



SAN DIEGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES' CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION (CECO)

2026 COMMUNITY GRANT RECIPIENTS

March 18, 2026

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 2026 grant cycle, CECO received 221 applications totaling more than \$1,224,825 in requests. On March 18, the CECO Board of Directors voted to award \$108,940 to the CECO Employee Crisis Fund and local non-profit organizations listed below.

#	Organization	Program	Items funded	Final Funding
1	Adjoin-ARTE & Social Rec	ARTE & Social Rec	Sensory materials and equipment	\$789.00
2	Alpha Project for the Homeless	Shorty's Home Goods	Twin, Full, and Queen Frames and Mattresses	\$5,012.00
3	Altrusa Club of Chula Vista Inc. Foundation	Healing Connections Through Reading	Little Libraries and Posts	\$764.00
4	American Academy of Pediatrics CA Chapter 3 (AAP-CA3)	Reach Out and Read San Diego (RORSDD)	Books	\$738.00
5	Autism Society San Diego	Camp I CAN	Pop-up Tent, Body socks, and Sensory chairs	\$464.00
6	Autism Tree Project Inc.	Autism Tree: Pathway to Independence	Easels and a Karaoke Machine	\$569.00
7	Basic Assistance to Students in the Community (BASIC)	Summer Learning Academy	Laptops	\$3,400.00
8	Bayside Community Center	Bayside's Food Security Program	H2O Dispenser, Reusable Bags, Plastic Bags, tub, Rubber bands, Produce bags, and Berry baskets	\$826.00
9	Borrego Art Institute	Education Program	Folding Tables	\$826.00
10	Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego	The Emergency Food Distribution Network Plus (EFDN+) Program	Vented Bins	\$356.00
11	Chicano Federation of San Diego County	Community Resource Center	Microwave	\$899.00

12	Community HousingWorks	Study Stars After School Program	Books Sets	\$607.00
13	Correia Instrumental Music Association (CIMA)	Correia Instrumental Music Program	Trumpets	\$2,636.00
14	Crisis House	Crisis House	Laptop	\$1,109.00
15	Developmental Services Continuum, Inc.	DSC Link Services	LED Bubble Walls	\$916.00
16	Disabled Services Advisory Council	Cathy Hopper Friendship Center Renovation/ Nutrition Classes for Older Adults	Range and Ice Maker	\$938.00
17	Emilio Nares Foundation (ENF)	Emilio Nares Foundation's (ENF) Continuum of Care Initiative	iPad	\$817.00
18	Episcopal Community Services	Episcopal Community Services-Para Las Familias (PLF)	Cases of Care Cubs	\$1,890.00
19	Fallbrook Land Conservancy	Save Our Forest Environmental Education Program (SOF EE Program)	Native Seed Packs	\$867.00
20	Family Revival Church	Girls Empowerment Movement Conference and Workshops by FRC Cares	Kraft Paper Roll, stickers, paint, canvas bags, hand cream, lip balm, water bottles, canvas boards, gel pens, notepads, paintbrushes	\$738.00
21	First Free Methodist Church of Escondido, California	The Foundry Food Pantry Ministry	Two-tier shopping carts	\$567.00
22	Gently Hugged	Gently Hugged	Canvas tote bags	\$1,272.00
23	Grossmont Hospital Foundation	Courageous Compassion: Sharp HospiceCare Veterans Recognition Program	Pins	\$995.00
24	Guitars and Ukes in the Classroom	Infuse Head Start Programs in San Diego County with Music for Learning	Aqua Mist GITD Soprano (Recycled)	\$1,060.00
25	Home of Guiding Hands	Client Social Club	Microphones and 2 Headsets	\$944.00
26	Hospice of the North Coast	In-Patient Hospice Care	Blanket Warmer	\$4,550.00
27	House of Ukraine	House of Ukraine	Display Cabinet	\$1,938.00
28	Interfaith Community Services	Food Assistance and Nutrition Center	Deli slicer	\$1,334.00
29	Interfaith Shelter Network of San Diego	El Nido Transitional Housing Program	Desktop Computers	\$900.00
30	Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank	Senior Food Program	Scanner	\$1,080.00
31	Jewish Family Service of San Diego	JFS Parenting and Youth Services	Packs of formula and Detergent	\$3,000.00
32	Kitchens for Good	Project Launch	Chefs' pants and Coats	\$998.00
33	La Maestra Family Clinic, Inc,	La Maestra Dental	Dental handpiece	\$1,512.00

