

Community Support Guidelines

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Guided by our Mission, Sonoma Clean Power supports our communities by contributing financial sponsorships, in-kind donations, and our time and expertise to local non profits and community groups.

As communities across our region face growing economic and social pressures, including the rising cost of living and reductions in outside funding, we have seen a noticeable increase in the number, urgency, and lead time of community support requests. In response, Sonoma Clean Power is focusing its resources on areas of greatest impact and need, while continuing to honor our existing commitments. Although we may not be able to fulfill every request, we remain committed to supporting efforts which align with our guidelines, and make a meaningful difference for our customers and communities.

To help guide this approach, SCP prioritizes support for efforts aligned with these focus areas:

- Basic needs, including food, housing, family support services, and community resilience initiatives (excluding medical-related services)
- Local schools and education, including foundations and initiatives with an emphasis on trades and STEM (including workforce development)
- Greenhouse gas reduction and climate solutions

SCP may also consider support for:

- Key community events in each jurisdiction of our service territory
- Partnerships with our service territory's business community, including our region's key industries and economic drivers

SCP does not sponsor religious events or programs, political parties, ballot measures, or organizations whose primary services or products are in opposition to our mission.

SCP generally does not provide funding or sponsorship for the following:

- Initiatives that primarily benefit an individual or a small number of individuals
- Club activities or sports teams
- Political campaigns or lobbying activities

- Events or initiatives outside of SCP's service territory
- For-profit events unless they demonstrate a clear and substantial community benefit aligned with SCP's Mission

Requesting Support from SCP

Requests for support will be considered throughout the year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, and we take this into account when reviewing requests. Whenever possible, we encourage requests to be submitted within the fiscal year of the event, or with this timeline in mind.

We evaluate each request carefully based on the available budget and other resources, alignment with the categories listed above, and the effort's intended impact. Please allow up to 30 days for review, as response time varies based on request volume. Requestors may be asked to provide additional information if needed.

Our Community Support Guidelines are evaluated annually and are subject to change to ensure consistent alignment with the Agency's Mission and goals. Thank you for your support of Sonoma Clean Power and our community.