



CITY OF CHICO

Youth Wellbeing Program Invitation to Apply

Youth Wellbeing Program Application available on
the City of Chico Website:

<https://chico.ca.us/pod/youth-wellbeing-program>

Completed applications are due no later than
5:00pm on December 3, 2021.

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Program Summary

The ***City of Chico Youth Wellbeing Program*** will provide one-time grant awards to eligible non-profits located within the city limits of Chico. The program is funded through a portion of the City of Chico's allocation of American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. These grant funds will assist non-profit organizations with costs associated with the expansion of existing services to school-aged youth. Such services shall address the impacts of COVID-19 on youth, providing services to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of school aged youth (Grades K-12). The total amount of grant funds available is \$150,000. This amount will support a maximum of three (3) organizations (depending on application request). Grantees will be chosen based on an application rating and ranking system from a pool of applicants determined to be eligible non-profit organizations, located within Chico and serving primarily youth from local schools Grades K-12.

Eligibility

- Non-profit organization in good standing.
- Non-profit organization physically located and operating in the City of Chico.
- Non-profit organization, that primarily serves school-aged youth (K-12) from Chico schools.
- Non-profit organizations that currently offer programs that directly address the impacts of COVID-19 on school age youth, including one or more of the following:
 - Tutoring
 - Mentoring
 - Team Building/Skill Building
 - Leadership Training
 - Recreation Programs
 - Mental and/or Behavioral Health Services
 - Resiliency/Coping Skills Training
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Music and/or Art Therapy
 - Workforce Readiness or Workforce Training

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a contact with the City of Chico and provide reporting demonstrating the acceptable use of funds as it relates to the requirements of the American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Eligible Uses

Funds can be used to pay for the direct staffing and operational costs of programs addressing the impacts of COVID-19 as detailed above for the **period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022** or any timeframe within that period.

Grant Range

Applicants are strongly encouraged to only request the specific amount needed for gap funding or program expansion. No single application shall request funds in excess of the total amount of funds available, \$150,000.

Application Submittal

Applications will be submitted by email to: CMWeb@chicoca.gov . All application materials shall be submitted no later than 5:00pm December 3, 2021. No late submissions will be accepted.

Application Review

After the close of the application period, City staff will review each submitted application for completeness and threshold eligibility. Applications determined to be either incomplete or ineligible for funding will not be considered.

Eligible applications will be scored based on the following **(100 pts total)**:

- Established program with results in addressing the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts on school aged youth (Grades K-12) from the COVID-19 pandemic. **(35 pts)**
- Number of existing and/or new students existing program is or will be serving **(20 pts)**
- Ability to continue to offer programs and services addressing the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts on school aged youth after the end of the grant funded period. **(20pts)**
- Staff qualifications and organizational capacity **(25 pts)**

Bonus points will be provided for applications that provide the following **(15 pts total)**:

- Transportation for participants **(5pts)**
- At least one meal per day **(5pts)**
- Programs focused on underprivileged or at-risk youth **(5pts)**

Total Awards

Organizations shall only request the amount necessary to support and/or expand their current services, with the understanding that the grant program will fund a maximum of three (3) organizations. The selected applicants may receive funding for their entire request, or a modified amount based on application scoring.

Application Workshop

An in-person workshop will be held on November 1, 2021 at 9:00am in the Chico City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street, Chico. CA. The workshop will include information on program purpose, eligibility, application process, and award timeline. Workshop presentation materials will be posted on the City's website after the event <https://chico.ca.us/pod/youth-wellbeing-program> .

Estimated Application Timeline

- Program Announcement October 28, 2021
- Application Period Opens October 28, 2021
- Application Workshop November 1, 2021
- Applications Due December 3, 2021
- Selection Notification December 11, 2021