

2026 CBO Grant Funding Program

**Additional Agency Questions from Community and Human Services
Commissioners**

Answers from agencies are in italics and as submitted

1. AbilityFirst
Question 1: What is the maximum number of participants AbilityFirst can serve?
<i>AbilityFirst can serve 58 clients.</i>
2. AgingNext
No questions
3. Anthesis
Question 1: Do you monitor participants' success post-program? What percent have gained employment?
<i>Yes, we review our participants' success post-program. Through August 2025, 16% of participants in a learning lab were able to secure a job. The remainder continue to learn in different learning labs with the hopes that they learn a skill that they want to continue in the workplace and/or increase their volunteer hours to continue learning new skills.</i>
Question 2: How many hours do program participants volunteer at Joslyn and Blaisdell or other locations?
<i>We have approximately 108 participants volunteering throughout the Inland Empire and the San Gabriel Valley. However, 33 of them, supported by 11 volunteer coaches, five days per week in Claremont, to support the local programs and residents. We have 12 participants who volunteer four days per week at Service Center for Independent Life (SCIL); with Joslyn Center and Blaisdell reopening after the remodeling, we will have six participants returning to their volunteer shifts two days per week at Joslyn and 15 participants returning five days per week at Blaisdell. Each participant volunteers between one and two hours per week at these three locations, with an average of 50 hours per week.</i>
Question 3: What percentage of participants come from other donating cities such as Chino Hills and Montclair?

5% of our participants are from Chino Hills and 6% from Montclair.

4. CA Botanic Gardens

No questions

5. Claremont After-School Program, Inc. (CLASP)

No questions

6. Claremont Community School of Music

No questions

7. Claremont Educational Foundation

No questions

8. Claremont Heritage, Inc.

Question 1: Do you currently offer the program to all 3rd-grade students/schools in Claremont?

The short answer is yes, we offer the Third Grade Local History Program to all Claremont Unified School District Elementary Schools. However, not every school takes advantage of it every year. We haven't worked with the private elementary schools, but we are considering it next year.

9. Claremont Lewis Museum of Art

No questions

10. Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, La Casita Day Camp

No questions

11. Inland Valley Repertory Theatre, Inc. (Camp IVRT)

No questions

12. Inland Valley Repertory Theatre, Inc. (El Roble Panther PAW)

No questions

13. Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
Question 1: Does this program serve high school or college students, or only parents?
<i>The proposed Family Financial Literacy Program was developed for parents and caregivers, although the content and lifestyle changes ultimately impact students, especially the pieces focused on college financials, financial aid, student loans, etc.</i>
Question 2: What do you envision the partnership with CUSD will look like?
<i>PIQE has a history of serving CUSD, dating back to 2011, serving 847 parents since then, ultimately impacting over 1,200 students in Claremont. We have primarily delivered our Signature Family Engagement and Bridge to College Programs, but now find it important to also add this Family Financial Literacy Program to the service delivery options.</i> <i>This year, CUSD has let us know they don't have the funding to continue to offer our programs to their families. A study conducted last year by The Center for Equity and Biliteracy Education Research (CEBER) at San Diego State University found that 91% of students whose caregivers completed at least 1 PIQE Family Engagement Program graduated high school, and 56.6% pursued higher education. Among English learners, 92% graduated and 57% enrolled in college, outcomes that far exceed state and national averages, highlighting the program's lasting impact on educational equity.</i> <i>We would love to continue to make this impact in CUSD with funding to support this work at such a pivotal time.</i>

14. Shoes That Fit
No questions

15. Sustainable Claremont
No questions

16. The Claremont Chorale
Question 1: What category of your organization's budget will CBO funds be applied to?
<i>The agency did not respond to questions</i>

17. The Clinebell Institute

• Question 1: How do you quantify the success of the program, and how has Claremont's CBO contribution assisted?
<i>For Pathways to Practice, we track success by:</i> • <i>Number of clients served. We record the number of community members who receive low-cost therapy and assessments.</i> • <i>Service hours provided. Practicum students log therapy hours, which are verified by supervisors and universities.</i> • <i>Client outcomes. Standardized tools such as the PHQ-9 and GAD-7 are administered at intake and follow-up to measure symptom improvement.</i> • <i>Student development. We track completion of practicum requirements and conduct student surveys to measure growth in confidence, cultural competence, and readiness for licensure.</i> • <i>Community feedback. We gather input from clients and partners on accessibility and quality of care through surveys.</i> <i>The City of Claremont's grant funding will be critical in allowing us to expand outreach, strengthen supervision capacity, and remove financial barriers for clients. With this support, we'll have:</i> • <i>Increased visibility through local promotions, ensuring more residents are aware of the available services.</i> • <i>Provided additional supervision hours, guaranteeing high-quality care and compliance with training requirements.</i> • <i>Delivered counseling to community members who would not otherwise have access to affordable therapy and assessments.</i> <i>Claremont's contribution will directly support both immediate community access to mental health care and the long-term development of a skilled local therapist workforce who will continue to contribute to the community.</i>

18. Vineyard Touring Opera Company
No questions

19. VNACare
No questions

20. Claremont Canopy
• Question 1: Please be more specific in naming funding sources, such as other cities or specific organizations.

