



Community Grants Questions and Responses

1. ***Would a non-profit that is based outside of Merced, Stanislaus or San Joaquin Counties, but that serves one or more of these counties, be eligible?***

Response: Yes.

2. ***Can grant funds support costs in the 2024-2024 program year? The grant period is listed as July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, could you confirm that this funding covers work completed last year, and not for upcoming initiatives from 2024 to 2025?***

Response: The period of activity is July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024.

3. ***Will you be considering awarding lower amounts (less than what is requested by applicant) in order to accommodate more applicants receiving something? If so, how will you evaluate how much would be a reasonable amount to cover eligible past or upcoming costs since we don't have to submit a budget narrative?***

Response: Specific award amounts will be determined using various criteria, namely a proposal's alignment with North Valley THRIVE Sectors and Cross-Cutting Enabling Strategies, or California First Priorities. Funding levels will be determined, in part, based on the availability of funds and equitable distribution of available funds. The aims (Question #6) and, if applicable, outputs (Question #10) of the work described may also inform the award amount.

4. ***How do we indicate what we'll be using the funding for?***

Response: Question #6 of the RFP asks that applicants to "describe the coalition-building work you are requesting support for." You can describe your request in this section. Additionally, Question #10 asks applicants to "describe the outputs of the work thus far."

5. ***Are we only talking about work that was done previously or also talking about work we will be doing in the future if this grant frees up some of the funds from work that was previously done?***

Response: The period of activity is July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. It can include work done previous to the applicant's submission date (ex: July 19, 2024) but not before July 1, 2023, and can include work to be done through but not after September 30, 2024.





6. How do we show alignment with potential jobs in the Priority Sectors if we don't really know much about what's been talked about in those sector development meetings?

Response: Applicants may describe their work in relationship to the Priority Sectors (Carbon Management; Clean Energy; Advanced Manufacturing; Bioeconomy/Bio-Industrial) broadly. For example, applicants may describe, if applicable, their coalition-building in the general Clean Energy space, or around community concerns related to expanded Manufacturing in the region, or in promoting or not promoting opportunities in Carbon Management. Applicants may choose to focus their proposal on its alignment with the Cross-Cutting Enabling Strategies, or California Jobs First Priorities.

7. To stay within the three-page requirement and are the NVT Logo and the instructions right underneath included in the three-page limit?

No, the North Valley THRIVE logo and instructions are not necessary and/or considered part of the limit.

8. What kind of supporting documentation will be required if any on the general operating expenses from July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024?

Completed Applications include:

- (a) PDF of Application Questions and Answers, no more than three pages in length.
- (b) Copy of 501 c-3 status.

Applications may also include, if applicable:

- (a) Copy of completed deliverables, such as published reports, printed or online materials, or other final outputs, preferably in PDF format. Please do not attach photographs of meetings, media clippings, or related material. If documents are too large to attach, please include a link (website, cloud storage, other) where the document or material may be accessed.

9. Are indirect expenses allowed and if so, is there a limit on the amount?

Indirect expenses are generally those costs that support multiple programs and cannot specifically be identified with one particular project. The RFP lists "general operating support" that includes "utilities, lease and related" among allowable costs. These and other indirect expenses are allowable and there is no set limit.

10. Can an organization be a fiscal sponsor for multiple organizations applying for the grant? Would all those organizations be able to get funding?

Fiscal agents may submit multiple applications on behalf of different organizations and each organization and application will be evaluated independently. A fiscal agent may be awarded multiple grants.

