2027 Vibrant Villages Barstow Steering Committee Priorities Grant Summary

Grant Purpose

The Steering Committee Priorities Grant funds nonprofit organizations and fiscally sponsored projects that bring the Vibrant Villages Barstow Steering Committee priorities to life. These grants support strategies identified by the Barstow Steering Committee and Working Groups to strengthen health, wellbeing, and community belonging for residents of:

- Barstow
- Daggett
- Hinkley
- Lenwood
- Newberry Springs
- Yermo

Priority populations include youth, families with children, seniors, and veterans, as defined across Vibrant Villages Barstow pillars and community engagement efforts.

Projects must advance one or more of the Vibrant Villages Barstow Pillars:

- Basic Needs
- Access to Care
- Economic Mobility
- Community & Social Connections

These grants emphasize short-term, strategy-aligned projects that strengthen systems, expand supportive services, and deliver measurable progress toward Barstow's community-identified priorities.

Funding Amounts

- Award Range: Up to $15,000
- Grant Cycle Length: January 1 – September 30, 2027 (9 months)

Who Should Apply

Organizations that:

- Serve residents in Barstow and the surrounding rural communities
- Deliver programs benefiting youth, families with children, seniors, or veterans
- Implement strategies aligned with one or more Steering Committee pillars

- Have the operational capacity to carry out a 9-month project.

Fiscally sponsored organizations are eligible for this grant.

What This Grant Supports

Examples of eligible projects include (but are not limited to):

Basic Needs

- Food access programs and distribution
- Emergency resource navigation
- Cooling and resilience activities

Access to Care

- Health education and screening events
- Navigation and referral support
- Veteran engagement initiatives

Economic Mobility

- Career pathways, workshops, and internships
- Entrepreneurship training
- Youth workforce readiness

Community & Social Connections

- Youth leadership and engagement
- Family events and workshops
- Community gatherings and wellness activities

Applicants may submit projects designed to produce small wins that build momentum and trust — as well as projects contributing to long-term systems change.

Eligibility Criteria

Organizations must meet the following:

- Located in or primarily serving Barstow or its defined rural communities
- Minimum $150,000 annual organizational budget for the past 3 years
- Good standing with IRS and up-to-date Candid/Guidestar profile

- Ability to complete the project within the 9-month grant cycle

Application Timeline

Date	Milestone
October 2, 2026	RFP Opens
October 9, 2026	Information Session Posted Online
October 30, 2026 at 12 PM PT	Applications Due
November 20, 2026	Award Notifications
January 1 – September 30, 2027	Grant Cycle
November 15, 2027	Grant Report Due

How To Apply

1. Applications must be submitted in IEHP Foundation's grant management system **no later than Friday, October 30, by 12:00 pm PT**. To access the grant management system, click here.

Grant Reporting Requirements

Grantees must submit a Grant Impact Report within 6 weeks of project completion. Future eligibility depends on submitting the required report.

What Will Not Be Funded

- Academic scholarships
- Endowments
- Individuals
- Major capital projects
- Private foundations
- Retroactive funding
- Sabbaticals
- Vehicles