

**SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
FY 2025-2026**

The County of Sonoma, through the Community Investment Fund Program, provides funding for projects and initiatives that stimulate the county's economic vitality by providing programs and services that support our tourism industry. The Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) oversees one area of grant funding:

Chambers of Commerce:

Chambers of Commerce serving unincorporated areas of Sonoma County or who provide countywide services may apply for this grant. Chambers located in the unincorporated area of the county and those serving the entire county will be given priority and fully funded prior to funding consideration of municipal Chambers of Commerce. Allocation of funds will be based upon an up to 10% match of membership dues and private cash contributions that are discretionary revenue to the chamber and are not associated with a particular event, function or position.

A maximum of \$50,000 will be made available in fiscal year 2025-2026 for Chambers of Commerce.

How to Apply:

The funding for this application process will cover the time period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Funding awards will be based upon an evaluation of all application materials.

Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.**

Applications must be emailed to: **EDCGrants@sonoma-county.org.**

APPLICATION

Section I

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Website Address: _____

Amount Requested: _____ (cannot exceed 10% of 25-26 projected Membership Dues)

Section II – Chambers of Commerce

1. District(s) where requested funding for services will be provided (Check all that apply):

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

2. The Board of Supervisors wishes to encourage tourism, agriculture, and economic development initiatives throughout Sonoma County. Please describe how your chamber will encourage the above initiatives through this grant program, if awarded:

3. Please provide historical annual membership totals for the last three fiscal years, and projected totals for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. **If there is a significant variance between projected membership for FY 2025-2026 and previous years, please explain below.**

Fiscal Year	2022-2023 <i>(7/1/22-6/30/23)</i>	2023-2024 <i>(7/1/23-6/30/24)</i>	2024-2025 <i>(7/1/24-6/30/25)</i>	2025-2026 Estimate <i>(7/1/25-6/30/26)</i>
Total Membership Dues				

Explanation of variance, if applicable:

4. What is your anticipated membership/business attendance at your annual business-focused events? Please note approximate number of total planned events, by category and projected numbers. What are the Chamber’s main objectives and goals for these events and how will you measure results?

Event Type	Networking/Mixer	Workshops/Seminar	Other
Total Planned Events			
Estimated Number of Attendees			

5. As part of the award, grantees are required to provide recognition to the County of Sonoma on varying promotional materials. Please describe how the County of Sonoma, as a sponsor of the organization, will be recognized:

6. If your application is accepted and a grant is awarded, the following person will sign the grant contract on your organization's behalf:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Section III – Attachments

The following must be included with any application in order to be considered for funding:

- a. **Financial Statements** – please provide a copy of your organization’s most recent Income Statement/Statement of Activities for the prior fiscal year.
- b. **Current roster of Board of Directors, Officers, and employees.**
- c. **Copy of Bylaws, if applicable.**
- d. **Current W-9.**

SUBMISSION

By signing this grant application, I, as a representative of the applicant organization, agree that if Community Investment Funds are awarded, applicant organization will contract with the County to furnish the services as specified, in accordance with this grant application.

Signature of Applicant

Date