

- If your organization is a current grantee with an active grant, contact the Foundation at [socal@wmkeck.org](mailto:socal@wmkeck.org) before applying.

## Financials

- Your organization has at least two years of full, certified, audited financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices. An accountant's review or compilation does not qualify.
- Your organization's annual operating budget is at least \$750,000 as reflected in the current audit.

## Tax Status

- If your organization is a government unit, you can provide a Declaration of Status.
- Your organization is a qualified tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.
- Your organization is a public charity as defined by Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) or 170(b)(1)(A) (I-VI) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Your organization is not a 509(a)(3) organization or private foundation other than an exempt operating foundation as defined by 4940(d)(2).

## Location

- If headquartered in California, your organization is tax exempt under the California Franchise Tax Board's section 23701(d) and is deemed in good standing.
- If headquartered outside of Southern California, your organization has an independent affiliate, chapter or staff located in Los Angeles County.
- Your proposed project serves residents of Los Angeles County.

## Request Type

- Your request meets the Southern California Program's Funding Guidelines for types of projects funded.
- Your request is not for ongoing support of existing programs, unrestricted funding, or administrative overhead.
- If a capital request, your organization has control of the site (existing property, closed escrow or a signed lease).

## Leadership

- The organization is led by a permanent CEO or executive director. Applications will not be considered if a leadership transition is underway or an interim has been appointed.