



## SOMOS' Community Mini-Grants RFP

### ABOUT US

Somos Mayfair is a place-based non-profit in east San Jose. Our programmatic strategy focuses on providing children access to quality learning opportunities, engaging parents in leadership development, and cultivating community power.

### SOMOS' COMMUNITY MINI-GRANTS

In partnership with the Knight Foundation to create a thriving Mayfair community, Somos is embarking on a new venture. We want to help **YOU** bring a creative idea to life!

The grant application cycle is now open! Applications are due on a rolling basis starting **September 1, 2015** and will be reviewed at the end of each month. Funds are available through **June 30, 2016**. This is a fast paced grant cycle and if selected we aim to award funds after 30 days of submission. **Apply now!** Application guidelines are listed below:

Somos Mayfair is interested in funding projects with micro-grants of **\$1,000-\$2,000** that will enhance and impact Mayfair in a positive, creative way. Projects can include efforts in a wide range of areas including science, technology, arts, social good, and much more. We like projects that are visible and have a clear community benefit. Your project should make an impact by helping other people or by creating a better environment for them.

**We are looking for projects that:**

WHAT WE FUND	WHAT WE DON'T FUND
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are actionable and achievable</li> <li>▪ Benefit the Mayfair community</li> <li>▪ Can be completed within a reasonable time frame</li> <li>▪ Will be immediately enhanced by the \$1,000 micro-grant</li> <li>▪ Are AWESOME!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Purchases for personal use, such as car or home repairs, studio rental, etc.</li> <li>▪ Projects that are not based in Mayfair. We want to invest locally.</li> <li>▪ Travel expenses</li> <li>▪ Maintenance fees for established charities and foundations.</li> <li>▪ Vague causes or applications.</li> </ul>

### WHO DECIDES

As strong advocates of participatory budgeting, Somos Mayfair is selecting members from the community to join Somos staff in the decision making process.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Keep these guidelines in mind, and then surprise and delight us with your idea of how to make Mayfair a better place to live, work, and play. Apply!

Need help flushing out your idea? Contact **Christina Pham** at [cpham@somosmayfair.org](mailto:cpham@somosmayfair.org)

Would you like to contribute to our grant funding? We have spots open for "silent contributors": donors who want to contribute money to our Awesome grant funds but would rather remain behind the scenes. Our silent contributors help support community projects and attend our annual party. Contact **Jessica Paz-Cedillos** at [jpazcedillos@somosmayfair.org](mailto:jpazcedillos@somosmayfair.org) and we'll give you all the details.

FUNDING MADE POSSIBLE BY:





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**Name:**

**Zip code:**

**Email:**

**Project Title:**

**Project Description (Please limit project description to 2000 characters):**

**How will you use the money (Please limit this description to 2000 characters):**

**Tell us about yourself (Please limit to 500 characters):**

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