Inland Empire Community Foundation
Build Coachella Valley Fund
2024 Grant Guidelines

Inland Empire Community Foundation (IECF) is a nonprofit, public charity that helps individuals, families and businesses make a meaningful difference on the issues they care about in the region through permanent charitable funds. IECF does this by raising, stewarding, and distributing charitable assets, by providing grants to nonprofit organizations, and by working toward a shared vision of a vibrant, generous, and just region with unlimited opportunities. The mission of the Inland Empire Community Foundation is "strengthening the Inland Empire through philanthropy."

The Build Coachella Valley Fund (BCVF) is a signature fund of IECF established in 2023 to support the critically urgent social, environmental and economic resilience of the region. Through a collective impact approach to fundraising and grantmaking, BCVF has an opportunity to reinvigorate local philanthropy by investing collaboratively in effective, mission-driven organizations that uplift wellbeing and build prosperity for residents in the Coachella Valley. For 2024, BCVF will focus on <u>food insecurity</u> in Coachella Valley. We believe that conditions are right for real, sustainable progress. For more information about the Build Coachella Valley Fund, visit: https://www.iegives.org/funds/buildcoachellavalleyfund/

BCVF now solicits brief grant proposals in the range of $5,000-25,000 from 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations based in the Coachella Valley that directly address the needs of local communities facing food insecurity (through programs such as food banks, pantries, Meals on Wheels, etc.). Preference is given to agencies reaching underserved communities (such as low-income families, seniors, communities of color, LGBTQ, farmworkers, geographic-isolated food deserts, etc.). The food insecurity programs must have a minimum annual budget of $10,000 to be eligible to apply.

Grant proposals will be screened for eligibility and completeness by IECF staff, who may seek additional information depending on the agency and the nature of the request. Grant proposals then will be reviewed by a local advisory committee through a competitive process. Proposals will be evaluated based on quality services, clients and communities impacted, and financial viability. The local advisory committee will forward grant recommendations to IECF Board of Directors for final approval.

Proposals and budgets must focus on programs directly addressing food insecurity in local communities and may include 20% administrative overhead. The grant period is for one year starting July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Requests for capital expenditures will not be considered. Requests for political or religious programs cannot be considered.

<u>How to Apply</u>

1. Please read the eligibility requirements carefully. The online application is due by 5pm (Pacific Time) on April 30, 2024.
2. Go to https://www.iegives.org and locate the application link to the Build Coachella Valley Fund. A login and password will be required and can be established by creating an online account.

Make sure to note your login and password for future use. If you have had changes in staff since your last online application, a new user account will be needed.

3. Complete the required "Eligibility Assessment" to continue to the online application. Complete all required fields and be sure to "Save" your responses as you go along.

4. Be prepared to upload the following REQUIRED documents in PDF format on the "Attachments" page of online application:

   • Your current 501(c) (3) final determination letter from the IRS
   • A listing of your Board of Directors and their affiliations
   • Project Budget Page and narrative (a budget template can be downloaded from within the online application under the "Attachments" tab)
   • Your most recent year-end financial statements (audited if possible)

5. **Applications must be completed and submitted by 5pm (Pacific Time) on April 30, 2024.** Applications will be inaccessible after the deadline. All applications MUST be submitted via the online application process. We will not accept mailed, faxed or emailed copies. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Applicants will be notified of decisions in writing the week of June 17, 2024. Questions? Please contact us at: grant-info@iegives.org