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Competitive Grant Applications Due Dec. 4

Time is ticking down for interested groups to submit applications for 2024 Community Project Sponsorship Grants.

Inyo County is making available \$40,000 for competitive grants for local events, projects, and other initiatives spearheaded by local non-profit organizations in 2024. Applications are due, either on paper or digitally, December 4, 2023. Grant awards are expected to be made in mid- to late January.

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 Playhouse 395, "Movies at the Museum" in Lone Pine, Inyo County Search and Rescue's Range of Light Trail Races, an outdoor youth program, the First Friday Markets in Bishop, Owens Lake Bird Festival, and other events from Tecopa to Bishop.

The Program Guidelines, Grant Application, Grant Review Criteria, Tax Status Certification Forms, 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 4, 2023. No postmarks will be accepted. Grant applications must be complete at time of submission with all of the required documentation included.

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 an independent 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 by mid- to late January 2024. The maximum amount that can be requested per application is \$10,000.

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.

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