

SONOMA VALLEY FUND CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM

WHAT IS CAPACITY- BUILDING?

Capacity-building is
fundamentally about improving
organizational effectiveness

What defines organizational effectiveness?

A rich blend of strong management and sound governance that enables an organization to move steadily toward its goals, to adapt to change, and to innovate.

WHY TARGET CAPACITY- BUILDING?

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Limitations

- Prioritizing is challenging
- Difficult to determine organizational readiness for the work
- Requires the resource of time and long-term commitment

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1. Overview of the program and process
2. Determining organizational readiness
3. Defining eligibility criteria
4. Reviewing the application process

Overview of the program and process

- ❑ Year 1 of a multi-year grant program

- ❑ Highlights of Year 1 include:
 - Facilitated learning cohort
 - Professional consultation
 - Organizational assessment and capacity building plan
 - Funding of \$5,000

- ❑ Years 2 & 3
 - Implementation of capacity building plan with funding support to integrate into organizational culture and systems

Determining Organizational Readiness

- Is your Executive Director and either the Board Chair or an Executive Board Member ready to meaningfully participate in the learning cohort?
- Are you eager to work closely with a consultant to complete a thorough organizational assessment?
- Do you have strong interest in completing a capacity building plan?

Determining Organizational Readiness

Does your organization have the need to:

- develop a strategic plan, or business plan?
- develop a plan to build an outcomes-based culture?
- expand professional development for staff and board members?
- initiate collaborations, mergers or strategic alliances with other nonprofits?
- develop a comprehensive fundraising, marketing, and/or communications plan?
- develop a plan for improved financial management?

Defining Eligibility Criteria

Organizations delivering services to address the *unmet health* needs of vulnerable populations in Sonoma Valley as outlined in the *Portrait of Sonoma County*

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Health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being.

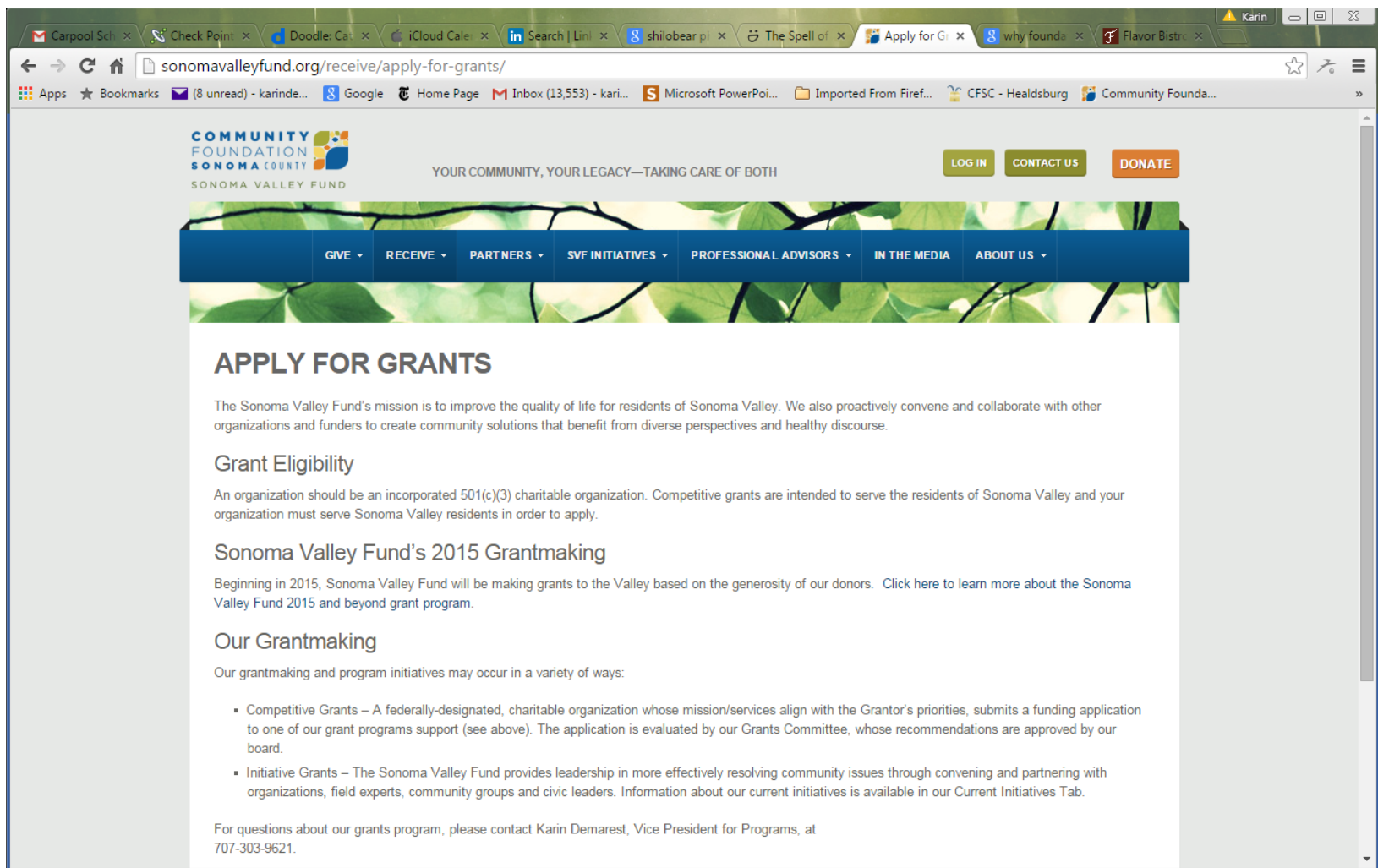
A healthy community is one that is committed to equity through continuously creating and improving both its physical and social environments.

