy program
Gabilan Hills School: \$5,000 for interactive parent/kindergarten child Raising a Reader program
Gavilan College Service Learning center: \$3,500 to expand student service learning programs in SBC
Girl Scouts: \$5,000 to expand Leadership Experience Program to low-income girls
Hollister Youth Alliance: \$20,000 for Joven Noble intervention program for referred at-risk youth
Jacobs Heart: \$6,700 to deliver art therapy programs to children with cancer and their families
Leadership San Benito: \$3,500 for Literacy program for pre-school children
Leadership San Benito: \$1,000 for fund retreats for class of 2012
Pinnacles Partnership: \$3,000 to send Hollister Dual Language Academy students to outdoor science camp
Rancho Maze Band Boosters: \$6,000 for instructors for summer band program
SBHS, English Division: \$500 for program to stimulate social & emotional awakening thru Holocaust story telling
SJB Library: \$1,000 for matching grant for library computers
So County Cal-SOAP: \$15,000 for program to improve academic performance & college entrance
YMCA: \$10,000 for after school programs support

Economic Development

Council of San Benito County Governments: \$10,000 for countywide survey of commuter transportation patterns and skill sets
El Teatro Campesino: \$7,500 for Audience & tourism cultivation for new annual summer theater programs
SBC Chamber of Commerce: \$11,000 advertising & marketing materials for visitor center to stimulate tourism

Community Enhancement

Community Food Bank: \$15,000 for food & nutrition education for needy residents
Fishes & Loaves : \$15,000 for emergency food for the needy
Hollister Dog Owners: \$5,000 for build shade structures at new off-leash dog park
Hollister Downtown Association: \$6,000 for free community outdoor movie series at Dunne Park
Jovenes de Anta'o: \$20,000 for fundraising development & challenge matching grant
Native Daughters of the Golden West: \$5,000 for matching grant for roof repairs to historic adobe
SBC Historical Society: \$500 for matching grant for museum and research materials
SJB Volunteer Firefighters Assoc: \$3,520 EMT first responder training for volunteers

Agriculture & Environment

SBC Farm Bureau: \$8,000 for Harvest of the Month brings fresh produce into classrooms
SBC Farm Bureau: \$2,000 for Educational Ag tours inspires teachers to promote agriculture in classrooms

Arts & Culture

Oriana Chorale: \$4,900 for professional support to raise the level of artistic productions
San Benito Stage Co: \$7,000 to replace and repair and user training for technical equipment

SBC Arts Council: \$2,500 for regranting for local art organizations

SBC Arts Council: \$26,000 support Arts in Education" in school programs

SBC Arts Council: \$3,500 for Summer Art, Open Studios and organizational development

TOTAL: \$398,779

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