

THE STINSON/BOLINAS COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS PROGRAM

Grant Application Guidelines

Grantmaking Schedule

The Stinson/Bolinas Community Fund was created and is supported by a group of local donors to provide funding for projects that benefit the Stinson Beach and Bolinas communities. The donors who created this Fund act as the Fund's advisors, recommending which projects should be supported by this community effort. The maximum grant the Fund provides is \$3,000 per grant cycle and there is no minimum amount.

The Fund has two grant cycles per year with application deadlines of April 30 and October 31. Applications postmarked after any of these dates will not be considered. Should April 30 or October 31 fall on a Sunday or holiday, the acceptable postmark will be the next following business day. Any applicant missing these deadlines will be notified and asked to reapply the next grant round.

April applicants will be notified of grant decisions by approximately June 15. October applicants will be notified of grant decisions by approximately December 15. Grant funds will be distributed with notification letters.

Eligibility

To be eligible, an applicant must be an organization or individual whose project benefits the Stinson Beach and/or Bolinas communities. Projects that do not specifically benefit the Stinson Beach and/or Bolinas communities will not be considered for funding. The Fund assumes that all proposed projects will be completed within twelve months from the beginning of Fund support; if this is not the case, the applicant will be required to submit a letter explaining why. To be considered for future funding, grant recipients must submit a brief final report to the Stinson Bolinas Community Fund Grants Program at the completion of their grant project evaluating the project's overall success. □□ Although matching funds, donated materials, equipment and services are not required, they are strongly encouraged and will make an application more competitive. If a grant includes a funding request for labor or services, utilizing local resources is encouraged. □□

Please note that grantees who fail to submit a final report will not be eligible for future funding.

Grant application and report forms are available at Bolinas and Stinson Beach

libraries, as well as on the Fund's website at www.sbcfgrants.org

To apply

1. Fill out the Grant Application completely. In order to insure fairness to all applicants, please either type or write on the application form provided, or reproduce the form's format on your computer. In addition, please note that incomplete or outdated forms may require you to wait for a subsequent grant review cycle. To support your application, you may include a limited amount of material in addition to that which is requested, including 3 letters of support.

2. If you are a tax exempt, charitable organization, then please provide a copy of your current IRS tax exemption letter, 990 form, financial statement for the recently completed fiscal year, and a signed copy of the nondiscrimination policy on the last page of the application form.

3. If you are an individual, group, or other non-incorporated charitable effort, please make sure that your explanation of the charitable purpose of your work and its benefit to the community is specified in your response to question #2 in the application.

4. If you are requesting a grant to provide tuition assistance or scholarships, please include specific information about the number of individuals you will be able to serve under the grant.

5. Mail one copy of your completed application to:

Deborah White
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 Stinson/Bolinas Community Fund Grants Program
 PO Box 367
 Stinson Beach, CA 94970

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO:

- Have received, or expect to receive, funds from other sources that match, or will match, the funds requested in this application (expected receipts need to be based on documented information provided to applicants by other prospective funding sources).
- Have received significant levels of gifts-in-kind (services, equipment, etc.) for the project to be supported by this application.