

COMMUNITY GIVING PROGRAM 2025

A Spirit of Giving

As the managing contractor of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) is committed to be a valued citizen and good neighbor in its local communities. In the spirit of giving, LLNS has established the LLNS Community Gift Program. This year the LLNS Board of Governors has authorized up to \$220,000 to community organizations. Gifts can range in amounts from \$500 to \$15,000. Eligibility criteria and application follow. The primary focus of these gifts are programs and/or projects that support public K-14 science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics education (STEAM). The LLNS Community Gift Program is separate and distinct from the annual Laboratory's HOME (Helping Others More Effectively) Campaign. The HOME Campaign is one of the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin Valley's most generous annual employee-based charity drives. That fundraising drive occurs in October-December of each year.

Gift Program Criteria

The LLNS Community Gift Program is open to publicly funded California K-14 schools, community colleges, 501 (c)(3) entities and government agencies serving the Tri-Valley (Livermore, Amador, and San Ramon valleys), counties surrounding LLNL, including Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin. Organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and will be asked to account for spending and program results. **Additional criteria include:**

- All applications must include a budget showing how the gift would be spent.
- Organizations that received gifts in the prior years but did not file an acceptable Gift Accountability Report by the due date are not eligible for the current program.
- IRS-qualified 501 (c)(3) entities **must** be registered with a **current status** with the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. Status must be verified by the applicant prior to submission and can be done by conducting a search via the online tool provided by the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov/charities>
- With the exception of K-14 educational institutions, which are addressed below, each applying organization is limited to **one** application.
- Restrictions on applications from K-14 educational institutions include:

- Multiple applications from the **same** school must be prioritized by the Principal or Dean.
- Applications may be submitted by public and charter schools and the County Offices of Education in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Joaquin counties, as well as public and charter school educational foundations and PTAs in these counties.
- **All school related applications, regardless of entry mechanism, require endorsement from the Principal or Dean, as appropriate.**
- Faith-based entities may apply, but the gift cannot be used for religious purposes.

The LLNS Community Gift Program receives a high volume of applications each year. Unfortunately, not all applications are eligible for a gift. Following is a list of criteria that will render an application **ineligible**:

- Budget not provided.
- 501 (c)(3) organizations not registered as current with the State of California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts.
- Organizations that received gift funds in previous years and failed to complete required elements (e.g. completing and returning Accountability Reports to LLNS).
- General administrative, organizational, operating, salaries, advertising costs, and printing of flyers or other publications to generally promote an organization and its services.
- **Computers, laptops, and tablets**
- Software licenses
- Building and/or infrastructure improvements
- Lodging
- Transportation in any form, including the purchase or rental of automobiles, trucks, buses, vans, or other modes of transportation.
- General fund-raising or support for fund-raising events (e.g., walk-a-thons, dinner sponsorships, etc.)
- Food or beverages for events and/or fundraising
- Promotional items/apparel
- Trophies, awards
- Gift cards
- Home-based childcare/educational services
- Organizations benefiting or serving animals
- Individual(s) sponsorships/scholarships of any kind
- Registration/entry fees
- Sales tax and charges for shipping, delivery, and handling
- Fraternal, labor, social or athletic associations, organizations, or clubs

- Political or lobbying organizations or those supporting the candidacy of particular individuals
- Non-U.S. organizations or organizations whose activities are mainly international or national in focus.

All applicants should expect to be notified of the outcome of their application by mid-November. Applicants will be notified via email or telephone. Please ensure all contact information is current and valid on the applications.

Timeline (dates below may be subject to change; updates will be posted on this webpage)

- Monday, April 14, 2025 — Gift call opens
- Monday, August 4, 2025 — Final date for gift applications due
- November 2025 - Checks will be distributed.
- Monday, February 23, 2026 — Accountability Reports due

The LLNS Community Gift Program's Application Review Committee will review each application and provide its award recommendations to the LLNS President.



The deadline for applications is Monday, August 4, 2025.

Submit an [application here](#). Please contact llns-gift@llnl.gov for more information.