So far in 2025, the Claremont Canopy Rent Supplement Program has received approximately \$15,000 in overall funding to support direct rent assistance for refugee and asylum-seeking families in Claremont. This support has come from three primary sources:

- Individual Donations: About \$7,000, contributed by local residents and supporters.*
- PayPal Giving Fund: About \$4,500, received through designated online contributions.*
- Community-Based Organization (CBO) Grant Program of Claremont: \$3,500, awarded for direct rent assistance.*

Together, these funding streams have enabled us to prevent the displacement of multiple local families, ensuring they could remain safely housed and their children could continue attending Claremont schools without disruption.

While the majority of funding so far has come from private donations and online giving, these sources fluctuate and are difficult to project year to year. The CBO program provides a reliable foundation, allowing us to commit confidently to serving families and extend our reach further by leveraging additional community support. Without the CBO grant, we would not have been able to assist as many households in 2025.

21. Claremont Economy Shop

No questions

22. Claremont Meals on Wheels

No questions

23. Claremont United Church of Christ

- Question 1: How much time are you estimating it could take to acquire the funds to get started on this project?

From now until January 2026, about 100 days. It may take longer to win the needed County and regional support.

- Question 2: How long will it take from building the project to being open for business?

Less than a week to install better lighting and to prepare hospitality features.

• Question 3: Please explain zero expected participants	
	<i>We will budget and plan for a maximum of 30 households at a time. This is the most cost-effective realistic case load for a full-time social work case manager and also is the maximum we consider feasible for the lot, which, as now configured, parks about 50 cars. Other ‘participants’, not clients, will include over 20 local volunteers providing mentoring, companionship, and hospitality amenities. We can operate with fewer than the maximum participants.</i>
• Question 4: If accepting \$1000 minimum, how would the money be used?	
	<i>As part of a local match of at least \$30,000 locally raised to show local support and contribute to the much larger operating budget of SafeParking.LA. specifically and only for operating this site.</i>
• Question 5: Please provide details of the salaries to be paid with the requested \$20,000. Whose salaries?	
	<i>Any city funds will be contributed to the service provider, which will have to raise approximately \$500,000 a year to pay for full-time security, a site manager, a case-social worker specific to this site as well as all maintenance, administrative overhead, insurance, and substantial direct payments to meet emergency needs of the participants, and to provide assurance of retention of their housing for a period after successfully leaving the program, as described on the web site SafeparkingLA.org. There are strict budget accountability, reporting, and salary caps required by the county and regional funding sources.</i>
• Question 6: Do we have evidence of 30 Claremont residents living in cars? How many?	
	<i>Participants in the breakfast and shower program at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, listed on our request by name, number nearly that many persons frequenting Claremont and living in cars. This population is very hidden, for safety and pride, and especially because of the overnight parking laws in Claremont. Some local car-dwellers are here during the day, including at work and school, and park on the streets of nearby cities at night. We have not yet done so, but we will prepare a census of known local car-dwellers in consultation with St. Ambrose, Claremont Police and School District, VOA in Pomona, Hope Partners, and Tri-City/ Community Navigator Program ASAP, and will submit that data to you. If the program is inaugurated, our definition of a ‘Claremont participant’ will be households referred for intake to this program by the Claremont City Police, other City of Claremont departments, CUSD, or by a social service agency currently funded by the City of Claremont. The definition ‘Claremont Resident’ is too ambiguous for persons living among us in vehicles. Right now, those referrals do not exist, so the number fitting that definition is unknown.</i>

24. Crossroads, Inc.

No questions

25. Foothill Family Shelter

No questions

26. Inland Valley Council Churches, dba Inland Valley Hope Partners (Food Security)

No questions

27. Inland Valley Council Churches, dba Inland Valley Hope Partners (Our House)

No questions

28. LMWS, Inc. dba Pacific Lifeline

No questions

29. Newcomers Access Center

- Question 1: What is the status of last year's refugees helped with CBO grant funding?

Refugees supported through last year's CBO grant continue to benefit from housing rental supplements as they navigate challenges related to transportation, education, and employment. While many still face barriers to securing jobs aligned with their skills and education, they remain actively engaged with NAC—participating in programs, receiving tutoring, and volunteering as valued community members.

- Question 2: Why are you expecting fewer this year?

Although some clients have relocated or become ineligible, we continue to receive new referrals and conduct intakes. Notably, we were recently informed that families with youth enrolled in Claremont schools are eligible for support—even if they reside in neighboring communities. As a result, we anticipate serving a comparable or greater number of refugees in the final quarter of 2025 through CBO grant funding.

- Question 3: What is the number of those living in cars & what is the source?

To our knowledge, none of our current clients are living in vehicles. All families served through NAC have a documented residential address.

30. Service Center for Independent Life (SCIL)

No questions

31. St. Ambrose Shower Program

- Question 1: Please explain your request for \$20,000 this year, but asking \$10,00 under your program budget.

We asked for \$20,000 this year after receiving \$10,000 for our 2025 CBO grant application because the committee members who visited us this year informed me that we were not asking for enough funding. Our budget this year was \$14,000. We anticipate our costs will increase in 2026 as we feed more. People. We also want to put in a second shower, but have had difficulty getting funding for that.

- Question 2: How many of the 800 Claremont residents served at the shower program live in their cars?

When considering our numbers, it is more accurate to think of 800 as showers than as people. We provide 800 showers per year for people who reside in Claremont. Seven of our shower guests who consistently show up have cars.