Overview
The goal of the Countywide Grants Development Initiative (GDI) is to significantly increase grant funding and support to San Bernardino County educational, health, government, and nonprofit organizations by improving the coordination, communication and collaboration between these entities in the development and submission of grant proposals to foundations, corporate, state and federal funders.

Contract Parameters
In November 2013, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a contract with The Community Foundation to implement a number of activities to support the goals of the GDI. The activities include technical assistance and funding to support collaborative efforts undertaken by education, health, government and nonprofits to pursue funding opportunities that address systemic change.

Technical Assistance and Support is Available
Technical assistance and funding support is available to “lead agencies” (fiscal or programmatic) from education, health, government and nonprofits to support the development and submission of grant proposals that involve and engage a community collaborative or partnership.

Support Includes
• Technical assistance and support for grant proposal positioning, review, or editing of a proposal before final submission. Funding is limited to a range of specific number of hours available for each proposal.
• Funding limited to a specific number of hours available for each proposal to support a grant development professional (grant writer).

How to apply for GDI support
Entities, county government departments, individuals (grant development professionals/grant writers) or nonprofits working in collaborative(s) or partnerships interested in seeking GDI support must complete and submit a “Prospective Grant Opportunity Application Form”. The form can be found on The Community Foundation’s website at http://www.thecommunityfoundation.net/programs-initiatives/initiatives/capacity-building.

Please submit the completed application to Jose Marquez at jmarquez@thecommunityfoundation.net.
Completed Application Forms must be submitted at least 35 days before the deadline for submission provided by the funding entity. This will allow time for review and decision by GDI project staff and County of San Bernardino representative(s).

**REVIEW PROCESS**

Upon submission, the application is reviewed by GDI project staff in coordination with County of San Bernardino representative(s). The review process involves the following parameters:

- the general need predicing the grant request;
- review of the RFP or interest area of the targeted lead agency or requesting organization and/or grant writer;
- past grants experience and grant’s success with the proposed funder from the requesting entity and/or grant writer; and,
- requested amount of time and costs.

A decision on support will be made within seven to ten days.

All GDI support is predicated on:

- a thorough assessment of the requesting entity;
- likelihood of funding
- the availability of funding by the GDI project; and,
- leveraging of additional funding support, if needed or feasible.

For more information on GDI, please contact Jose Marquez, Director of Philanthropic Services, The Community Foundation at 951-241-7777 or at jmarquez@thecommunityfoundation.net.