California State University Community Partnership Initiative Grant

The California State University Community Partnership Initiative (CPI) supports community-based organizations (CBOs) that establish, extend and/or strengthen collaborative partnerships between California State University (CSU) campuses and the communities they serve. The CPI grant seeks to enhance and encourage CBOs efforts in underrepresented communities' that utilize collaborative relationships with CSU campuses to address critical needs in the following areas:

- Academic Preparation
- A-G Requirements
- College Access
- Enrollment

Eligibility

All applicants, projects and/or programs must be based in the state of California and benefit students grades 6-16 and/or families.

- Projects or programs must have at minimum one CSU campus partner, indicated by a signed MOU between both parties.
- CBOs must demonstrate 3 or more years of work in the area(s) of academic preparation,
 A-G requirements, college access, and/or enrollment support.
- CBOs must be tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Organizations must provide an in-kind and/or fiscal matching contribution equal to 50% of the total award. Allowable matching expenditures are:
 - Equipment
 - Materials & Supplies
 - Salaries & Wages
 - o Travel

Partnerships

Eligible partnerships must expand the CSU campus's capacity to reach and serve their local underserved communities.

- Eligible community partners include but are not limited to:
 - Community-based organizations, such as social service and faith-based organizations
 - Neighborhood, civic and merchant associations
 - Middle Schools and High Schools
- Eligible university partners include:
 - o CSU campus's academic departments
 - o CSU campus's enrollment, outreach, and student support services
 - Student organizations with innovative practices that support students in achieving their academic goals (Must be an officially recognized campus organization.)

Application

Application will be available on February 12, 2024, deadline for submission is Friday, March 22, 2024 before 5:00 p.m. to CSUexternalrelations@calstate.edu.



Evaluation and Selection

Based on available funding, the CPI grant will be awarded to applicants that have met all application requirements. Awardees will have one week from notification to accept award and submit required documentation.

Award

A "Notice of Intent to Award" will be sent to the selected applicant(s) by April 28, 2024. Awards will range from, \$10,000 to \$20,000 for a 2-year period. The "Service Period" for each grant is 24 months from May 2024 – April 2026.

The grant funds are non-renewable. Grantees are welcome to re-apply upon term completion and review of program outcomes.

Outcomes

Awarded organizations must ensure programmatic content aligns with the <u>CSU Graduation</u> <u>Initiative 2025</u> goals. Awardees are required to provide a report of programmatic progress and outcomes by February 2025 and November 2025 during the funding period. Awardees are also required to provide a final outcomes report by May 1, 2026.