



# League of California Community Foundations

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Any community foundation meeting the criteria described in this document shall be eligible for League of California Community Foundations (League) membership on approval of the membership application by the Board and on timely payment of such dues and fees as the Board may fix from time to time.

**I. A California community foundation must meet the following criteria to be eligible for membership in the League:**

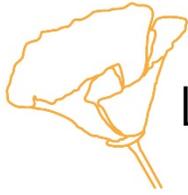
To qualify for membership in the Corporation, a community foundation must:

- Have its principal office in California
- Operate to support a community in California
- Act as a community foundation as defined by the Council on Foundations<sup>1</sup>
- Be staffed by a full-time executive
- Have minimum assets of \$5 million

And, either

- Have a current confirmation of compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as established by the Community Foundations National Standards Board, or
- Agree to commence the process of obtaining such confirmation within one year of being admitted as a member and pursue such confirmation with diligence, or
- Be a past member who lost National Standards certification and can demonstrate successful reconciliation of the issue that caused the loss of certification

Additionally members agree to designate its chief executive officer (or a senior staff person designated by the chief executive officer) to exercise the rights and to carry out the obligations of the community foundation as a member of the Corporation. No Member shall hold more than one (1) membership in the Corporation.



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## II. Process for a community foundation interested in applying for membership status with the League is:

- The candidate must provide a letter signed by the CEO and the Board Chair attesting that the Foundation meets all the criteria listed in section III. The letter will also state its mission, the year that the CF was founded, and the Foundation's current assets.
- League staff will circulate the application letter to the Board.
- Board members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and direct them to the League staff and/or Executive Committee for clarification. Acceptance to the League will be made by a 51% affirmative vote of the Board members.
- Each new member will receive an orientation to the League.

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Send your application materials to the League of California Community Foundations electronically to [sirena@lccf.org](mailto:sirena@lccf.org) or by mail to P.O. Box 1303, Jamestown, CA 95327

If you have questions, contact the League office, 209.984.3955.

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<sup>i</sup> A community foundation is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, nonsectarian philanthropic institution supported by the public with the long-term goals of:

1. Building permanent, component funds established by many separate donors to carry out their charitable interests
2. Supporting the broad-based charitable interests and benefitting the residents of a defined geographic area, typically no larger than a state
3. Serving in leadership roles on important community issues