Alternatives to Violence Project, California

Wishing you could advance the work of your local AVP-CA group or council?

Need $$$ to do so?

Then, here is your opportunity!

AVP/CA Local Council 2026 Grant Application

AVP-CA has funds that will allow us to provide financial support to local groups to build new councils or strengthen existing local councils. On June 12, 2021, the AVP-CA Steering Committee agreed to create a fund to be distributed to local councils for establishing, promoting, or increasing community workshops or other local initiatives—perhaps something you have wanted to do to connect more closely with your community. As the first rounds of grants proved to be successful in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, the AVP-CA Steering Committee has approved another round of grants for the year 2026. This might be the time to make your wish come true...

The Steering Committee recommends that the grants be used to support initiatives (or creative projects) in three specific areas:

1. **Financial Support from AVP-CA to Expand Council Outreach and Develop Local Partnerships.**

Funding in this area could include, but is not limited to, connecting with other groups or organizations in your community that support **reentry services and returning citizens; offer services to disadvantaged youth; respond to violence in your community, among other ideas.**

2. **Financial Support from AVP-CA to Strengthen EXISTING Local AVP Councils**
    - Funding in this area could be used to enhance the competence and self-confidence of existing local facilitators and strengthen the quality of your workshops.
    - Or, you could develop new or creative initiatives to better serve your local council, such as using technology to conduct workshops, funds to support local council gatherings, outreach, marketing, conducting new community workshops, involving a returned citizen (an AVP facilitator

returning to the community) in researching possible support organizations to foster partnerships between AVP and similar support organizations.
- Other creative ideas?

3. **Financial Support from AVP-CA to Develop a New Council**
   Funding in this area could be used to support the development of a new AVP Council by identifying new local facilitators and seeding a new or startup council or group lacking AVP presence.

4. **Financial Support for Creative Council Projects**
   - Financial Support from AVP-CA to finance a "creative initiative" or "a wish" that you always wanted to do in or for your council but could not do without this grant.
   - Financial Support from AVP-CA to develop ways your council can meet the unique needs of your community in nonviolence and peace training, working with youth, etc.

All Grants are available up to $1,000 each.
Currently, money IS available!

What might be paid for with these grants?

Travel costs (transportation, food, and lodging) to bring facilitators from other areas to staff a workshop to help start or strengthen a local AVP group. Stipends?

Travel to make contacts for new partnerships.

Special collaborations between two or more local groups, for example, to bring together facilitators from more than one AVP-CA locals to coordinate workshops or otherwise strengthen AVP activities in the state.

Materials such as manuals, flip charts, pens, markers, tape, koosh balls, and other supplies for workshops or AVP program outreach and other workshop equipment. Also, a unique council brochure, poster and business cards could be designed and produced.

Facebook development and advertising; Media outreach (local radio spots, etc.), hosting Meetups or other online outreach websites such as Volunteermatch.

Other ideas?

How much grant money is available?

AVP-CA will provide up to $1,000 per application. The number of grants approved will depend on the number of applications and amount of remaining funds available.

The money is available to AVP local councils, not individuals. We encourage you to review your application with the chair or lead facilitator, the treasurer (if applicable), and at least two other members of your group. The application must have multiple signatures. Please include all signers in the email when submitting the grant.

When to Submit your Application

The grant application window will be from January 1 through July 1. Grants will be reviewed on a first come-first serve basis, until funds are exhausted. Fund distributions will occur within a reasonable time of final grant approval. Be aware that some grant applications may be returned to local councils for clarification or other editing prior to approval.

In order to receive funding in a timely manner for your project, submit your application early to allow for processing time and possible revisions.

Your application will include the following information

- Your project or initiative: give it a title
- Date of your application
- What your local group will do to achieve this initiative, what are your project goals
- How will it meet the needs of your community or local group?
- Your timeline: (e.g., for offering the full series of AVP workshops including a Training for Facilitators workshop; or for recruiting participants and facilitators and other outreach activities to build a functional group). Please include a project completion date.
- Your budget proposal, related to the project/initiative that you described (travel, lodging, venue, materials, food, stipend, etc.) Summarize amounts needed for each.
- Dates the funds are needed
- Indicate how the check (from AVP-CA) should be submitted: exact payee name and address of your treasurer or an appropriate council contact. Some local groups that do not have bank accounts have used a Fiscal Sponsor (i.e., Friends Meeting, non-profit, church, community organization) in place of a local group bank account. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the requirements of the grant.
- The contact for your group; all communications regarding this grant will be done with this person:
  CONTACT *
  First Name Last Name
  Contact Address
  Street Address

Street Address Line 2
City State Zip Code
EMAIL *(example@example.com)
PHONE NUMBER *
CONTACT'S AVP BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

As a council based grant, the responsibility should be shared by the council or multiple designated people on the council, even if one person has the bulk of the tasks for the project.

- Please use the attached form for your application.
- If the Local Council Grant Committee requests changes to a grant application, please resubmit an edited application in a new application form, rather than adding addendums.

*Information required

Final reporting

1. A brief description of the project: its successes and challenges, and how it helped advance your goals and needs of your local group or council (described above).
2. In the case of a full workshop (Basic, Advance, T4F), provide details about location, type of population served; number of participants (beginning and completing the workshop).
3. Indicate that you have uploaded all of the relevant information in the AVP-CA QEWR, following the workshop.
4. A statement of how your funds were spent according to the categories outlined in your budget proposal and how any excess funds will be spent.
5. The final report is due three months after the project is completed.

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To complete your application, you may fill out and submit this document as PDF, MS Word doc, or a google doc (for Google Doc, make a copy of this document). Send it to avp-ca-council-grants@googlegroups.com and CC the local councilmembers who sign this application.

Questions? See descriptions above or email avp-ca-council-grants@googlegroups.com

1. Your Project Title	

2. Application Submission Date	

3. Date Funds Are Needed By	

4. Project Goal(s)

5. How will it meet the needs of your community or local group?

6. Your timeline (include completion date)

7. Budget Proposal

8. Indicate your preferred methods to receive payment: Check (provide treasurer's name), Direct Deposit to your local council account, PayPal.

9. Contact Person on your local council for future communication. Include their name, address, phone number, email, and their AVP experience.

10. Names and signatures of three of your council members acknowledging agreement of receiving funds for said purpose and agreement to submit a final report as described above to avp-ca-council-grants@googlegroups.com (please include the signers in your report email). Final report due 3 months after project completion.