

The Mary Pinola/Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Established in June 1990 to provide grants for educational programs or projects in Crescenta Valley, the Fund is supported by individual contributions & community fundraisers including the Smart-A-Thon.

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The Fund is invested with the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, *Edna Karinski*, Chief Executive Officer.

Mission & Vision

The Educational Endowment Fund provides financial support to innovative as well as traditional educational programs and projects in public and private schools and community organizations in the Crescenta Valley.

Our goal is to enrich educational opportunities by supporting building, equipment, instruction, guidance, coaching, practical application, classroom activities, inservice, training and/or practice programs.

All qualified organizations are invited to submit grant applications once a year for grants that will be awarded at the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon in early January. The Fund is invested with the Community Foundation of the Verdugos.

Application Guidelines

Eligible Organizations

Tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, known as nonprofit public charities, and not a private foundation under 509(a) of the Code, or organizations that are 501(c) 6. An organization may apply for no more than two grants during a grant cycle, although the president, school principal or leader must indicate awareness of multiple requests and each application must be for different types of support.

Grants Supported

- Equipment Purchase, Replacement & Modernization
- Improvement to Facilities including Athletic Facilities
- Printed Material
- Fundraising Events or Capital Campaigns
- Classroom Materials
- Public/Private Schools and Colleges
- Child Day Care/Development Centers
- Libraries
- Hospital
- Community Enrichment Projects
- Salaries

Grants NOT Supported

- Uniforms or Clothing
- Travel Expenses
- Fiscal Agents
- Individuals and Individual Scholarships
- Endowment Funds
- Feasibility Studies or Consulting Fees
- Advertising
- Research
- Political Lobbying, Voter Registration or Political Campaigns
- Insurance or Maintenance Contracts
- Faith-based Projects

Geographic Location

Must be in the Crescenta Valley (includes La Crescenta, Montrose, Tujunga and La Canada). “Parent organizations” located outside the Crescenta Valley but delivering educational programs in the Crescenta Valley are eligible. Please indicate the number of Crescenta Valley residents who will be served by your program.

Guiding Principle

A guiding principle for the Fund is that we are committed to collaboration and seek to establish partnerships in order to promote quality education which we believe is key to the most satisfying quality of life for all of our citizens. *Please note that the availability of grant funds permits a favorable response to only a limited number of requests. Lack of approval bears no reflection on the worthiness and merit of the proposal and organization submitting the request.*

Contact Person

Address questions to Edna Karinski, chief executive officer of the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, 818.241.8040 or Julia Rabago, executive director of the Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce, 818.248.4957.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

*Since its inception in 1990, the Fund has awarded **over \$78,956** in grants to educational programs and projects in Crescenta Valley including the following.*

2011

Leadership Grant - Holy Redeemer School/St. James the Less School - \$2,500
Renee Grant - College View Elementary School/La Crescenta Elementary School - \$1,000
Clark Magnet High School Robotics Engineering Program - \$1,000
Crescenta Valley Arts Council - \$500
Crescenta Valley High School Boys & Girls Soph/Frosh Volleyball Teams - \$500
Crescenta Valley High School Boys & Girls Water Polo, Falcon Water Polo Club - \$750
Crescenta Valley High School Prom Plus - \$1,000
Crescenta Valley High School Instrumental Music Foundation - \$2,000
Door of Hope - \$1,000
Glendale Clean & Beautiful - \$500
Glendale Healthy Kids \$1,000
Glendale High School Softball Program - \$500
Rosemont Middle School/YMCA of the Foothills for afterschool program - \$1,000
Verdugo Hills Hospital - \$1,750

2010

Leadership & Renee Grant La Crescenta Elementary School – \$1,134 & - \$2,600
Clark Magnet School - \$500
CVHS Instrumental Music Program - \$1,000
Glendale Educational Foundation - \$1,000
Glendale Healthy Kids - \$1,000
La Canada Community Center - \$800
La Crescenta Woman’s Club - \$1,000

Rosemont Middle School Drama Program - \$1,000
St. James the Less Elementary School - \$856
Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation - \$1,000

