

SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION (CECO) 2024 COMMUNITY GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

March 6, 2024

Since 1956, the San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization (CECO) has served as the charitable arm of the County of San Diego. CECO provides grants to local non-profit organizations and assistance to eligible County employees and retirees in need. CECO is funded by the generosity of County employees and retirees who *Lend a Hand* via recurring or one-time donations, as well as volunteer with CECO.

In this 2024 grant cycle, CECO received 134 applications totaling to more than \$476,000 in requests. On February 29, the CECO Board of Directors voted to award \$101,507.06 to the CECO Employee Crisis Fund and local non-profit organizations listed below.

Organization/Agency	Program	Recommended Item(s)	Recommended Amount
1. Access Youth Academy		Five (5) laptops	\$ 945.00
2. Adapt Movement, Inc.		Arm bike	\$ 1,714.00
3. Altrusa Club of Chula Vista, Inc. Foundation	Welcome Home	Kit items (blankets, toiletries, fabric cutters)	\$ 895.00
4. American Academy of Pediatrics CA Chapter 3 (AAP-CA3)	Reach Out and Read San Diego (RORS)	Children's books	\$ 1,000.00
5. Assistance League Greater San Diego	Operation Loaner Hearing Aids	Hearing aid	\$ 4,200.00
6. Backcountry Communities Thriving		Fitness equipment	\$ 1,610.00
7. Bayside Community Center	Bayside's Food Production Gardens	Seed packets, fertilizer tool, and baskets	\$ 808.00
8. Berry Good Food	Seeds for the Future	Garden beds	\$ 1,699.00
9. Black Entrepreneurs Leaders & Learners (BELL)	BELL Government Contracting & Business Summit	One (1) camera, printer, and iPad	\$ 1,630.00
10. Black Tech Link	Youth STEM & Robotics Program	Three (3) Starter Kits	\$ 714.00
11. Boys & Girls Club San Marcos	Youth Academic Success Programs	Whiteboard and bookcase	\$ 750.00
12. Cooper Family Foundation	Juneteenth Healing Our Community Festival	Tents	\$ 856.00
13. Crisis House	Domestic Violence Services	Mattresses	\$ 1,160.00
14. Culture Shock San Diego		Fans	\$ 873.00
15. Emilio Nares Foundation		One (1) laptop for family use, scanner, shredder	\$ 2,227.00
16. Escondido Art Association		Art supplies	\$ 500.00
17. Fallbrook Land Conservancy	Environmental Education & Restoration	Gardening tools (shovels, hoes)	\$ 1,037.00
18. Good Shepherd Community Projects, Inc.	Shepherd's Hope for Healthy Communities	Food items (canned goods, whole grains, meats, fruit)	\$ 1,000.00
19. Home of Guiding Hands	Respite Care Program	Toys	\$ 500.00



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20. I Am My Brother's Keeper CDC		Freezer	\$ 4,442.00
21. International Rescue Committee in San Diego (IRC SD)	Refugee and Immigrant Pantry and Education (RIPE) Program	Freezer	\$ 2,425.00
22. Jewish Family Service of San Diego	Resource Navigation	Hygiene items	\$ 500.00
23. Jewish Family Service of San Diego	Parent and Youth Services	Laundry detergent	\$ 650.00
24. Just Call Us Volunteers, dba Youth Assistance Coalition		Washer/dryer and refrigerator	\$ 2,700.00
25. Kitchens for Good	Project Launch Culinary Apprenticeship Program	Teaching kitchen equipment	\$ 1,000.00
26. Living Coast Discovery Center		Three (3) umbrellas	\$ 726.00
27. Military Outreach Mission - San Diego	Helping Those Who Serve	One (1) laptop	\$ 720.00
28. Musicians for Education, Inc.	Street of Dreams	Diapers	\$ 500.00
29. Neighborhood House Association	Senior Center	Furniture (recliner, sofas, TV fire stick)	\$ 1,846.00
30. North County Health Project, Inc., dba TrueCare		Fetal simulator	\$ 4,289.00
31. Oceanside Ivey Ranch Park Association		Commercial refrigerator	\$ 4,408.00
32. Operation HOPE - North County	Steps to Independence	Food (beans, diced tomatoes, oatmeal)	\$ 500.00
33. Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center		Ten (10) helmets	\$ 580.00
34. Ride Above Disability Therapeutic Riding Center		Youth saddle	\$ 380.00
35. San Diego Blood Bank		Heating pads	\$ 1,080.00
36. San Diego Foundation	Friends of the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility	Feeders, mats, and peanut butter	\$ 750.00
37. San Diego Parks Foundation	Linda Vista Park	Basketball equipment, excluding delivery and labor	\$ 2,078.00
38. San Diego Second Chance Program	Sober-living Housing Program	Washer/dryer	\$ 998.00
39. Serving Seniors	Gary & Mary West Senior Wellness Center	Kitchen equipment	\$ 1,500.00
40. Sharp HealthCare Foundation	Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns	Diapers, books, puzzles	\$ 750.00



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41. Shoreline Community Services	The Compass Station	Washer	\$ 665.00
42. Somali Bantu Association of America	Food Pantry	Refrigerator	\$ 3,815.00
43. Spay Neuter Action Project (SNAP)	SNAP Surgical Suite in El Cajon	One (1) anesthesia machine	\$ 3,464.00
44. Stepping Stone San Diego		IT equipment (desktop, monitor, mouse - excludes yearly membership)	\$ 2,100.00
45. Storytellers of San Diego		Public address (PA) system and stage lights	\$ 1,108.00
46. Support The Enlisted Project (STEP)	Baby On Board	Car and booster seats	\$ 1,044.00
47. Support The Enlisted Project (STEP)	Warehouse on Wheels Distributions	Food (e.g., black beans, canned white chicken, rice, macaroni, peanut butter, and rolled oats)	\$ 1,000.00
48. The Brother Benno Foundation, Inc.	Serving Homeless Persons and Extremely low-income households	Serving trays	\$ 840.00
49. The Salvation Army	Homeless Services - San Diego	Mattresses	\$ 1,710.00
50. Think Dignity	Fresh Start Showers	Hygiene items	\$ 1,000.00
51. Tranqui Foundation		One (1) tablet, tablet pen, tablet keyboard, and case	\$ 1,218.00
52. UCSD Student-Run Free Dental Clinic Project		Dental equipment (motor, swivel)	\$ 1,309.00
53. Urban Corps of San Diego County		Washer/dryer	\$ 1,596.00
54. USA Rockets Youth Track Club, Inc.		Sneakers and snacks	\$ 993.00
55. Vista Community Clinic	Mobile Health and Outreach	Blood pressure monitors and cuffs	\$ 630.00
56. Words Alive	Read Aloud Program	Learning Kit supplies (markers, glue sticks, pencil pouches, scissors, crayons)	\$ 500.00
57. Write Out Loud	Read Imagine Create	Books	\$ 1,075.00
58. YMCA of San Diego County	Border View Family YMCA - Teen Center	Tables, chairs, rug	\$ 500.00
TOTAL			\$ 81,507.00
TOTAL (including Employee Crisis Fund)			\$ 101,507.06

Total Number of Programs Awarded a CECO Grant: 58

Total Number of Agencies Awarded a CECO Grant: 55