Reviewing the application process

Application Timeline:

- ❑ **August 24th:** Grant application opens online
- ❑ **September 25th, 2015:** Grant application closes at 5:00 PM
- ❑ **Mid-November, 2015:** Applicants informed of grant awards

How to Apply



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL sonomavalleyfund.org/receive/apply-for-grants/. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The website header includes the logo for the Community Foundation Sonoma County Sonoma Valley Fund, the tagline "YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR LEGACY—TAKING CARE OF BOTH", and buttons for "LOG IN", "CONTACT US", and "DONATE". A blue navigation bar contains links for "GIVE", "RECEIVE", "PARTNERS", "SVF INITIATIVES", "PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS", "IN THE MEDIA", and "ABOUT US".

APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Sonoma Valley Fund's mission is to improve the quality of life for residents of Sonoma Valley. We also proactively convene and collaborate with other organizations and funders to create community solutions that benefit from diverse perspectives and healthy discourse.

Grant Eligibility

An organization should be an incorporated 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Competitive grants are intended to serve the residents of Sonoma Valley and your organization must serve Sonoma Valley residents in order to apply.

Sonoma Valley Fund's 2015 Grantmaking

Beginning in 2015, Sonoma Valley Fund will be making grants to the Valley based on the generosity of our donors. [Click here to learn more about the Sonoma Valley Fund 2015 and beyond grant program.](#)

Our Grantmaking

Our grantmaking and program initiatives may occur in a variety of ways:

- Competitive Grants – A federally-designated, charitable organization whose mission/services align with the Grantor's priorities, submits a funding application to one of our grant programs support (see above). The application is evaluated by our Grants Committee, whose recommendations are approved by our board.
- Initiative Grants – The Sonoma Valley Fund provides leadership in more effectively resolving community issues through convening and partnering with organizations, field experts, community groups and civic leaders. Information about our current initiatives is available in our Current Initiatives Tab.

For questions about our grants program, please contact Karin Demarest, Vice President for Programs, at 707-303-9621.

QUESTIONS?
