

# Stockton Housing Innovation Fund 2026

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*San Joaquin Community Foundation*

## *Program Overview and Information*

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### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

THE SAN JOAQUIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION is pleased to invite eligible organizations to submit proposals for grant funding from the [Stockton Housing Innovation Fund](#) (SHIF). [SHIF was created in 2022 as a community-designed and driven source of financing](#) that is responsive to local housing needs and can invest directly into the Stockton community with the overall aim of reducing housing insecurity. The Stockton Housing Innovation Fund has consistently awarded funding aligned with the original goals of **improving local capacity around affordable housing, investing in innovative solutions to address housing insecurity, and addressing racial disparities in current housing systems.**

Grants from SHIF are available to fund projects and activities that serve low to moderate-income people living in the City of Stockton and directly align with one or more of the SHIF's areas of focus. For 2026, SHIF is accepting requests for eligible projects from all three areas of focus.

### **FUNDING FOR 2026**

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) has generously provided a total of **\$375,000** to be regranting by the San Joaquin Community Foundation for this grant program in 2026. Additional funds may be made available during this round of funding. The maximum amount an applicant may request under this program is **\$75,000** although applicants may request less than the maximum amount.

### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

The San Joaquin Community Foundation will accept applications from eligible organizations that propose projects or activities that serve **low to moderate-income residents of Stockton** and directly align with one or more of the SHIF areas of focus. Funding requests can be for new or ongoing projects or activities. Projects may address more than one of the focus areas, but organizations will be asked to select one of the focus areas below as part of the application.

- **PRODUCTION:** increasing affordable housing production
- **PRESERVATION:** preservation or rehabilitation of existing affordable housing
- **PREVENTION:** addressing housing insecurities with a focus on anti-displacement, prevention of eviction, and fair housing

Example activities that can be funded include applications that address one or more of the following (this list is not exhaustive):

- Support unhoused or housing insecure families to find/keep housing
- Create opportunities for transitional housing for unhoused individuals
- Assist populations with high rates of homelessness, such as LGBTQIA+ and foster youth, to find and keep 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
- First-time homeownership
- Increasing supply of affordable housing
- Counseling to prevent and/or addressing ongoing displacement
- Address needs of the unsheltered population
- Emergency preparedness and response (as it relates to housing stability and security)
- 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

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

All organizations applying for SHIF funding must serve low and moderate-income households within the City of Stockton. 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.
- Institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

## **INELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

Expenses not associated with achieving the program's goals and those prohibited by the Internal Revenue Service will be ineligible. If awarded a grant, the following expenses are not allowed to be paid by this funding:

- Retroactive payments of expenses before the start of the grant period.
- Expenses after the end of the grant period, unless a no-cost extension has been requested by grantee and approved by the San Joaquin Community Foundation.
- Expenses spent on services for projects/residents outside of Stockton.
- Expenses inconsistent with IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).
- Exemption requirements - 501(c)(3) organizations
- Inurement/private benefit: Charitable organizations
- Restriction of political campaign intervention by Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations
- Political and lobbying activities

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the SHIF Community Oversight Board, a group of local residents with professional and lived experience in housing insecurity in Stockton and San Joaquin County. Any organization applying for funding with staff or board members currently on the Community Oversight Board are eligible to apply. COB members who are staff or board members of an applying organization will not score applications from those organizations to avoid conflicts of interest.

All proposals must meet the following Threshold Requirements:

- Meet eligible applicant criteria
- Proposed projects serve low to moderate-income residents in the City of Stockton (applications from organizations that have projects/services beyond Stockton must describe how the funds will only be used for Stockton)
- Proposed activities fall within one of the three focus areas:
  - **Focus Area 1: Production:** Increasing affordable housing supply
  - **Focus Area 2: Preservation:** Preservation or rehabilitation of existing affordable housing
  - **Focus Area 3: Prevention:** Addressing housing insecurities with a focus on anti-displacement, prevention of eviction, and fair housing

Proposals that do not meet the threshold requirements will not be scored. Applicants may submit multiple applications for each of the focus areas but no organization will receive more than one award. **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.**

**GRANT AGREEMENT**

Organizations selected to receive grant funding must review and sign a grant agreement provided by the San Joaquin Community Foundation to receive grant funds. If a grant agreement is not signed by the grantor and grantee, the grantee will not be eligible to receive funds for their project.

**PAYMENT METHOD**

Organizations selected to receive funding will receive payment upfront for the awarded amount within 2-3 weeks of signing the grant agreement.

