



Collaborative Impact Grants 2025

Submit a Letter of Intent by February 28!

Online Application Portal Opens first week
of February at westmarinfund.org

With the generous support of the County of Marin and West Marin Fund donors, West Marin Fund is continuing a new Collaborative Impact Pilot Project to strengthen collaboration among organizations serving West Marin with the overarching goal to reduce service gaps for disadvantaged populations in the region.

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Collaborative Impact Grant! Letters of Interest must be submitted by February 28th to be considered for this year's round of proposals.

The information you provide in the Letter of Interest will help the Grants Review Committee assess which gaps in service provision are currently most impacting West Marin communities and what collaborative efforts are necessary to address those gaps. The Grants Review Committee will also assess which collaborative efforts hold the greatest promise for reducing critical service gaps, resulting in an invitation to present a full proposal and budget.

While not every group presenting a Letter of Intent or submitting a full proposal will be successful, the information provided by all groups will increase knowledge and understanding of service gaps in West Marin and the challenges faced by disadvantaged populations. Without violating confidentiality, sharing this information more widely will stimulate awareness and interest in the issue and assist collaboratives and funders to mobilize resources to address service gaps affecting West Marin now and in the future.

Developing a Letter of Intent

All Letters of Intent should be submitted through our online application portal. The portal will be open in early February for interested organizations to develop and

submit their Letters of Intent by February 28th. The present document outlines the questions that will be contained on the online form so interested organizations can start thinking about their answers and determine if they would like to develop a Letter of Intent. Organizations can request Technical Assistance for this process, by sending an email to grants@westmarinfund.org.

Letter of Intent Content

The Letter of Intent has three key areas: 1) information about the partnering organizations (at least two to qualify for this opportunity), 2) your analysis of the service gap, 3) your idea to reduce it.

1. Partnering Organizations

Number of participant organizations including the Lead Organization (the organization presenting the proposal and administering the grant if awarded):

Lead Organization

For the organization presenting the proposal and administering the grant if awarded, please answer the following questions:

- Name of the Lead Organization
- Lead Organization Main Address
- Population groups currently served by the Lead Organization
- Towns currently served by the Lead Organization
- Previous year's budget of the Lead Organization*
*Please specify if the budget reflects your past fiscal year or 2024 calendar year.
- Briefly describe the Lead Organization's trajectory serving West Marin communities.
- Does the Lead Organization currently attend the West Marin Collaborative meetings?
- Is the Lead Organization registered as a 501c3 or 501c4 organization or will it be using a fiscal sponsor to apply?

Other participant organizations

For each participant organization, please answer the following questions:

- Name of Participant Organization
- Participant Organization Main Address
- Population groups currently served by the Participant Organization

- Towns currently served by the Participant Organization
- Previous year's budget of the Participant Organization*
- *Please specify if the budget reflects your past fiscal year or 2024 calendar year.
- Briefly describe the Participant Organization's trajectory serving West Marin communities
- Does the Participant Organization currently attend the West Marin Collaborative meetings?
- Is the Participant Organization registered as a 501c3 or 501c4 organization?
- Please describe the partnering organization's experience working together prior to this project.

2. Service Gap Analysis

Briefly describe the gap in services affecting disadvantaged groups in West Marin that you would like to address with your collaborative project. Please present the best available data to assess the extent of the service gap and the effect it has on the disadvantaged groups you propose to work with.

3. How to Reduce the Service Gap

Please explain how your collaborative effort would reduce the gap in services and benefit the populations you want to work with. What would be the most important expected results of this collaboration by the end of two years?

Next Steps if Interested in Applying

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**If you have any further questions, please contact
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