

2022 Special District Technology Grant

The Special District Leadership Foundation has created and funded a Technology Grant for 2022. The Technology Grant is open to districts with operating budgets of \$1 million or less and will reimburse districts for up to \$3,000 related to expenditures outlined in the grant focus areas. There is a total of \$25,000 in Technology Grant Funds available. Applicants do not need to be members of CSDA to apply and receive funds. The initial 2022 Technology Grant availability will close on March 31, 2022.

RECIPIENTS OF ANY OTHER SDLF SPECIAL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY GRANT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

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If you are not the District General Manager, is the District General Manager aware of your grant application? *

Yes

No

Details / Qualifications

Districts submit an application and grant proposal (no more than 5 pages) and include the following at minimum:

Scope of project, work, and/or purchase

Detail on the project, work, and/or purchase and how it assists the district in the areas of public engagement and/or transparency

Detail on the district's need for a grant to accomplish the project, work, and/or purchase

Is your district annual operating budget under \$1 million? *

Yes

No

Scope of project. Work, and/or purchase:

Detail on the project, work, and/or purchase and how it assists the district in the areas of public engagement and/or transparency: *

The District transitioned to a new Streamline website (funded through a SDLF scholarship), but the new service does not host email so we've remained with our old email provider. We've been having escalating issues with emails to and from constituents, partners and grantors being trapped as "undeliverable", which is marginalizing our public engagement efforts and jeopardizing grantor/partner communications. We would like to issue an RFP to find a technology services consultant who can determine what the security issue is and recommend options for upgrading our services.

We also would like to add GIS capabilities to our toolbox through software purchases and staff training. This will not only assist with specific project planning and implementation, but it will allow us to map our District activities to ensure we are meeting our environmental and social justice goals. We would like to also use the technology consultant to recommend the best software applications for our use and help integrate it into our systems.

Detail on the district's need for a grant to accomplish the project, work, and/or purchase: *

We have one full-time employee, the Executive Director/District Clerk, who manages day-to-day operations, including website administration and technology implementation. We need more technical expertise than they possess to resolve our email client security issues, recommend software upgrades and integrate our systems. The District does not currently have funding budgeted to hire a technology consultant to assist us with these issues.

Project, work, and/or purchase relates to the following Technology Grant Focus Areas (must check at least one, check all that apply):

- Hardware such as laptops and tablets, digital cameras, microphones, drones
- Staff training specific to technology and/or cybersecurity, technology platforms etc.
- Software including billing and accounting software
- Consulting related to cybersecurity and technology
- GIS (geographic information systems)
- Electronic File Storage – including video
- Technology tools for public engagement
- Electronic signature platform i.e. DocuSign
- Electronic meeting resources and equipment

Attach any supporting documents, no more than 5 pages

no file selected
