

**City of Colusa
Community Sake Grant
July 2023**

About

The City of Colusa will award monies to programs or specific community projects and events that improve the quality of life and build civic pride in Colusa.

The City of Colusa recognizes the value that other organizations have in providing services that benefit the community and its members. The Community Sake Grants Program was created to support, strengthen and sustain the City Council goals and priorities to achieve a better quality of life by improving the health and overall well being through investment in our Colusa community organizations.

The City of Colusa understands that in a crisis such as this unprecedented health and economic crisis, nonprofits step up to advocate for, and serve, our communities in these challenging times. Our City and Country continue to face a profound impact on the economy, which include our non-profit organizations and members of the community in these unusual times. In many cases, the scope of operations will need to expand and evolve to accommodate increased demand for vital services.

Like many grants and programs, the demand for these funds exceeds availability. The City has limited funding for grants to our local non-profits and understands the critical need to help support our local non-profits. We also understand that many of our local non-profits revenues losses from closed programming and services have not quite returned to the level of normalcy, as well as anticipated shortfalls in fundraising continues, jeopardizes the need to provide these services to our community.

The Community Sake Grant Program provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Colusa to support critical community programs, projects, and events that help fulfill the community's vision. It is the goal of City Council to consider the contribution funding of community-based programs conducted by non-profit 501 (3) (c) organizations and community organizations that have a fiscal sponsor, that actively enhance the quality of life for Colusa residents allocating \$30,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for fiscal years

2023/24 and 2024/25. Non-profit organizations must file an application for the Community Sake Grant Program. Please see Policy and Application documents for complete details.

The Community Sake Grant Fund is intended to provide funding to local non-profit organizations for specified community benefits programs and/or projects that will:

1. Address an unmet/under-met and ongoing community need;
2. Demonstrate long-term impact and quality outcome;
3. Benefit a large cross section of community residents and/or businesses;
4. Leverage additional funding to support the program;

The goal is to operate the Community Benefit Grant Program following related Council policies, plans and activities such as:

1. Social Plans including Youth Plan, Cultural Arts, and Positive Aging/Elders;
2. Community Participation;
3. Festivals and Public Events;
4. Economic Development; and
5. Marketing Strategy, Tourism, Community Outreach