**TIMEFRAME FOR USING GRANT MONIES**

The timeframe to expend grant monies is one calendar year from the date the grant agreement is signed. Organizations may request a no-cost extension throughout the grant period or in the final report at the end of the grant period. If your organization has not spent all funds from the grant and the grant period has expired, any subsequent expenditures may not be eligible unless a no-cost extension has been approved and executed. Grantees may request an extension for up to six months after the due date of the final report. Extension requests will be reviewed at the discretion of the San Joaquin Community Foundation. No-cost extensions are not guaranteed and may be granted for a shorter period than requested.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Those organizations receiving grant awards will be required to submit minimal mid-year progress and final reports, as well as a financial report. Organizations awarded a grant will receive a copy of the report templates with their contract.

**GOVERNANCE**

This fund is governed by a Community Oversight Board (COB) of local residents with lived and professional experience around housing insecurity and affordable housing initiatives in Stockton. Proposals will be reviewed and scored by the SHIF Community Oversight Board with a goal of funding one application within each focus area. Awards will be made by the San Joaquin Community Foundation's Board of Directors, based on recommendations provided by the Community Oversight Board. Decisions made by the Board of Directors are final.

**SUBMISSION REVIEW TIMELINE**

Below are the relevant dates for this grant opportunity. Applicants will be contacted directly upon completion of the various stages of review. The Foundation will contact applicants by email using the contact information submitted with applications.

- **Grant Application Portal Opens** – Applicants can create or access their account to the [Grant Lifecycle Management portal](#) starting on Monday, April 6, 2026. All grant applications must be submitted through the online portal.

- **SHIF “How to Apply” Webinar** - Interested applicants can attend an optional webinar for “How to Apply” for the SHIF grant on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 10am to clarify questions about the RFP and get assistance on using the online grant portal. [Register online](#) for the Zoom link to the webinar. A recording will be posted on the [SHIF website](#) following the webinar.
- **SHIF “Grantmaking 101” Webinar** – Interested applicants can attend an optional webinar for basics on grantmaking and tips on how to create a strong proposal narrative on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 10am. [Register online](#) for the Zoom link to the webinar. A recording will be posted on the [SHIF website](#) following the webinar.
- **Grant Application Due Date** – Applicants must submit completed applications using our [online grant portal](#), by **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5pm.**
- **Grant Proposal Review (Approximate)** – Grant proposals will be reviewed May 13-May 27, 2026 by the SHIF Community Oversight Board. Recommendations for funding will be approved by the San Joaquin Community Foundation Board of Directors on June 3, 2026.
- **Grant Award Announcement (Approximate)** – Grant award announcement will be made on/by Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5pm.

#### **REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Requests for technical assistance with using our [online grant portal](#), including any questions about the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund-2026, must be submitted in writing by e-mail to Alfonso Villalobos, Grants and Scholarships Associate, [avillalobos@sanjoaquincf.org](mailto:avillalobos@sanjoaquincf.org) with the subject line “Stockton Housing Innovation Fund-2026.”

## Organizational Background

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### Organization Name\*

Please state the name of the applicant organization applying for grant funding (*if this project involves multiple organizations, please state the name of the lead organization.*)

Character Limit: 100

### Applicant Organization Type\*

Please indicate the type of organization applying for grant funding. (*If this project involves multiple partnering organizations, please specify the type for the lead organization.*)

#### Choices

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

Institutions of higher education

Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

Special district governments

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

### EIN Number\*

Please list your organization's EIN number below.

Character Limit: 15

### Name of Project\*

Please state the name of the project you are requesting funding for (*this is the name that would be used to identify the project to the general public.*)

Character Limit: 250

### Organization Mission and Vision\*

Please state the mission and vision of the applicant organization.

Character Limit: 2000

### Organization's Total Operating Budget\*

What is the total operating budget of the applicant organization (most recent calendar or fiscal year)?

#### Choices

\$0 - \$24,999

\$25,000 - \$49,999

\$50,000 - \$99,999

\$100,000 - \$249,999

\$250,000 - \$499,999

\$500,000 - \$999,999

More than \$1,000,000

## Organizational Background and Success\*

Please provide a brief background of your organization explaining programs and projects, past accomplishments, and your organization's capacity and ability to successfully perform the work it proposes to undertake if awarded grant funding.

*Character Limit: 1500*

## Geographical Area(s) Served\*

What geographical area(s) does your **organization** serve overall? Please select all that apply.

### Choices

Escalon  
Lathrop  
Lodi  
Manteca  
Ripon  
Stockton  
Tracy  
Unincorporated San Joaquin County  
All of San Joaquin County

## Populations Served\*

What populations does your **organization** serve overall? Please select all that apply.

### Choices

Businesses, Business Owners, and Entrepreneurs  
Developmentally Disabled  
Formerly Incarcerated  
Homeless and Housing Unstable  
Migrants and/or Refugees  
Mothers  
Rural Populations  
Seniors  
Veterans  
Youth  
All Groups  
Other (Please Specify Below)

## If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify below.

*Character Limit: 100*

## Organizational Focus?\*

What focus area(s) does your **organization** primarily serve? Please select all that apply.

