



GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND FOR VENTURA COUNTY FOR PROJECTS ADDRESSING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

The Goals of the Social Justice Fund are to Support:

1. Grassroots community organizing with local agents of change in Ventura County
2. Projects that mobilize communities to create lasting positive change
3. Activities developing youth leaders while encouraging them to learn new skills
4. Projects developing networks, collaboration and community problem solving

The Focus of Our 2019 Grants: Vulnerable Children

The 2019 fundraising and grant-making campaign for the Social Justice Fund for Ventura County will focus on building awareness, and helping the plight of, the children in Ventura County who have larger than usual barriers to leading a fulfilling life, following their dreams, and becoming productive members of their community. Our grants will help projects address the situation of foster children, homeless children, children in the juvenile justice system, teenage parents, migrant children, children who have been victims of trauma and mental stress as well as other vulnerable populations.

The Social Justice Fund for Ventura County wants to fund projects that deal with issues impacting the various populations of vulnerable children in our county. These projects should involve at least one of the following:

1. Advocacy for vulnerable children: building awareness of their situation to the public or lawmakers, with the objective of increasing preventive measures and/or productive interventions to address children's needs.
2. Offering services for the prevention and/or avoidance of traumatic situations in which children face obstacles to living full lives: poverty, abusive domestic life, foster care, homelessness, migrant situations, juvenile detention, etc.
3. Offering services for intervention with the objective of improving the situations of children dealing with poverty, abusive domestic life, foster care, homelessness, migrant situations, juvenile detention, teenage parenting, etc.

This support can take many forms, including, but not limited to: educating parents, caretakers and legal guardians to available services, offering counseling to or opening new horizons for, vulnerable children, helping the transition of children leaving the juvenile justice system, etc.



How to Apply for a Grant

Submit a Letter of Interest (LOI). The following numbered questions will help you explain your project. As you plan your responses indicate how your work will meet the four goals of the Social Justice Fund identified above as well as the focus areas of the grant. Please include the exemption letter for your 501(c) (3) or an explanation of your financial situation. Highlight the details in your answers.

Please limit your entire letter of interest to a maximum of 2 pages. Use an 11 point font or larger and make margins 0.5 inches minimum. Email your response to Social Justice Fund for Ventura County at socialjusticefundvc@gmail.com by April 20, 2018.

Contents of the Letter of Interest for Your Vulnerable Children Project:

1. Briefly describe the organization you represent (mission, highlights of your organization's history).
2. What is the specific problem you are addressing? (For example: educating adults on services available to help children, projects to prevent trauma for vulnerable children, efforts to help low income children pursue their education, offering services to help foster children or some other population, etc.).
3. If your project is successful, what will change? What measurable goals do you have?
4. List some major actions you plan to take. Explain how they are tied to your goal(s).
5. How much financial support are you seeking from the Social Justice Fund?
6. Please include the name, address, phone number and email address of the person to contact from your organization.

Vulnerable Children 2019 Grantmaking Calendar

April 20th – Deadline for submitting Letters of Interest

May 18th – Announcement of short-listed candidates (those who will most likely receive grants upon submission of a more specific and detailed action plan)

June 8st – Deadline for submitting specific Action Proposals

June 22th – Announcement of the grants and fundraiser

Fall 2019 – Projects begin