

NONPROFIT SERVICES

Kern Community Foundation is strengthening local nonprofits in the areas of visibility, capacity, and sustainability.

What is a Community Foundation?

Community Foundations help build and strengthen a community and bring together people and organizations that want to make a difference. They are tax-exempt public charities that guide philanthropy and are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the areas they serve.

Who is Kern Community Foundation?

Kern Community Foundation is a vibrant nonprofit enterprise with a powerfully simple mission of growing community and growing philanthropy.

With a 15 year history supporting 120 funds that total over \$18 million in assets, we are known as a home for local philanthropists and a trusted community leader. We are in business to make Kern County a better place to live, to work, and to visit.

Why We Help Nonprofits

Kern Community Foundation believes in philanthropy – the practice of giving now and making long term investments to support effective charitable organizations and programs forever.

While accepting donations and making grants are a core component of our work, Kern Community Foundation also recognizes the valuable role local nonprofits play in improving the community.

To this end, Kern Community Foundation's nonprofit services are designed to increase the viability of local organizations – increasing visibility, building capacity, and improving sustainability – not just for today but for generations to come.

How We Help Nonprofits

By registering with Kern Community Foundation, local nonprofits are eligible for a wide range of opportunities.

VISIBILITY

- **Kern Community Foundation Live!**
The Foundation's YouTube channel now features over 40 local nonprofits, telling the story of what they do and why they do it.
- **Philanthropy on Tap**
The Foundation's nonprofit speaker series is in partnership with Bakersfield Young Professionals, a program of the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. Nonprofit leaders have the opportunity to tell their organization's story and how young professionals can get involved.

CAPACITY

- **Competitive Grant Opportunities**
These opportunities range from field of interest, like The Women's and Girls' Fund, to discretionary dollars the Foundation chooses to grant.
- **GIVE BIG KERN**
Each spring, this 24-hour giving day brings nonprofits and community members together for a powerful day of action. Participating nonprofits will be eligible for prize grants and match opportunities.

SUSTAINABILITY

- **Nonprofit Endowment Partnership**
This program assists nonprofits, selected on a competitive basis, with endowment building and planned giving programs to promote long-term sustainability.
- **Agency Endowment Fund**
By establishing an Agency Endowment Fund at the Foundation, you create a permanent source of revenue for your organization.

To register for Foundation Services, visit kernfoundation.org.