



SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION (CECO)

2025 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

March 11, 2025

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 2025 grant cycle, CECO received 158 applications totaling to more than \$865,260 in requests. On March 12, the CECO Board of Directors voted to award \$125,725 to the CECO Employee Crisis Fund and local non-profit organizations listed below.

#	Organization	Program	Items Funded	Final Funding
1	Alpha Project for the Homeless	Shorty's Moving Home	Bedframes and mattresses	\$2,000.00
2	Altrusa Club of Chula Vista Inc. Foundation	Summer Survival for Seniors	Fans and neck fans	\$800.00
3	Alzheimer's San Diego	Social Activities and Connections Outings	Cart, small printer, labels, and thermal printer	\$900.00
4	American Academy of Pediatrics CA Chapter 3	Reach Out and Read San Diego (RORSD)	Books	\$1,000.00
5	Backcountry Communities Thriving	The Julian Voice	Paper	\$2,000.00
6	Basic Assistance to Students in the Community (BASIC)	Learning Academy	Computers	\$3,600.00
7	Birthline of San Diego County, Inc.	Step Forward Program	Baby Formula	\$1,625.00



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8	Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos	Teen Services for Youth in San Marcos	Callero Double Cart, Heavy Duty Storage Cabinet	\$1,510.00
9	Boys & Girls Clubs of North County	Teen Center	Supplies from 1st Invoice, including games, scissors, pens, pencils, color paint set)	\$1,813.62
10	California Scottish Rite Foundation	RiteCare Childhood Language Center of San Diego	iPads	\$1,000.00
11	Chef Angels	Chef Angels Culinary Program	MacBook air	\$1,279.00
12	Chicano Federation of San Diego County, Inc.	Affordable Housing Program	Fans & Range Hoods	\$1,055.00
13	Chula Vista Community Collaborative	Family Resource Centers/Community Schools	Refrigerator, safe, Storage unit	\$1,235.00
14	Community HousingWorks	Study Stars After School Program	iPads	\$1,600.00
15	Culture Shock San Diego	Training Academy and Performance Troupe Program	iPads	\$750.00
16	Elder Law & Advocacy	N/A	Fans only	\$544.00
17	Foundation for Women Warriors	Women Veterans Transition and Emergency Service	Popup Display and Tablecloths	\$1,607.00



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18	Friends of the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility	N/A	Canine Water Buckets	\$500.00
19	Generation STEAM	San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering	Bus Transportation	\$1,235.00
20	GRID Alternatives San Diego, INC.	Installation Basics Training	Laptops	\$1,500.00
21	Guitars (& Ukes) in the Classroom (GITC)	Improving Literacy Through Music	Ukuleles	\$1,200.00
22	I Love A Clean San Diego	Community Cleanups and Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP)	Storage Cabinet	\$1,300.00
23	Interfaith Community Services	Abraham & Lillian Turk Recuperative Care Center	Refrigerator, carts, hangers, rack, yoga mat, art supplies	\$1,500.00
24	Jewish Family Service of San Diego	JFS Diaper Bank	Diapers	\$1,800.00
25	Kitchens for Good	Project Launch	Deli Slicer	\$1,337.00
26	License to Freedom	United We Sew	Sewing Machines & Chairs	\$2,724.22
27	Make-A-Wish Foundation of San Diego	Support for Wishes and Families	Toys, plushies, water bottles, Bluetooth radios, games, hats, bags, crafts, accessories (no gift cards)	\$1,013.00



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28	MANA De North County	MANA De North County San Diego	Laptops	\$1,995.00
29	MANA de San Diego	Hermanitas	Laptops	\$2,100.00
30	Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. (MAAC)	MAAC Food Distribution Program	Water Pallet, tables, and canopies	\$2,340.00
31	MOMENTUM TUTORING (MOMENTUM)	MOMENTUM TUTORING, MENTORING, AND ENRICHMENT	iPads	\$1,396.00
32	New Entra Casa Corporation	New Entra Casa	TV & Printer	\$1,162.00
33	Noah Homes, a 501c3 nonprofit organization	Noah Homes Health and wellness	Industrial Washer/Dryer	\$2,659.00
34	Ocean Beach Elementary PTA	Guitars in the Classroom	Ukeleles	\$625.00
35	Oceanside Ivey Ranch Park Association	Ivey Ranch Park	Rubber mulch	\$1,600.00
36	Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center	Children's Garden Science & Nutrition Education	Soil/Seeds	\$1,499.70
37	Operation HOPE-North County	Steps to Independence	Food	\$700.00



