

ABOUT

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) is an independent special district created by the voters of the Monterey Peninsula in 1972. The District's mission is "to acquire and maintain open space in the District for preservation and use, working with partners and the community, for public benefit, enjoyment and environmental protection."

MPRPD established the Transportation Grant Fund in 2023 to increase recreational, environmental and cultural education access to the Park District's natural areas, open spaces, museums, working landscapes and cultural sites while supporting MPRPD's mission and values to have accessible open space for education and recreation enjoyment and protection of natural and cultural resources, native habitat and wildlife. MPRPD's parks and preserves include Garland Ranch Regional Park and Palo Corona Regional Park. The full list of sites is available at mprpd.org.

Prospective grant applicants are **highly** encouraged to call and speak with a staff person regarding questions and/or proposal ideas. Contact Janet Shing, Director of Grantmaking, janet@cfmco.org, 831.375.9712 or 831.754.5880 x137.

TRANSPORTATION GRANT GUIDELINES

Transportation grants will be considered for transportation-related expenses for group visits or field trips to MPRPD's park or preserve. The following organizations are invited to apply:

- School Districts
 - Public
 - Private
 - Homeschool groups
- Public Agencies
- Nonprofit organizations (youth-serving organizations, faith-based organizations, associations, conservancies, etc.)
- Partnering and collaborative organizations, as authorized by MPRPD's board through a memorandum of understanding or similar instrument

Selecting Grants

The CFMC generally receives more grant requests than is possible to fund. MPRPD Transportation grants will be considered as long as funds are available. Currently, there is no grant application due date. CFMC encourages complete grant applications that

- Prioritize and describe the under-represented residents to benefit (for example, estimated number and demographic information).

Grant Awards:

Transportation grants are expected to range between \$500 and \$2,000. Organizations may receive up to two grants per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) for a maximum of \$4,000 per year.

MPRPD requires a Special Use Permit for groups of 20 or more people. More information, including MPRPD's Special Use Permit application, is available at www.mprpd.org.

Organizations that have already applied for and received a Special Use Permit with MPRPD and/or have an approved MOU with MPRPD may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 over a one-year period.

School districts may apply for a maximum grant up to \$10,000 per year.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Transportation grants are open to 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, schools, school districts and public agencies based in and serving Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito County residents. Read more below under Exclusions.
- Activities must occur on MPRPD properties specifically supporting MPRPD's mission and the Transportation Grant's purpose.

- Businesses and individuals are not eligible, with the exception of social enterprises associated with a local nonprofit.

Exclusions:

- Activities that are non-secular or promote a religious doctrine
- Medical research
- Funding to schools and public agencies that would supplant tax-supported, mandated services
- Annual fundraising campaigns or events
- Creation of, or addition to, endowment funds
- Payment of debt or legal settlements
- Political or partisan purposes
- Expenses incurred prior to the grant award date

CFMC does not support organizations that discriminate in their employment practices, volunteer opportunities, or delivery of programs and services on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other characteristics protected by law.

Submitting a Grant Proposal:

Grant proposals are accepted throughout the year until all available annual funding has been awarded. Grant decisions will typically be made within two to three months of receipt of the proposal. While there is no application due date, proposals should be submitted at least two months before the start of proposed activities. Organizations must be current on reporting requirements for past MPRPD Transportation grants received.

An MPRPD Special Use Permit must be approved or in progress prior to submitting a grant application.