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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES 2024-2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND CYCLE

With Support from YouTube and Google.org, SBCF Will Distribute \$300,000 in Community Grants to Local Organizations Serving the San Bruno Community

San Bruno, California, July 1, 2024 – Today, the San Bruno Community Foundation opened the ninth annual cycle of its Community Grants Fund, which allows local community organizations to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for programs that benefit the San Bruno community. Supported by YouTube and Google.org, Google's philanthropic arm, the Foundation plans to award grants totaling \$300,000 at the end of 2024.

For the eighth year, YouTube and Google.org are generously providing \$100,000 to the Community Grants Fund. The Foundation is funding the other \$200,000 to be distributed as Community Grants with investment proceeds from a portion of the restitution funds that resulted from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood.

"Through the Community Grants Fund, the San Bruno Community Foundation invests in the local organizations that are the lifeblood of our community and provide much-needed services throughout San Bruno," said Malissa Netane-Jones, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "We are very grateful to YouTube and Google.org – true community supporters – as their generosity enables the Foundation to offer an additional \$100,000 in grants to many worthy organizations that serve a diverse cross-section of the San Bruno community."

"YouTube and Google.org are honored to join forces once again with the San Bruno Community Foundation to invest in the social service, education, health care, and other local organizations that serve San Bruno, YouTube's beloved home," said Drew Sherwood, YouTube's Real Estate Director. "Each year, we are amazed at the innovative and important services these organizations provide throughout the local community, helping San Bruno's children, parents, workers, seniors, and students flourish and thrive."

The Community Grants Fund provides grant funding to programs that benefit the San Bruno community. Award decisions are based on a variety of factors, including the benefits of the proposed program to the San Bruno community, the proposal's alignment with one of the Foundation's focus areas, program methodology and budget, requested grant amount in relation to the anticipated community benefit, and the organization's track record, stability, and financial health.

For the 2024-2025 grant cycle, the application deadline is Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Eligible organizations can apply for a grant through the Foundation's online application, which is posted at <u>www.sbcf.org</u>. The Foundation intends to announce in December 2024 this year's Community Grant awards, which will be used to fund activities taking place in 2025. Detailed program guidelines for the Community Grants Fund, including eligibility requirements and the application process, as well as descriptions of past grantees, can be found on the Foundation's website at <u>www.sbcf.org</u>.

The Foundation will host two optional Grant Workshops via Zoom for organizations interested in learning more about the Community Grants Fund and the application process. The workshops will be held via Zoom on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday,

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September 3, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Registration for the workshops is required at <u>www.sbcf.org/grant-workshops</u>.

Since the 2016-2017 cycle, the Foundation has awarded Community Grants totaling \$2.3 million. In past years, Community Grants have funded a broad array of programs serving the San Bruno community, including art and music instruction, mindfulness training, and STEM offerings at the local public schools, nutrition and food distribution programs, dental programs, services for the unhoused, services for victims of domestic violence, and youth sports and leadership development programs.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit <u>www.sbcf.org</u>.

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