

Cooperative Community Fund

Grant Guidelines & Application

2026 Program Year



GUIDELINES and GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Cooperative Community Fund Mission Statement

The Cooperative Community Fund is a permanent endowment established and directed by owners of the North Coast Cooperative, which awards grants to support projects and the work of community organizations in Humboldt County. Through collaborative grantmaking, it 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:

- Eligible Applicants Include: 1. A nonprofit organization with tax exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2. Public schools and federally recognized Tribal governments; or 3. A community group with a qualified fiscal sponsor that 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 2026 Seeds for Change Round-Up recipient.

3. Grants will range from \$500-\$3,000 with \$28,850 available in 2026.

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+, people 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 13, 2026.

7. Applicants should be notified May 2026, 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.

You are encouraged to contact Emily Walter if you are unsure your project qualifies for this grant at ccf@northcoast.coop or 707-822-5947 x236.

Complete the application using the space/formatting provided.

Download and save this pdf to your computer or device prior to being filled in. Do not change any formatting or add any protections to the file. Space is limited intentionally.

Organization:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

Organization Mailing Address:

Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name (*If Applicable*):

Fiscal Sponsor Mailing Address:

1. Mission Statement:

2. Project Title:

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

Total Cost of Project:

4. What date is the funding needed by?

5. Project Description:

6. Why is this project needed now?

7. 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

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

9. What will requested funds be used for?

Budget

Please summarize your budget costs (i.e. materials/supplies, personnel, indirect costs).
Include a line for fiscal sponsorship costs if applicable (the administrative cost a fiscal sponsor charges . often 15%).



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Expense	Requested from CCF	Other Funding Sources		Total Expense
		Amount	(i.e. donation, grant)	
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