Stockton Housing Innovation Fund 2023

San Joaquin Community Foundation

Program Overview and Information

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SAN JOAQUIN is pleased to invite eligible non-profit organizations to submit proposals for grant funding from the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund (SHIF). SHIF was created as a community-designed and driven source of financing. It is intended to be responsive to local housing needs and invest directly into the Stockton Community with the overall goal of reducing housing insecurity. The Stockton Housing Innovation Fund achieves this goal by supporting local, impactful, and innovative solutions to improve housing access and outcomes.
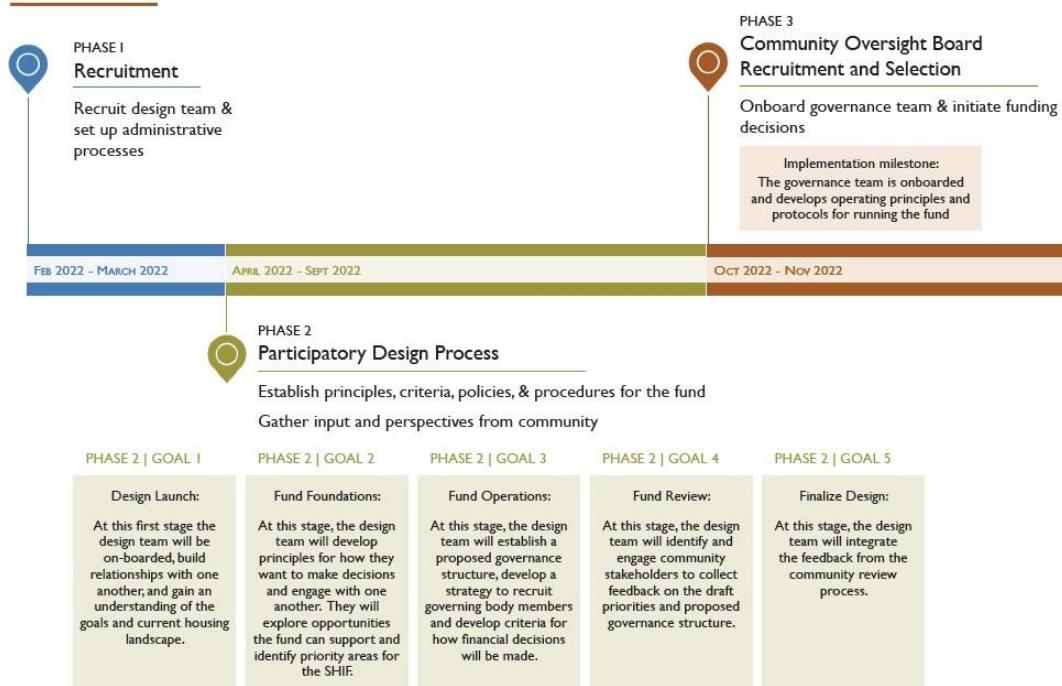

Figure 1 – Design Team Process, JSI

SHIF's areas of focus were developed by a Design Team, comprised of nine (9) individuals with diverse lived experience and expertise on housing in Stockton. In phase 3 of the design process, the Design Team and facilitators (JSI and Reinvent South Stockton Coalition) solicited applications for the Community Oversight Board which required one-third of members be representative of the community with lived

experiences as long-time renters, being unhoused, residents in affordable or public housing, those who have purchased their first home in Stockton and/or those who participate in grassroots advocate initiatives.

Grants are available to fund projects and activities that serve people living in the City of Stockton, and directly align with one or more of the SHIF's areas of focus: ***improving local capacity around affordable housing, innovative solutions to address housing insecurity, addressing racial disparities in current housing systems.*** For 2023, SHIF is accepting requests for eligible projects from all three areas of focus.

FUNDING FOR 2023
The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) has generously provided $150,000 to be regranted by the San Joaquin Community Foundation for this grant program in 2023. Additional funds may be made available during this round of funding. The maximum amount an applicant may request under this program is **$50,000**, although applicants may request less than the maximum amount.

Future grant opportunities may be available through the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund in late 2023.

TIMEFRAME FOR USING GRANT MONIES
The timeframe to expend grant monies is one calendar year from the date of award.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Those organizations receiving grant awards will be required to submit progress and final reports, as well as a financial report.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
The San Joaquin Community Foundation will accept applications from the following organizations:

- Nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

    - Organizations must serve low and moderate-income households within the City of Stockton.

