



Monterey County Storm Relief Fund GRANT GUIDELINES

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ABOUT

The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) established the Monterey County Storm Relief Fund in response to numerous storms (“atmospheric rivers”) in Monterey County that began in early 2023. Grants from this special purpose fund will support nonprofit organizations assisting with relief efforts for individuals, organizations affected by the floods, and recovery efforts. The grant guidelines are subject to change to be flexible and responsive to needs as they arise.

GRANT CRITERIA

At this time, grants from the fund will focus on relief and recovery efforts and will be considered for the following types of activities:

RELIEF EFFORTS

Funds may be provided to organizations providing immediate direct relief to individuals in **Monterey County** impacted from the storms.

Some possible activities might include:

1. Support for emergency shelter
2. Support for evacuees and residents (food, housing and immediate needs)
3. Financial assistance to those evacuated, and/or to those displaced or affected by the closure of businesses/employment
4. Efforts to support first responders (equipment, etc.)

RECOVERY EFFORTS

Funds may be provided to organizations providing programming in **Monterey County** for communities impacted from the storms and evacuations.

Some possible activities might include:

1. Assist nonprofit organizations with program support and related impacts due to the storms and evacuations.
(Ex: program or service interruptions or relocation and reopening due to evacuations in the affected areas, equipment and other supplies due to evacuations and storm/flood damage in the affected areas).
2. Programming to address the related-mental health impact.

SELECTING GRANTS

We expect the needs generated by these storms will exceed the available funds. Applications will be reviewed by CFMC staff for approval by the CFMC President/CEO.

GRANT AWARDS

We expect grants to range in size from \$2,000 to \$30,000. Organizations may apply for more than one grant during the calendar year, as this fund is intended to be responsive to the ongoing needs of the community.

Eligibility:

- Grants are open to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and other public agencies serving the community affected by the storms (“atmospheric rivers”) in Monterey County that began in early 2023.
- Businesses and individuals are not eligible at this time.

Exclusions:

- Activities that are non-secular or promote a religious doctrine
- Academic or medical research
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Political or partisan purposes
- Unincorporated groups
- Fiscally sponsored groups

CFMC does not support organizations that discriminate in their employment practices, volunteer opportunities, or delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other characteristics protected by law.

SUBMITTING A GRANT PROPOSAL

1. Review the grant application guidelines: **[Cfmco.org/StormReliefGrants](https://cfmco.org/StormReliefGrants)**
2. Apply through the CFMC’s online application portal: **www.cfmco.org/apply**

Monterey County Storm Relief Fund grant applications can be submitted at any time while funds are still available. Grantmaking decisions will typically be made as soon as possible after receipt of the proposal. Organizations that are awarded a Monterey County Storm Relief Fund grant are encouraged to stay in close contact with the CFMC on the progress of their efforts. A final grant report will not be required.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **[Cfmco.org/StormReliefGrants](https://cfmco.org/StormReliefGrants)**

CONTACT

If you have questions about the Monterey County Storm Relief Fund grantmaking process after reviewing the guidelines and application instructions, please contact Laurel Lee-Alexander, Vice President of Community Impact, laurel@cfmco.org or 831.375.9712 x 112. *Note: contact by email is preferred.*

Please visit our website at www.cfmco.org/ for information.