



**2026 Innovation Grants**  
San Diego Mesa College Foundation

## **Application Drafting Playground**

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This document is not considered a request for funds. Please do not email this for consideration.

To apply, submit an online [request here](#). To be considered for funds, **your application must be submitted by Friday, November 7.**

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### **Section 1 - Contact Information**

You'll be asked to provide:

1. **Full name**
2. **Department**
3. **SDCCD Email Address**
4. **Extension or phone number**

### **Section 2 - Project Summary**

In this section, you'll be asked to provide:

5. **Project Title:** *Project title may be distinct from names of existing programs or activities*
6. **Grant Amount Requested:** *You may request up to \$3,000*
7. **Total Project Cost:** *Estimated cost of **all** activities related to the project, including but not limited to those activities to be supported by grant funding*
8. **Number of Students Served:** *Please estimate the number of students your idea will serve*

### **Section 3 - Short Answers**

#### **9. Project Description (250 words max)**

*Describe the proposed activities your project will undertake within the grant term*

#### **10. Need Statement and Theory of Change (500 words max)**

*What is the problem your project aims to address, and what will be the impact of addressing it? How will your project activities address this issue and why will they be effective? Please use a [Theory of Change](#) approach for this section.*

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### 11. **Goals/Impact (250 words max)**

*Please provide three specific, measurable goals for your project. These will serve to assess project impact in final grant reporting. Please use a [SMART](#) goals approach.*

### 12. **Target Population and Equity Analysis (250 words max)**

*Who will benefit from this initiative? Does the project serve any traditionally underserved populations?*

### 13. **Alignment with Mesa's 2030 Strategic Goals (250 words max)**

*Please identify which of Mesa's 2030 Strategic Goals this activity supports, and describe how.*

*To view the 2030 Goals, go to: [bit.ly/Mesa2030Goals](https://bit.ly/Mesa2030Goals)*

### 14. **Alignment with Department Goals (250 words max)**

*Please describe how this activity aligns with the goals of your department.*

### 15. **Collaboration and Promotion (250 words max)**

*Please describe opportunities for the Foundation to collaborate, volunteer, or receive recognition for support?*

## **Section 4 - Budget**

### 16. **Budget Narrative (500 words max)**

*Please provide a detailed description of how grant funds will be used, explaining cost calculations and items from submitted budget.*

### 17. **Would your project be able to be successful if it received partial funding?**

Yes

No

Maybe

### 18. **Partial Funding Impact (250 words max)**

*Please describe how partial funding would impact the project, and how you would adjust your project if only partially funded.*

### 19. **Revenue: Other Funding**

*Did you request or do you expect to request other funds to support this project?*

Yes

No

**20. Other Funding: Narrative (250 words max)**

*For expenses included on the budget that are not covered by Innovation Grant funds, please describe the source of funds for these costs, and a brief description of those expenses. You should indicate the status of these funds (requested, pending, secured, declined).*

**Section 6 - Next Steps**

In this section, you'll be reminded that the application is not considered complete and will not be considered for funding unless fully approved. You'll be asked to indicate that you understand and agree.

**21. Please review the following statements.**

**1) I checked my work and the content included in this form is final and ready for review**

**2) I have reviewed my proposal with my Dean and am attaching documentation of their support**

I understand and agree

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