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2023 Community Project Sponsorship Program Competitive Grants

Beginning Monday, October 10, the Inyo County Community Project Sponsorship Program is accepting grant applications for the 2023 Yearly Competitive Grants. The grants will be available for events and projects sponsored by local non-profit groups that will be taking place in Inyo County during 2023. Up to \$40,000 is available in the 2023 Competitive Grant cycle. The deadline for submitting applications, either on paper or digitally, is December 5, 2022.

The Competitive Grants can be used to fund a variety of projects, programs, or events. In general, the CPSP program is focused on helping local organizations promote activities and programs that bring visitors to the area, and also supports events and programs that enhance the cultural and recreational quality of life of the county's residents. For example, last year CPSP grants were used to help sponsor the Playhouse 395, a community mural project, reopening of the Forum Theater, and the First Friday Markets and other events.

The Program Guidelines, Grant Application, Grant Review Criteria, Tax Status, and Final Report Template are also available to review or download at <https://www.inyocounty.us/government/board-supervisors/community-project-sponsorship-program>.

To be considered, the completed and signed Grant Application (submitted on paper or digitally), must be received by the Office of the County Administrator by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2022. **No postmarks will be accepted.**

Grant applications being mailed should be sent to: Office of the County Administrator, Attn: Community Project Sponsorship Program, P.O. Drawer N, Independence, CA 93526. If hand delivering, deliver to: Office of the County Administrator, 224 N. Edwards Street, Independence, CA, (760) 878-0292. Digital grant applications, which still need original signatures, may be sent to dellis@inyocounty.us.

Grant applications will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility and then forwarded to a Review Panel for evaluation, ranking and suggested funding levels. The County Administrative Officer is expected to consider the Review Panel's funding recommendations and make a final decision on the specific grant awards in early January.

Organizations or groups with questions about the grant guidelines, the application process, or the program in general can call (760) 878-0292 for more information.