### Choices

Animal Welfare

- Arts & Culture
- Capacity Building
- Children & Youth
- Community
- Education
- Environment
- Food Security
- Health & Wellbeing
- Homelessness & Housing
- International
- Racial & Social Justice
- Religious
- Scholarships
- Social and Legal Services
- Veterans
- Women & Families
- Workforce Development
- Other (Please Specify Below)

**If you selected "Other" in the previous question, please specify below.**

*Character Limit: 100*

**Nonprofit Directory Listing**

Would you like the San Joaquin Community Foundation to consider adding your organization to our online Nonprofit Directory? Adding your organization to this directory will give our fund holders, donors, and the overall community the opportunity to be informed about your organization and to donate.

If you are interested in being included in our Nonprofit Directory, which is currently being developed, please specify below. The Foundation may reach out to you to receive more information essential for your organization's listing.

**Choices**

- Yes, please consider adding our organization to your Nonprofit Directory
- No, our organization would not like to be added to your Nonprofit Directory

***Project Background***

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**Problem statement and alignment with Funding Round\***

Please state the problem that the project hopes to address, and how the project aligns with the Funding Round's priorities and/or areas of focus.

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Brief Project Description\***

Please briefly describe how your project will fill the need within the community. This is a description that the Foundation would be able to use for publicity purposes in the case that your organization is awarded funding.

*(Limit: Approx. 2-3 sentences)*

*Character Limit: 750*

### **Project Description\***

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project, and how it intends to fill the need in the community.

*(Limit: Approx. 1 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 3000*

### **Project Focus Area**

#### **Choices**

Production: Increasing affordable housing production

Preservation: Preservation or rehabilitation of existing affordable housing

Prevention: Addressing housing insecurities with a focus on anti-displacement, prevention of eviction, and fair housing

### **Target population description\***

Please expand on any specific groups of individuals this proposed project will serve/target (e.g. specific demographic groups or geographic communities) and briefly state your rationale for targeting that/those group(s).

*(Limit: Approx. 1/4 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 750*

### **Key people assigned to the project\***

Please identify the key people (staff and/or volunteers) who will be assigned to this project, state their role, from which organization they are associated (yours or a partner organization), and any relevant qualifications they have for the project.

*(Limit: Approx. 1/4 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 750*

### **Is this a new project or an existing one?\***

#### **Choices**

This is a new project that hasn't started yet

This project is less than one year old

This project has been occurring for 1-3 years

This project has been occurring for 3-7 years

This project has been occurring for 7 years or longer

### **Logic Model**

A logic model illustrates the association between your program's resources, activities, and intended outcomes. For the next few questions, please outline the resources and activities available for your ENTIRE project (not just what will be funded by this grant) and the impacts and outcomes you aim to achieve, both within the grant period (outputs, number of individuals served) and throughout the duration of the project (short and long term outcomes). Please reach out to SJCF staff with any questions or guidance regarding these questions.

### **Program Resources (Inputs)\***

What resources do you plan to include to execute this project?

*(Examples: staff, volunteers, program materials, equipment, technology, etc.)*

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Program Components (Activities)\***

What activities will you be doing to execute this project? Please include activities that specify how you will collect and/or evaluate input around your program's impact and outcomes.

*(Examples: develop and provide classes, instruction, trainings, workshops, events, materials, engagement, data collection, etc.)*

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Evidence of Program Implementation & Participation (Outputs)\***

What will be the direct result from program activities?

*(Examples: # of children enrolled, # of children completing program, # of children re-enrolling, etc.)*

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Number of Unique Individuals to be Served\***

How many unique individuals does your organization intend to serve if awarded grant funding?

*Character Limit: 15*

### **Evidence of Change/Impact on Society/ the Community (Short-Term Outcomes)\***

What will be the immediate impact of the program?

*(examples: children reporting they make healthier life choices, more likely to not drop out of school, not participate in crime, etc.)*

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Evidence of Change/Impact on Society/ the Community (Long-Term Outcomes)\***

What will be the meaningful long-term impact of the program?

*(Examples: lower obesity & heart disease rates, higher high school graduation rates, increase in*

*earning potential, etc.)*

*(Limit: Approx. 1/2 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **Timeline and Milestones\***

Please describe your proposed project's timeline and milestones. Include the start and end dates of the proposed project, when inputs and activities are intended to be implemented, and when objectives are intended to be met. Feel free to present your answer in paragraph or bullet-point form.

*Character Limit: 2000*

### **Equity**

Applicants are eligible to receive up to two (2) priority points. Additional points may be awarded if proposals are submitted by eligible organizations that are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)-led and/or have a majority (51%) BIPOC governing body. Please indicate which of these is true of your organization's leadership (check all that apply):

#### **Choices**

BIPOC-led: Can include various titles including, but not limited to, Executive Director, CEO, President, etc.