34	La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation	Adult Services	Pickleball sets	\$376.00
35	LH Avocado, Inc.	LH Avocado, Inc.	Picnic table	\$1,657.00
36	Lions Tigers & Bears	Enrichment Toys for Rescued Big Cats and Bears	Recreational Equipment	\$1081.00
37	Logan Heights Community Development Corporation	Future Achievers Preschool	Blocks Center and Play Market	\$956.00
38	Mano a Mano Foundation	Family and Community Education Program	Brother Printer	\$754.00
39	Media Arts Center San Diego	Young Producers Project (YPP)	Battery Kit w/ Dual Charger and Carry on Case	\$867.00
40	Noah Homes	Noah Homes	Freezers	\$1,800.00
41	North County Lifeline, Inc.	North County Lifeline, Inc.	Monitors and Keyboards	\$938.00
42	Oceanside Museum of Art	Museum Operations & Safety Infrastructure	2100 Lumen Lights & 2200 Lumen Lights	\$1,136.00
43	Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center	Children's Garden Science & Nutrition Education Program	Soil Bags and Seed Packages	\$811.00
44	OnStage Playhouse, Inc.	Theatre Box Office and Program Tools	iMac/Computer	\$2,283.00
45	Outdoor Outreach	Outdoor and Workforce Access for San Diego Youth	Laptop	\$1,071.00
46	Outside The Lens	Teen Media Arts Studio	Healthy meals	\$2,442.00
47	Persian Cultural Center	Persian Cultural Center	Laser Projector	\$2,800.00
48	Postpartum Health Alliance-Warmline	Warmline	Laptop	\$1,350.00
49	ProduceGood	CropSwap & Market Share Food Recovery	iPad and Cellphone Car Mounts	\$616.00
50	Promises2Kids	Promises2Kids Childcare Center Playground	Bumbling Betsy Playground Equipment	\$946.00
51	Rady Children's Hospital Foundation	Safe Kids San Diego	Lay Down Vests	\$922.00
52	Resounding Joy, Inc	Sounds of Healing	ECG Monitors and Keyboards	\$1,150.00
53	SACRA-PROFANA	Summer Choral Intensive	Sets of Sheet Music and Binder Packs	\$633.00
54	San Diego Architectural Foundation	Crossing the Line: KidSketch	Sketching Pencil Sets	\$832.00
55	San Diego Automotive Museum, Inc.	IGNITE Academy	Engine Stand and Creepers	\$1,049.00
56	San Diego Blood Bank	Blood Donation Resources	Heating Pads	\$1,131.00
57	San Diego Center for Children	Residential Programs	Earmuffs, Bounce Chairs, Weighted Dinosaur, Headphones, Weighted Copybara, and Stools	\$895.00
58	San Diego Center for the Blind	Rehabilitative Services	AED Defibrillator	\$1,992.00

59	San Diego Children's Choir	Ensemble Program	Young Singer's Journey Book One	\$611.00
60	San Diego Civic Dance Arts	San Diego Civic Dance Association	Speakers	\$700.00
61	San Diego Civic Youth Ballet	San Diego Civic Youth Ballet	Exercise Mats	\$515.00
62	San Diego County Parks Society	Healthy Eating at Home: Teen Education Kitchen at the Mira Mesa Epicentre	Prep Table, Air Fryer/Toaster Oven Combos, Induction Cooktops, and Induction Pot and Pan Sets	\$993.00
63	San Diego Humane Society	Community Pet Pantry	Cartons of Resealable Bags	\$1,040.00
64	San Diego Parks Foundation	Drone Soccer	Aerial Drone Competition Games	\$720.00
65	San Diego World Affairs Council (SDWAC)	SDWAC Outreach programs/ Academic World Quest Program	Pop-up Tent and Ballot Box	\$1,056.00
66	San Diego Youth Services	TAY Academy	Refrigerator and Cricut	\$710.00
67	SBCS Corporation	SBCS Domestic Violence Shelter	Beds, Mattresses, and Mattress Protectors	\$963.00
68	Spay-Neuter Action Project (SNAP)	SNAP's Rabies-Free Pets Initiative	Rabies Vaccines	\$2,022.00
69	Special Olympics Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties	Year-round sports programming	Floorball equipment	\$1,148.00
70	St. Madeleine Sophie's Center	ADA and Supportive Equipment for New Senior Building for Older Adults With IDD	Refrigerator	\$1,498.00
71	Support The Enlisted Project, Inc. (STEP)	Basic Needs Support Program	Diapers	\$1,129.00
72	Tariq Khamisa Foundation	Safe School Model Programming	Books	\$844.00
73	Teens Rise Foundation	South Bay Scholars	Sets of: Backpacks, Notebooks, Highlighters, and Pens	\$613.00
74	The Arc of San Diego	The Arc of San Diego's Gerber Center	Umbrellas, Chairs, and Umbrella stands	\$2,008.00
75	The Elizabeth Hospice	The Elizabeth Hospice Children's Bereavement Program	Portable PA System	\$941.00
76	The Fallbrook Senior Center	Hands-Free Restroom Modernization & Seating Improvement Project	Chairs	\$569.00
77	The Salvation Army	The Kroc Family Resource Center Food Distribution Program	Custom Printed Canopy Tent	\$739.00
78	The San Diego Creative Youth Development Network (SDCYDN)	Restorative Mindset Program	Wagons, Coffee, Granola Bar, Trail Mix, Nuts, Cups, Insulated Cups, Napkins, Cutlery, and Plates	\$599.00

79	transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	Snacks	\$928.00
80	UCSD Student-Run Free Clinic Project	Student-Run Free Clinic Project	EKG Machine	\$2,494.00
81	United Way of San Diego County	STEAM-to-Careers: Dream with STEAM	Pre-prepped lunch boxes	\$2,443.00
82	Urban Corps of San Diego County	Food Pantry for Corpsmembers	Consumables	\$2,045.00
83	Urban Street Angels-Interim Shelter Beds (ISB)	Interim Shelter Beds (ISB)	Washer and Dryer	\$2,799.00
84	Vista Community Clinic-Resilience	A Credible Messenger Mentoring Program	Sofa Beds, Bakers Rack, and Kitchen Cabinet	\$509.00
85	Voices for Children	San Diego County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program	Kitchen Cart, Sideboard, and End Table	\$771.00
86	Wheelchair Dancers Organization	Inclusive Dance Program	Wheelchair Ramps, Set Hand-rim Covers	\$736.00
87	Words Alive	Read Aloud Program	Boxes, Four Packs of Binders, and Storage Totes	\$998.00
Total:				\$108,940