

# **SAN BRUNO**

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## Community Foundation

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**SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPENS  
2020-2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND  
WITH SUPPORT FROM YOUTUBE AND GOOGLE.ORG**

***Community Organizations May Apply for Grants of up to \$25,000  
for Programs Benefiting the San Bruno Community***

**San Bruno, California, July 1, 2020** – The San Bruno Community Foundation has launched the fifth annual cycle of its Community Grants Fund, offering grants of up to \$25,000 to local community organizations to fund programs that benefit the San Bruno community. With support from YouTube and Google.org, the Foundation plans to award multiple grants totaling \$300,000 at the end of 2020.

As they have the last three years, YouTube and Google.org are generously providing \$100,000 in funding to the Community Grants Fund. The Foundation will fund the other \$200,000 in Community Grants by utilizing investment proceeds from a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood.

“Through the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation is able to invest in many different local organizations doing important work to serve the San Bruno community, and this year, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and large-scale efforts to address injustice and racial discrimination, we know that many community organizations need our financial assistance more than ever,” said Foundation President Emily Roberts. “We deeply appreciate the commitment of YouTube and Google.org to the Community Grants Fund, which will allow us to support a diverse array of programs benefiting the San Bruno community.”

“We’re grateful for this opportunity to support – for the fourth year in a row – community-minded organizations serving San Bruno, YouTube’s home,” said Drew Sherwood, YouTube’s Real Estate Director. “YouTube and Google.org know that these organizations are the backbone of the San Bruno community, providing critical services to vulnerable populations, especially in this time of great need.”

Through the Community Grants Fund, the Foundation will fund programs and projects that (1) benefit the San Bruno community and (2) fall within one of the Foundation’s focus areas, which include publicly owned community facilities; community health and safety; sports and recreation; education; youth activities; public spaces, parks, and open space; community building; human and social services for all; economic vitality; intra-San Bruno transit; and healthy, stable, and affordable housing. Such programs may include, but are not limited to, racial equity and social justice programs as well as programs addressing community needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant awards will be based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to the benefits of the proposed program to the San Bruno community; the proposal’s alignment with one of the Foundation’s focus areas; program methodology and budget; requested grant amount in relation to the anticipated community benefit; and the organization’s track record, stability, and financial health.

Eligible organizations can apply for a grant through the Foundation's online application, which is posted at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org). For the 2020-2021 grant cycle, the application deadline is Wednesday, September 30, 2020. The Foundation intends to announce in December 2020 this year's Community Grant awards, which will be used to fund activities in 2021. Detailed program guidelines for the Community Grants Fund, including eligibility requirements and the application process, as well as descriptions of past grantees, can be found on the Foundation's website at [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org).

In addition, the Foundation will host two optional Grant Workshops for organizations interested in learning more about the Community Grants Fund and the application process. The workshops will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. Zoom login information will be posted on the SBCF website, [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org), at least one week prior to each scheduled workshop.

Programs funded in previous years include emergency homeless shelter services, a wide array of prevention and healing services for survivors of sexual abuse/assault in San Bruno, mental health services through Parkside Intermediate School, legal assistance to San Bruno residents facing eviction or living in substandard conditions, and experiential learning, leadership, and community outreach activities for youth through the San Bruno/South San Francisco 4-H Club.

#### **About the San Bruno Community Foundation**

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit [www.sbcf.org](http://www.sbcf.org).

#### **About Google.org**

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We accelerate their progress by connecting them with a unique blend of support that includes funding, products, and technical expertise from Google volunteers. We engage with these believers-turned-doers who make a significant impact on the communities they represent, and whose work has the potential to produce meaningful change. We want a world that works for everyone – and we believe technology and innovation can move the needle in four key areas: education, economic opportunity, inclusion and crisis response.

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