



**RACIAL EQUITY GRANT OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA 2026 CYCLE APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

<b>Total RE Grant Funding Requested:</b>	<b>\$1,433,036</b>
<b>Total RE Grant Funding Available:</b>	<b>\$233,750</b>
<b>Total Number of Applicants:</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Number of Applicants Recommended for Funding:</b>	<b>12</b>

**GRANT APPLICANTS, DESCRIPTIONS, AND AWARD AMOUNT RECOMMENDATIONS**

*(Please note: the grant descriptions provided below are submitted by the applicants as part of their grant application.)*

**I. APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

**Barbareño Chumash Tribal Council (BCTC)**

**Grant Award:** \$15,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Strategic Multi-Project Plan for Sustained Regeneration of Chumash Culture

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Strategic Multi-Project Plan for Sustained Regeneration of Chumash Culture, which aims to unify Chumash bands by actively supporting recovery and restorative justice through seven key initiatives. These initiatives help promote cultural life and Chumash band sovereignty.

**Amount Requested:** \$99,250

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**C4 Lompoc - Collective Cultures Creating Change**

**Grant Award:** \$13,750

**Geographic Area Served:** Mid County

**Project Description:** Self-Healing Communities Movement: Youth Leadership & Systems Change Initiative

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will expand the Self-Healing Communities project, which addresses long-standing tension between African American and Latino youth, empowers young people to value their cultural identities, and helps them build respectful relationships across racial and ethnic lines. Through trauma-informed leadership training, Restorative Justice practices, monthly community gatherings, and opportunities for youth and adults to co-design solutions, C4 develops a pipeline of emerging leaders who influence change at neighborhood and system levels.

**Amount Requested:** \$59,800

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**Cultural and Creative Art Center of the Santa Maria Valley**

**Grant Award:** \$5,000

**Geographic Area Served:** North County

**Project Description:** Indigenous Youth Leadership Institute of Arts and Culture



**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Indigenous Youth Leadership Institute, which aims to develop the next generation of leaders who will drive systemic change in Santa Barbara County, working to eliminate racism and create a more inclusive, just, and equitable community.

**Amount Requested:** \$49,260

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**Gateway Educational Services**

**Grant Award:** \$40,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Parent and Student Empowerment for Equitable Education

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support general operating costs to advance Gateway Educational Services' mission to promote equitable and just education systems that uplift BIPOC communities. This includes programs designed to empower Black/African American families and students to influence and shape a more equitable educational landscape.

**Amount Requested:** \$75,000

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**Healing Justice Santa Barbara (HJSB)**

**Grant Award:** \$10,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** General Operations for Healing Justice SB

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support general operating costs to help further Healing Justice Santa Barbara's mission to uplift all Black/African-Americans, and to affirm that they are deserving of safety, love, equity, respect, and joy. The organization seeks to accomplish the empowerment of the Black community through HJSB's core efforts to advocate for community safety, celebrate and promote Black art and culture, and engage and empower youth.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

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**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Committee**

**Grant Award:** \$3,500

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance. This celebration provides activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and further his dream of social and economic justice via a multicultural, multiracial celebration. The event strengthens unity and provides avenues for better community connections.

**Amount Requested:** \$3,500

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**Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee, Santa Barbara**

**Grant Award:** \$30,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Mid County



**Project Description:** Program Costs, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend of Events, and Community engagement

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support programs that deepen public understanding of racial justice, celebrate Black history and cultural contributions, and create equitable access to civic participation. These programs include their annual MLK Day Unity March, and continuous participation in Juneteenth, Earth Day, and other local events.

**Amount Requested:** \$65,000

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**Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara Inc**

**Grant Award:** \$5,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Dia de los Muertos Calenda

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support three interconnected initiatives that advance anti-racism and systems change. This includes the Roots & Branches program, which provides leadership development and stipends for BIPOC cultural leaders; Calenda, an Indigenous Oaxacan tradition that centers community sovereignty, cultural memory, and racial justice; and Artists Assembly, which creates bilingual, community-led spaces where artists, youth, elders, and undocumented community members shape cultural practices and safety guidelines.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

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**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Santa Maria-Lompoc 1072**

**Grant Award:** \$32,000

**Geographic Area Served:** North County, Mid County

**Project Description:** Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP Racial Equity Projects Black History Celebration, Juneteenth Celebration, and culturally competent programs addressing systemic racism in schools in northern Santa Barbara County, including Lompoc Unified School District.

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support NAACP Santa Maria Lompoc's annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Black History and Juneteenth Celebrations, in addition to their work in schools addressing use of "the N" word, anti-blackness, and racism. These projects aim to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the health, well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

**Amount Requested:** \$32,000

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**Radio Bilingue, Inc.**

**Grant Award:** \$10,000

**Geographic Area Served:** North County

**Project Description:** Voces del Valle de Santa Maria: Multilingual Radio for Rights, Health & Equity

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the delivery of multilingual news and educational radio programming for immigrant, Spanish-speaking, and Indigenous-Mexican farmworker communities in northern Santa Barbara County. This program aims to reach low-income families with critical information to address



racism, discrimination, immigrant rights, health, civic engagement, and education during a time of heightened challenges and fear.

