



Social Justice Fellowship Program Information

The Social Justice Fund for Ventura County (SJFVC) has been active in Ventura County since 2004, but in 2020 we made a shift and began a new program within our organization titled the ***Social Justice Fellowship Program*** to better focus on supporting emerging social justice leaders in our community. The purpose of the Fellowship program is to fund emerging leaders with social justice projects in Ventura County and to build future leaders for social justice in our community.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

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Eligibility Details

- A student or member of the Ventura County community
- An individual or group of individuals who have limited experience in leadership but who have the potential to become a strong voice for progress in our county and who can initiate concrete change
- A leader(s) of a project impacting Ventura County with clear outputs and objectives that include action in the community involving advocacy, awareness building, or remedial action/service
- Having a sponsor who is either an established non-profit in Ventura County or a subject matter expert (such as a professor) who will be a mentor for the project
- Having a clear financial need which, if not addressed, will slow the project's progress

Grant Details

Grants for the Social Justice Fellowship range from **\$5,000 to \$12,500**, given the duration of the project and the financial need. All projects for consideration for fellowships will affect Ventura County and will align with the Social Justice Fund for Ventura County's mission to promote fairness, equity, and human rights. The grant application process requires filling out a Letter of Interest, and if shortlisted, presenting in front of the selection committee. Once selected, grantees and their coaches will attend 5 hours of project management training and be asked to present a mid-project update as well as a final report.

Use of Grant Money

The purpose of Social Justice Fellowship grant money is to enable emerging leaders to lead a project impacting social justice in Ventura County. For this reason, grant money may be used for the following reasons:

- To pay for the reasonable life expenses for the grantee that enable the grantee to spend more time on the project
- To pay for expenses incurred for the project: renting space for an event, providing refreshments at such events, renting equipment to film, video production costs, travel costs associated with the project, etc.

Obligations of Fellows

Fellows will be asked to share data and photos about their projects, attend meetings and trainings, and give feedback and testimonies about SJFVC. We kindly ask that Fellows do their best to respond to emails in a timely manner and attend any social events hosted by SJFVC to ensure opportunities for connection with other Fellows.

Note: SJFVC understands that social justice work is often underpaid and underappreciated work, and can sometimes lead to burnout. Our Program Manager will reach out to you to ask you about the methods of communication you prefer and will inquire about how best to support you during your Fellowship.