

# SONOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND PROGRAM REQUEST FOR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FY 2026-2027

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 encourage tourism, economic development, community engagement, and culture in Sonoma County. The Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) oversees one area of grant funding:

## Chambers of Commerce:

All Chambers of Commerce located within Sonoma County are eligible to apply for this grant. Chambers located in the unincorporated area of the county or serve the entire county will be given priority 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 2026-2027 for Chambers of Commerce.

## How to Apply:

The funding for this application process will cover the time period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 (FY 26-27). Funding awards are based upon application completeness and an evaluation of all application materials.

Complete the questions and prompts in sections I, II, and III. Questions 3-5 are rated with a possible total of 30 points. For these questions, evaluators are looking for completeness and alignment with the grant program.

Applications are due by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Applications must be emailed to: [EDCGrants@sonomacounty.gov](mailto:EDCGrants@sonomacounty.gov).

## Application Check List:

Section I prompts completed

Section II prompts and questions completed

Financial Statements

Current roster of Board of Directors, Officers, and employees

Copy of bylaws, if applicable

Current W-9

# APPLICATION

## Section I

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas the organization serves (select all that apply):

Unincorporated Sonoma County

Incorporated Sonoma County

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ (cannot exceed 10% of FY 26-27 projected Membership Dues)

## Section II – Chambers of Commerce

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

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

2. Please provide historical annual membership totals for the last three fiscal years, and projected totals for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. **If there is a significant variance between projected membership for FY 2026-2027 and previous years, please explain below.**

Fiscal Year	2023-2024 <i>(7/1/23-6/30/24)</i>	2024-2025 <i>(7/1/24-6/30/25)</i>	2025-2026 <i>(7/1/25-6/30/26)</i>	2026-2027 Estimate <i>(7/1/26-6/30/27)</i>
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>				

Explanation of variance, if applicable:

3. The Board of Supervisors wishes to encourage economic development, tourism, community engagement, and cultural initiatives throughout Sonoma County. Please describe how your chamber will encourage one or more of these initiatives through this grant program, if awarded (Total Points: 15):

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.

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

What are the Chamber's main objectives and goals for these events and how will you measure results?  
(Total Points: 10)

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 (Total Points: 5):

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 submitting this form, I, as a representative of the applicant organization, declare that I have carefully read the [Sonoma County Community Investment Fund Policy](#) and agree that, if Community Investment Funds are awarded, applicant organization will contract with the County to furnish the service as specified, in accordance with this grant application attached.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_