SELECTION PROCESS
Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the SHIF Community Oversight Board with a goal of funding a minimum of one application within each focus area. Grant funding awards will be made by the Foundation's Board of Directors, based on recommendations provided by the Community Oversight Board. Decisions made by the Board of Directors are final.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The San Joaquin Community Foundation will accept applications from eligible organizations that propose projects or activities that directly align with one or more of the SHIF areas of focus (developed by the SHIF Design Team) below. Funding requests can be for new or ongoing projects or activities and may extend beyond the one (1) year timeframe to expend grant monies. Preference in the application review process will be given to funding projects or activities within these areas that demonstrate a commitment to:

- **DEVELOP LOCAL CAPACITY AROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
  - Reduce barriers for housing development and promote policies to support unhoused and housing insecure Stocktonians
  - Advance a community-centered housing agenda and build resident support for solutions
  - Increase access for more local organizations and companies to the competitive funding landscape

- **INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOUSING INSECURITY**
  - First-time homeownership
  - Increasing supply of affordable housing
  - Preventing and/or addressing ongoing displacement
  - Addressing needs of the unsheltered population
  - Emergency preparedness and response (as it relates to housing stability and security)

- **ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES**
  - Explicitly address decades of discriminatory housing policy by empowering the most affected residents to shape current policy
  - Support local CBOs that advance the interests of communities of color
  - Remove systemic barriers that make it difficult for groups of residents to access housing and support

RESTRICTED USES

Proposals that include the following restricted uses will not be considered by the San Joaquin Community Foundation:

- Lobbying that seeks to influence legislation.
  - While organizations as a whole are not prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities to support their overall mission and goals, activities funded with SHIF proceeds cannot be tied to any direct lobbying activities around specific candidates or legislation at any level.
- Any activities that would violate the law and/or public policy.

TIMELINE

Below is the approximate timeline for application submissions. The Foundation will contact applicants by email.

SHIF Application Opens	**April 3, 2023**
"How to Apply" Workshop	**Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (PST)**
Application Submission Deadline	**Friday, May 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (PST)**
Community Oversight Board (COB), Application Review	**May 2023 (exact date to be determined)**
Round 1 Award Notifications (following the San Joaquin Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting)	**June 8, 2023**
Grant Funds Available	**Early July**

SCORING

Proposals will be reviewed by the SHIF Community Oversight Board. Any organization applying for funding with staff or board members currently on the Community Oversight Board are eligible to apply. However, these members will not participate in any part of the scoring or recommendation process. Award recommendations will be finalized by the San Joaquin Community Foundation Board of Directors. All proposals must meet the following Threshold Criteria:

Threshold Requirements:
- Meet eligible applicant criteria
- Propose eligible activities that fall within one of the three focus areas
  - **Focus Area 1**: Develop Local Capacity Around Affordable Housing
  - **Focus Area 2**: Local Housing Impact
  - **Focus Area 3**: Addressing Racial Disparities

Proposals that do not meet the threshold requirements will not be scored.

Proposals will be scored on a 50-point scale with the opportunity for applicants to earn up to two (2) additional priority points based on BIPOC leadership and governance structure.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Step 1: Assess Eligibility	• Review the eligibility criteria listed in the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund (SHIF) Application o Questions about an Applicant's eligibility may be sent to Brenda Amboy at bamboy@enterprisecommunity.org
Step 2: Review the Application	• Read the entire SHIF Application to understand submission details and requirements.
Step 3: Create a Grant Lifecycle Manager Account	• Register for a free Grant Lifecycle Manager Account by going to the following website: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfsanjoaquin • You can use your existing login with SJCF if you have applied for a grant with us before. To create a new account, click on "Create New Account" to complete the account setup process.
Step 5: Prepare & Submit proposal in Grant Lifecycle Manager	• Follow these steps to access and submit the application: 1. Go to website: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfsanjoa

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2. Enter Username (email address) and Password.
3. Click on "apply" at the top left of the screen next to the home icon.
4. This application will appear. Click on blue "Apply" button to begin the application process or to return to draft application.
- Answer all application questions in Grant Lifecycle Manager.
- Carefully review responses before submitting. Applicants will not be able to make edits once the proposal is submitted.
- Submit proposal prior to the deadline to avoid potential issues.
- Proposals must be submitted in Grant Lifecycle Manage **by 5:00 pm PDT on Friday, May 12, 2023**.
- After submission, Grant Lifecycle Manager will provide Applicants with a confirmation message, a copy of the full application and a unique ID number will be sent to the email associated to the Grant Lifecycle account.

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for technical assistance with using our online grant portal must be submitted in writing by e-mail to George Lorente at glorente@cfosj.org with the subject line "Stockton Housing Innovation Fund". For any other questions related to the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund, please contact Brenda Amboy at bamboy@enterprisecommunity.org.