

# Cooperative Community Fund Grant Guidelines & Application

2025 Program Year



## GUIDELINES and GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Cooperative Community Fund Mission Statement

The Cooperative Community Fund is a permanent endowment established and directed by members of the North Coast Cooperative, which awards grants to support projects and the work of community organizations in Humboldt County. Through collaborative grant making the Fund seeks to strengthen the community by emphasizing projects and activities that promote democratic cooperative principles, community development and food security.

### 2. Cooperative Community Fund (CCF) grant requirements:

- Grant Proposals submitted by: 1. A nonprofit organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, 2. A public benefit organization (public schools, government agencies, federally recognized tribal governments), or 3. A community group with a qualified fiscal sponsor who meets 1 or 2 above.
- Grant funds are spent in Humboldt County.
- Organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability.
- Are nonpartisan and do not advocate a particular religion.
- Organization is not a 2025 Seeds for Change Round Up recipient.

3. Grants will range from \$500-\$3,000 with \$20,000 in total available in 2025.

4. Grant funds cannot be used for fundraising/fundraisers. Grants must be for a specific project.

5. All projects must address at least one of the following areas:

- **Community Supportive Services** - Projects that focus on supportive services for diverse communities within Humboldt County, including BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, and low-income communities.
- **Local Food Systems** – Projects supporting local food systems and increasing the availability of locally grown food within Humboldt County.
- **Educational Programs Focused on Food** – Projects providing educational services around food, including food systems, health, and nutrition.
- **Sustainable Communities Implementation and Education** – Projects that promote or implement sustainable systems and practices, including waste reduction, renewable energy, and alternative transportation.
- **Cooperatives** – Projects supporting co-op organizations, co-op development, co-op education, etc.

6. Applications are due March 31, 2025.

7. Applicants should be notified in June 2025, and checks will be distributed soon after.

8. Grants are expected to be used for their stated purpose within one year of distribution.

9. Grant recipients will provide a brief final report of their project within one year of distribution.

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**Organization Name:**

**Contact Name:**

**Contact Phone:**

**Contact Email:**

**Organization Mailing Address:**

**Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name (*If Applicable*):**

**Fiscal Sponsor Mailing Address:**

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**Mission Statement:**

**Project Title:**

**Amount Requested from CCF (\$500-\$3,000):**

**Total Cost of Project:**

**What date is the funding needed by?**

**Project Description:**

**Why is this project needed now?**

**Check one grant category that best applies to your request (see guidelines for descriptions).**

Educational Programs Focused on Food

Local Food Systems

Cooperatives

Sustainability Communities Implementation & Education

Community Supported Services

**Explain how your request falls into the CCF grant category you chose.**

**What will CCF Funds be used for?**