Majority (51%) BIPOC governing body: This can include Board of Directors, Steering Committee, etc.

### **Partnerships\***

Please list any partnering organizations below and describe how each partner intends to support the proposed project. If your organization is not partnering with any other organization, please type "N/A".

*(Limit: Approx. 1 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 3000*

## **Project Budget Background**

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### **Amount of grant funding requested\***

Please state the amount of grant funding being requested.

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Total Project Budget\***

What is the total 12-month budget for the project for which you are requesting funding? If this request is for a one-time project/event, please list the total budget for this project/event.

*Character Limit: 20*

### **Project Budget Narrative\***

Please describe or list below how funds will be utilized if awarded grant funding.

Feel free to respond to this question in paragraph or bullet-point form.

*(Limit: Approx. 1 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 3000*

### **Budget Template File Upload\***

Please provide a proposed budget for this project. For convenience and for your use, an example of a project budget template has been provided in the link below. This is only an example, and the applicant should feel free to download and customize it as applicable to the project. You may also upload your own existing budget template (be sure to include the budget information listed below.)

### **Example Budget Template**

**Budget Information:** When listing sources of income for this project, be sure to indicate sources that have been secured, that you have applied for already, and that you plan to apply for in the future. For matching funds, please indicate the funding sources and whether the matching funds are in-cash or in-kind support. For in-kind support, specify how it is being calculated.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

### **Partial Award Impacts on Proposed Program\***

If your organization does not receive the full amount requested, how would that affect your proposed program? Please describe any anticipated changes to the proposed program's scale, timeline, components, or outcomes if only partial funding were awarded. If you do not receive the requested funds, where will additional funds come from? This helps us understand how to support your work as effectively as possible. (e.g., serving fewer individuals, shorter program, scaling back programming, project will not occur, etc.)

*(Limit: Approx. 1/4 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 750*

### **Monetary and In-Kind Support**

Please specify below the amount of monetary and in-kind support received for this project.

*Examples of in-kind support* include non-cash donations of goods, services, property, equipment, books, clothing, furniture, supplies, advertising, lending staff time, volunteer time, and professional expertise that is used in achieving your program objectives.

*Examples of monetary support* include grant monies and/or donations from other external funders, including matching funds, that will be used in achieving your program objectives.

### **Funding secured\***

What is the total percentage of funding you have secured towards the 12-month budget for the project (if this request is for a one-time project/event, please list the percentage secured towards the project/event.)? This should include only funding you have received or have been awarded and are waiting to receive.

### Choices

0% - we have not received any funding yet  
 0% - 25%  
 25% - 50%  
 50% - 75%  
 75% - 100%

### Amount of "in-cash" matching funds\*

Please state the amount of matching funds "in-cash" the applicant organization expects will be secured for this project (meaning funds secured from sources other than San Joaquin Community Foundation). These should only include "in-cash" matching funds. If none, please mark 0.

*Character Limit: 20*

### Amount of in-kind matching funds

Please state the amount of matching funds "in-kind" the applicant organization expects will be secured for this project (meaning funds secured from sources other than the San Joaquin Community Foundation). These should only include "in-kind" matching funds. If none, please mark 0.

*Character Limit: 20*

### List your organization's top five funding sources for the current fiscal year\*

Please list the top five funding sources for your organization's current fiscal year with the corresponding dollar amounts. Please specify any restrictions tied to each funding source (*Example: \$10,000 from Foundation X for unrestricted use, \$5,000 from a Private Donor to provide scholarships, \$2,500 for sponsorship of the XYZ event, \$1,000 from Jane Smith for unrestricted use, \$500 from Business Y to support the ABC program, etc.*)

*(Limit: Approx. 1/4 page, single-spaced)*

*Character Limit: 750*

## Supporting Documents

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### Optional Additional File Upload/ Link Sharing

If there is any other file or supplemental document you'd like to include, please upload or share a link below.

*(Examples of documents you may want to share include reports, project publications or webpages, project planning documents, or other documents that communicate the impact or importance of your proposed project)*

*Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 3 MB*

## Applicant Acknowledgement

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### Acknowledgment\*

Please mark here to indicate that the applicant has read and understands the Stockton Housing Innovation Fund’s Program Overview, Eligibility Criteria, Submission Deadline, Selection Process, Reporting Requirements, and Program Timeline, is aware that not all applicants will receive funding, and that the information contained in this Grant Request is true and correct.

**Choices**

The applicant hereby acknowledges the above

**E-Signature\***

Enter your full name, and job title (*ex: Anne Smith, Executive Director*)

*Character Limit: 250*