2009

Leadership Grants - La Canada Unified School District, \$2,500
Glendale Healthy Kids – \$2,500
Renee Grants - Fremont Elementary School - \$600
La Crescenta Elementary School - \$1,500
Crescenta Valley Arts Council - \$500
CVHS Robotics Program - \$500
CVHS Service Learning Project - \$500
CVHS – Renee Grant \$700
CVHS Prom plus - \$500
La Crescenta Elementary School \$500
Holy Redeemer Elementary School \$600
YMCA of the Foothills & Rosemont School, \$750
YMCA of the Foothills \$500
Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation - \$1,000

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APPLICATION – Due October 7, 2011

Check off the type of grant for which your organization is applying and the requirements for that grant. Applications MUST include this check-off sheet, a one-page cover letter and one-page application completed in no smaller than size 12 font. The applications MUST be signed by an executive director, principal or member of your organization who certifies that the information is correct and that a team will represent the organization at the Smart-A-Thon on March 28, 2012. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, October 7, 2011 and will not be accepted after that date. No faxed, emailed or handwritten applications will be accepted. Mail or hand deliver applications to the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, 330 Arden Ave., Suite 130, Glendale, CA 91203. An organization may apply for no more than two grants during a grant cycle.

CHECK-OFF SHEET

___ **Leadership Grant** - Apply for \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a special project that will begin, forward or complete efforts to assist educational programs or projects. It must be matched.

___ Completed grant application.

___ Explanation of how the grant will be matched. Proof of match is required before grant will be funded.

___ Two letters of support written and signed by volunteers associated with the organization, persons who may have utilized the organization's services, members of the board of directors, OR others who reside in Crescenta Valley and are familiar with the organization's services and this program/project.

___ If grant is for equipment, include one competitive bid.

___ Proof of 501(c)(3) designation.

___ **Regular Grant** – Apply for \$500 - \$3,000 for educational programs in Crescenta Valley.

___ Completed grant application.

___ One letter of support written and signed by a volunteer associated with the organization, persons who may have utilized the organization's services, members of the board of directors OR one who resides in Crescenta Valley and is familiar with the organization's services and this program/project.

___ If grant is for equipment, include one competitive bid.

___ Proof of 501(c)(3) designation.

___ **Renee's Grant** – Apply for \$500 - \$5,000 for support to establish or assist an educational program directed to developmentally or physically disabled children and/or adults. These grants have been established in honor of Renee Riendeau, founder of Renee's Fund and a long-time special education teacher in GUSD.

___ Completed grant application.

___ If applying for \$3,000 or more, grant must be matched. Explain how grant will be matched. Proof of match is required before grant will be funded.

___ One letter of support written and signed by a volunteer associated with the organization, persons who may have utilized the organization's services, members of the board of directors OR one who resides in Crescenta Valley and is familiar with the organization's services and this program/project.

___ If grant is for equipment, include one competitive bid.

___ Proof of 501(c)(3) designation.

I certify that all the information included in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and that our organization plans to sponsor a team of four members for the Smart-A-Thon on March 28, 2012.

Print Name









Signature

Title

Email Address

Date

Suggestions for Sources of **MATCHING FUNDS***

-  Contact **service clubs** including Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the PTA that support your kind of project.
-  Check with **members of your organization** and brainstorm ideas for fundraisers. Make everyone aware of funding opportunities. You may be surprised at how many generous people will step forward and provide leadership to support a worthy cause!
-  Consider **sponsoring fundraisers** including car washes, bake sales, rummage sales, returning recyclables, plant sales, field trips and trips to see television shows filmed. Be as creative as you can!
-  Contact a **local restaurant** that sponsors fundraisers. Many local establishments including Dominick's, Baja Fresh and Roundtable Pizza will give a portion of a night's sales to a charity.
-  Look for a "**guardian angel**" who may be pleased to provide a donation.
-  Check with **groups that share your passion** for an educational program. For example, you may want to contact the Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Support Group, the Friends of the Library, the La Crescenta Woman's Club or the Glendale Educational Foundation that may agree to match a grant.
-  Check with **local businesses** that, knowing their donation will double in value, may be pleased to support an educational project. Some businesses with statewide or national services have formal procedures for requesting grants. Ask for grant applications.
-  For more ideas, you might also search the web or visit these sites:
<http://www.fundraiserhelp.com/>
<http://www.fundraising-ideas.org> (Click on the Do-it-yourself Fundraisers)

*These are suggestions only and do not guarantee donations.