

## *Where We Fund*

The Foundation is located in the Diamond Neighborhoods of the Fourth City Council District in southeastern San Diego. Named for the area's diamond-shaped business improvement district, the neighborhoods are home to 88,000 residents and include the communities of Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Lincoln Park, Mountain View, Mount Hope, North Encanto, Oak Park, South Encanto, Valencia Park, and Webster.

We have committed all of our resources to developing The Village at Market Creek, a residential, commercial and cultural hub at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Market Street. While the Foundation primarily serves the four neighborhoods immediately surrounding The Village at Market Creek: Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Lincoln Park, and Valencia Park; proposals are considered from throughout the Fourth City Council District of southeastern San Diego.

The Village is being created by residents working together to improve and own the change in their neighborhoods. The goal of The Village is to create a supportive and vibrant community that is ethnically and economically diverse, offers a unique business environment that promotes the spirit of entrepreneurship, and values cross-cultural learning, cooperation and fellowship.

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## *Application Guidelines for the Neighborhood Grants Program*

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## *Who We Are*

The Jacobs Family Foundation explores new philanthropic roles and relationships for strengthening under-invested neighborhoods by making grants and other investments that support innovative, practical strategies for community change.

## *What We Believe: Our Values*

We review requests for funding according to how they demonstrate one or more of the following community building values:

- ☀ **Resident** involvement in planning, decision-making, and implementation
- ☀ **Cross-cultural** understanding and representation
- ☀ **Grassroots** leadership development
- ☀ **Cooperation** among residents, businesses, and community-based organizations
- ☀ **Ongoing assessments** of what's working and not working
- ☀ **Commitment** to applying what's learned to future strategies
- ☀ **Economic** opportunity
- ☀ **Connections** of resources from inside and outside The Village at Market Creek neighborhoods

## What We Fund

The Neighborhood Grants Program funds programs or strategies that:

- ☀️ Strengthen and expand health, environmental, educational, and family resources;
- ☀️ Foster opportunities for ownership and building assets through economic and business development;
- ☀️ Create vibrant places and spaces which express and enhance the cultures and environment of the community; and/or
- ☀️ Strengthen the ability of the community to get things done and include the voice of residents in decision-making, advocacy, and planning.

*The Jacobs Family Foundation*

*believes in close,*

*sharing relationships.*

*We encourage you to*

*explore ideas with us*

*before submitting full proposals.*

## Neighborhood Grants Program Funds

### ☀️ The Village Neighborhoods Fund (\$10,000 - \$75,000)

The Village Neighborhoods Fund makes grants to resident groups and neighborhood organizations that serve or support The Village at Market Creek. To apply, an organization must be a 501(c)3 non-profit that:

- 1) Works with the Jacobs Center to develop The Village at Market Creek in southeastern San Diego;
- 2) Provides programs or services that benefit the neighborhoods surrounding The Village at Market Creek; or
- 3) Provides neighborhood strengthening strategies or models that can inform and advance The Village at Market Creek work.

We also fund a limited number of grants to support projects outside these neighborhoods that demonstrate innovative community and economic development strategies and a commitment to share what works, what doesn't, and why.

After discussing your project with us, you may be asked to send a brief letter of interest and/or complete a full Village Neighborhoods Fund application. All information should be clear, specific, and to the point. One copy of an application is sufficient. Letters of interest and applications are accepted year-round.

### ☀️ The Spirit of the Diamond Fund (up to \$5,000)

The Spirit of the Diamond Fund provides grants for community projects that enhance the beauty, safety, and spirit of the Diamond Neighborhoods. Funding priority is given to projects that are resident-led, open to the community, and/or strengthen relations among community members.

Projects can include art programs, cultural events, historical gatherings, street fairs, health fairs, clean-ups, community gardens, and other neighborhood strengthening programs and activities. Projects that promote cross-cultural understanding are encouraged. Community groups, organizations, or individuals applying do not need to be formal non-profit organizations and may receive up to a total of \$5,000 in grants from the Spirit of the Diamond Fund during the calendar year.

Spirit of the Diamond Fund applications are accepted six months prior but no later than 60 days before the start of the project.

### ☀️ The Jabara Learning Opportunities Fund

The Jabara Learning Opportunities Fund provides grants to send residents to community building trainings. Residents must be working to develop The Village at Market Creek.

## How to Apply

Each fund has its own application process. Applications are available at the Jacobs Center or can be downloaded from the Jacobs Family Foundation website.

Before applying, we encourage you to discuss your project with us. Successful projects have clear answers to the following questions:

- **What do you want to do and why?**
- **What results are you looking for and how will you know if you have achieved them?**
- **What kind of resources do you need?**
- **How will you share what you've learned?**

## The Review Process

All Village Neighborhoods Fund proposals are initially screened within 30 days of receipt. As a hands-on funder committed to building long-term relationships, Grants Team members get to know the people and their work through a process that includes phone calls, site visits, and open discussion. The full review process can take up to 120 days. Final decisions are made by the Board of Directors at quarterly meetings.

## Reporting

When a grant is approved, a letter accompanies funding which outlines reporting requirements. The Village Neighborhoods Grants require quarterly project review meetings and progress reports at six months and one year of the grant funding. Spirit of the Diamond and Jabara Learning Opportunities require final reports within 30 days of project end.