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000

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**Santa Barbara NAACP**

**Grant Award:** \$37,500

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Black/African-American Women's Health Equity

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Black Women's Health Equity Conference, which provides evidence-based education on Black maternal health, cancer, mental health, heart health, diabetes, and preventive strategies. It furthers Santa Barbara NAACP's work to create an inclusive community rooted in liberation by directly addressing systemic racism in health access, education, and civic participation.

**Amount Requested:** \$37,500

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**The Regents of the University of California Santa Barbara**

**Grant Award:** \$32,000

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** The Healing Space + UCSB Counseling and Psychological Services Center (Black CAPS): Black Activist Development in Santa Barbara County

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support Black CAPS, an initiative that will cultivate leadership, positive identity development, and cultural pride among Black children, undergraduate and graduate students, and families through a transformative 10-day Black Cultural Heritage Experience and subsequent activist training.

**Amount Requested:** \$83,360

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## **II. APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING**

**Allan Hancock College's Student Dream Club**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** North County, Mid County

**Project Description:** Santuario de Monarcas en los Colegios

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Santuario de Monarcas en los Colegios project, which includes three anti-racist initiatives: expanding awareness of ways undocumented students can qualify for in-state tuition, hosting a countywide Undocuweek summit, connecting undocumented students to student peers, policy advocates, and educational leadership on a national level at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

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**COMMA**

**Grant Award:** \$0



**Geographic Area Served:** South County, Mid County

**Project Description:** Bringing Us Together: Community, Creativity, Connection

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support Bringing Us Together: Community, Creativity, Connection, which is a 4–8-week series of multidisciplinary workshops that occur once a week and culminate in a countywide celebration of creativity, joy, and cultural expression. The project aims to create safe, celebratory, and skill-building spaces where Black communities can collectively address systemic racism.

**Amount Requested:** \$30,000

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**Leading From Within**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Leadership development, capacity building, and pipeline creation for leaders of color

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Emerging Leaders Program and the Circles of Color, which centers leadership development, capacity building, and pipeline creation for Black, Brown, and other leaders of color who have long been excluded from decision-making power.

**Amount Requested:** \$65,000

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**Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Staffing Infrastructure for MICOP's Community Organizing Department

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support MICOP's three-pillar approach to transforming the structural conditions that harm farmworkers by changing the culture of labor exploitation, advancing systemic change through civic engagement, and building leadership and advocacy skills in community members so that they are empowered to transform their communities.

**Amount Requested:** \$60,000

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**One Community Action of Santa Maria Valley**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** North County

**Project Description:** Stop the Hate Program

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will help expand One Community Actions capacity to provide support services to individuals impacted by hate, including assistance with police reports, individualized safety and family preparedness planning, navigation support, and culturally responsive case management tailored to immigrant, and Indigenous-language-speaking communities.

**Amount Requested:** \$15,000

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**People's Self-Help Housing Corporation**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide



**Project Description:** Program Support for Mis Historias Curriculum Development & Expansion

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support Mis Historias (“My Stories”), a specialized curriculum designed for elementary school children that fosters cultural pride, teaches diversity, and counters discrimination. Through interactive lessons, storytelling, and discussions, the program helps students with diverse intersecting identities recognize and challenge inequitable systems, while building coping and communication skills that help them respond constructively to difference, discrimination, and bullying in their current and future lives.

**Amount Requested:** \$68,221

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**Santa Barbara County Promotores Network (SBCPN)**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Strategies to address the current immigration situation and its impact on the mental health of the Latino community

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support a summit in Santa Barbara for 200 promotores, community leaders, and Latino community members to address, analyze, and develop comprehensive solutions to the root causes that limit the Latino community’s ability to access a dignified, healthy, and fulfilling life. The program will further the Promotores Network’s goal of enabling participants to develop an action plan to effectively address the sociopolitical, economic, and immigration issues that impact their physical and emotional health.

**Amount Requested:** \$40,145

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**The Excellent Way Foundation**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Safe Haven

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support Safe Haven expand its capacity and leadership pipeline for youth and community members of color who have been directly impacted by systemic racism, exploitation, gang culture, addiction, foster care, homelessness and generational trauma. Safe Haven will accomplish this with trauma-informed mentorship, advocacy training, education support, and workforce development to equip youth with tools to overcome exclusionary systems while advocating to transform them.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000

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**The Regents of the University of California Santa Barbara**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Mid County, South County

**Project Description:** The Kindred Collective for Healing and Liberatory Traditions' Flourish & Flow: Black Joy & Liberation Infrastructure for Santa Barbara County.

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support the Flourish & Flow initiative by helping to expand the program into a year-round Black Joy & Liberation Infrastructure for Santa Barbara County, leading to a sustained program of gatherings and cross-county coalition-building.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000



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**Visión y Compromiso**

**Grant Award:** \$0

**Geographic Area Served:** Countywide

**Project Description:** Project support for Visión y Compromiso's Central Coast Network of Promotoras to Build Community Power through Local Advocacy

**Use of Grant Funds:** Funding will support Promotoras to build power with low-income and marginalized families and expand the Network of Promotoras in Santa Barbara County through organizing and advocacy. This will include hosting *cafecitos*, providing a 2-day Promotoras Retreat and 4-session advocacy skills workshop, and supporting Promotoras to mobilize their community behind equitable housing and environmental justice policies at a Regional Conference and a Promotoras Day of Action.

**Amount Requested:** \$100,000