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38	Pacific Educational facilities, Inc. dba Ramona Senior Center	Ramona Senior Center nutrition program	Laptops	\$1,200.00
39	Project Next (Legal name: The San Marcos Promise)	Future Centers: Innovative college & career readiness strategy integrated into high schools	Virtual Reality Headsets	\$1,000.00
40	Rady Children's Hospital Foundation	Safe Kids San Diego	Safe Sleep Survival Cribette Kits	\$2,500.00
41	Rainbow Spaces	Outreach	Canopy, tables, chairs	\$1,268.00
42	Rotary Club of Chula Vista	Chula Vista Community Bike & Safety Program	Bikes	\$1,500.00
43	SACRA/PROFANA	Summer Choral Intensive	Sheet music and binders	\$1,000.00
44	San Diego Air & Space Museum	STEM Education	Mobile Demonstration Table	\$2,312.00
45	San Diego Automotive Museum	IGNITE (Inspire-Guide-Network-Internship-Train-Educate) Academy	Storage Cabinet, Oily Waste Can, Steel Assembly Table	\$2,801.00
46	San Diego Black Pride	General Operating Support	MacBook pro and apple care	\$2,280.00
47	San Diego Blood Bank	Fund a New Bloodmobile	Computers	\$1,680.00



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48	San Diego Children's Choir	Ensemble Program	Music literacy educational workbooks	\$750.00
49	San Diego Civic Youth Ballet	San Diego Civic Youth Ballet	EZ Up tents	\$1,082.00
50	San Diego Humane Society	Community Pet Pantry	Reclosable Bags	\$500.00
51	San Diego Youth Services	Our Safe Place	Food	\$461.89
52	SBCS Corporation	SBCS Support Services	Floor workspace bundles and space stacking chairs	\$2,100.00
53	SDHC Building Opportunities, Inc. (SDHC BOI)	N/A	Dresser and Beds	\$486.29
54	Serving Seniors	Senior Nutrition Program	Reusable kitchen ware such as utensils, plates, cups, and trays.	\$1,800.00
55	Sharp HealthCare Foundation on behalf of Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns	Nemeth NICU Follow-up Clinic at Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns	Baby Formula	\$2,892.00
56	Sherman Heights Community Center	Food Access & Sherman Cocina	Ice machine/Stove	\$1,600.00
57	Somali Bantu Association of America	ACADEMY Youth Mentoring	iMac	\$1,300.00



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58	Southern California Immigration Project (SCIP)	San Diego County Program	Laptops	\$2,048.00
59	St. Francis of Assisi Preschool	St. Francis of Assisi Preschool	Craft paper, crayons and ink	\$582.00
60	Support The Enlisted Project, Inc. (STEP)	N/A	Reusable T-shirt Bags	\$1,597.00
61	Survivors of Suicide Loss-San Diego	Walk in Remembrance with Hope	Tables, iPads, canopies	\$1,460.00
62	TERI Inc.-TERI's Center for the Arts	Ceramics Studio	Potter's Wheel and Clay Wedging Table	\$2,132.00
63	The Brother Benno Foundation, Inc.	The Brother Benno Foundation's Food Distribution	Commercial refrigeration unit	\$3,839.00
64	The Elizabeth Hospice	The Elizabeth Hospice Grief Services Program	Chair and love seat	\$1,303.00
65	The Salvation Army	The Kroc Family Resource's 2025 Senior Holiday Care Packages	Calendars, puzzles, word search, puzzle books, wellness set, fleece throw, basket, books, and tea sampler (No gift cards)	\$1,500.00
66	The Veterans Art Project	Vetart Ceramics classes	Kiln Shelves	\$2,130.00
67	Therapy Center Inc., DBA CHALLENGE CENTER	Reception/Waiting Room Furnishings and Equipment for New Building	Waiting Room Chairs	\$359.92



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68	transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	transcendANCE Youth Arts Project (our parent organization and program are one and the same for purposes of this grant application)	iPads plus apple care	\$1,704.00
69	UCSD	Student Run Free Dental Clinic Project	Maxima Pro 2S HP Mini N/O Star Connect	\$750.00
70	UCSD	Student Run Free Clinic Project	EKG Machine	\$2,673.00
71	Vista Community Clinic	Balderrama Project REACH	Bean bag, tables, chairs, chair rack, and worktable	\$1,057.00
72	Words Alive	Read Aloud Program	Books	\$1,000.00
73	Youth Philharmonic Orchestra	Music123	Recorders and Canvases	\$850.00
Community Grants Total				\$110,002
Employee Crisis Fund				\$15,723
Total (Including Employee Crisis Fund)				\$125,725

Total Number of Organizations Awarded a CECO Grant: 73