

“SDG provides a network of strong leaders in philanthropy and a wonderful resource for trends and best practices on every aspect of community involvement.”

Kelly Prasser, Sempra Energy

WHAT IS PHILANTHROPY?

The term philanthropy comes from classical Greek, literally meaning “love for mankind.” Today, this term is commonly used to describe the granting of money to nonprofit organizations by foundations, corporations, and individuals. This type of organized giving is also referred to as grantmaking.



SAN DIEGO GRANTMAKERS | WHO WE ARE

MISSION AND VISION

Our **MISSION** is to **CONNECT, EDUCATE, DEVELOP** and **INSPIRE** a diverse group of foundations and corporations to stimulate effective philanthropy in the San Diego region.

Our **VISION** is a vibrant, effective and growing philanthropic community that improves the quality of life in the San Diego region.



VALUES

We Believe In:

Excellence

In all of our work, we reflect a commitment to excellence.

Service

We value our members by providing services that are practical, informed, stimulating and relevant.

Collaboration

We support members working together to address community needs.

Celebration

We celebrate the joy and satisfaction born out of compassionate and results-driven philanthropy that improve the many communities of the San Diego region.

Inclusiveness

We believe in the rich diversity of the San Diego grantmaking community and the San Diego region in general, and will promote inclusiveness in the way we work.

Integrity

We value and promote ethical grantmaking practices.

San Diego Grantmakers was founded in 1976 to meet the need expressed by those in organized philanthropy for a forum in which colleagues could address common problems and interests. The San Diego Foundation, Fieldstone Foundation, and the Jacobs Center all served as fiscal sponsors in the early years of SDG. After 26 years of serving the San Diego grantmaking community, SDG moved into its next stage of evolution and established itself as an independent, freestanding nonprofit. In the fall of 1999, San Diego Grantmakers leadership filed for nonprofit status and incorporated as a 501(c)3 organization.

San Diego Grantmakers is one of 33 members of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, a valuable link to philanthropy across the country. Regional Associations of Grantmakers are nonprofit membership associations of foundations, corporations, individuals, and related organizations that share the goal of strengthening philanthropy in a specific region.



“San Diego Grantmakers works to support the professional lives of corporate givers and to enhance the overall impact of organized philanthropy in our community and beyond.”

Allison Kelly, Qualcomm Incorporated

San Diego Grantmakers invites the following to join:

- Community Foundations
- Corporate Foundations and Giving Programs
- Family Foundations
- Giving Circles
- Government Grantmakers
- Independent Foundations
- Individual Philanthropists
- Operating Foundations
- Public Foundations

Membership in SDG is open to organizations and individuals whose primary purpose is grantmaking and who are currently making minimum annual contributions of \$25,000 to multiple nonprofit organizations in an organized manner.



NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Networking Opportunities

SDG provides ideal opportunities for members to interact and share knowledge with their grantmaking colleagues: at our programs, through our listservs, and in our collaborations.

Collaborations

SDG convenes collaborations designed to make a positive impact on our community. Members join together to learn, to leverage efforts, and to fund effective and innovative projects. Current examples include:

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Homelessness
- Nonprofit Leadership Development
- Prisoner Reentry
- San Diego Neighborhood Funders
- San Diego Workforce Funders Collaborative

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS

SDG keeps members informed of developing local and national issues in the nonprofit world and emerging trends in grantmaking, through:

- Newsletters
- Listservs
- Member Directory
- Website (www.sdgrantmakers.org)
- Research/Referrals

“Our membership in San Diego Grantmakers provides great value. It helps us better connect with the community and its issues, the nonprofit field, and philanthropic colleagues for collaborations.”

Tim McCarthy, McCarthy Family Foundation

PROGRAMS

SDG offers a wide spectrum of programs and events to help members build grantmaking skills, connect with colleagues, and learn about important issues. Types:

- Best Practices and Skill Development
- What to Fund (Issue-Specific)
- Corporate Track
- Family Foundation Exchange
- Annual Conference
- Distinguished Speakers

SERVICES

SDG provides valuable services to members, including:

- Technical Assistance
- Discounts
- Common Grant Application
- Document Templates
- Library
- Web/Conference Calls

SUPPORT FOR PHILANTHROPY

SDG serves as a leader on behalf of philanthropy and the nonprofit sector in the San Diego region.

Recent special initiatives and partnerships include the San Diego Business Journal's Corporate Philanthropy Supplement and the San Diego Regional Giving Report.



san diego
Grantmakers
Strengthening Philanthropy

5060 SHOREHAM PLACE, SUITE 350, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122

858.875.3333 PHONE 858.202.1762 FAX

WWW.SDGRANTMAKERS.ORG

“Through San Diego Grantmakers, I believe we are improving the quality of philanthropy in San Diego and thereby improving the quality of life for San Diegans. SDG provides a safe forum for grantmakers to talk about their needs and concerns, to learn about local issues and national trends and to collaborate when needed.”

Judy McDonald, Parker Foundation