Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees

The 2026-2027 CARE Grants Program for Chabot College

The **Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees (CARE)** is pleased to offer everyone at Chabot – full or part-time faculty, classified professional staff, and administrators alike – the opportunity to submit a proposal for the 2026-2027 CARE Grant program, intended to stimulate and support small special projects that improve service to the colleges. The process is **easy** - with a short online application, and **fast** – with a decision returned by the start of December, and funds provided so you can accomplish your goal this Spring.

CARE strongly encourages smaller projects as our retiree funds are limited, and $500 is a good target for an application, with $999 the maximum (but requests at that level rarely win.) **One exciting new addition to the CARE Grant program is that we will forward any application from Chabot that we are unable to fund directly to the Friends of Chabot College Foundation**, so that they might separately consider the project and possibly fund it with their own foundation resources. So even if CARE can't help this time around, your idea will be shared with others who might be able to help it become a reality.

Below you'll see what colleagues at Chabot have done with the grants over the past couple of years. We hope that they might inspire you to do something that benefits Chabot's students, staff, and programs.

Helping Chabot's Campus Safety Team with CLERY handbooks and pocket guides, submitted by Hilda Arriaga. Institutions which participate in federal student aid programs are required to compile and publish crime statistics in accordance with the Clery Act, and the CARE grant enabled Officers and Dispatchers to acquire individual handy pocket guides so everyone can understand and properly classify and document any crimes.





Helping Chabot's Veterans Resource Center represent all branches of the Armed Forces with flags, submitted by Ariel Nelson.



Chabot's Veterans Center proudly supports all of our college's veteran population for their service in protecting this country as they focus on achieving their educational goals. CARE was able to assist with the purchase of official military flags from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the Prisoner of War, Missing in Action flag (POW/MIA), which will further demonstrate to all veterans that they are respected and valued on our campus.

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Helping Chabot's Office of the President with professional banners and table coverings, submitted by Christine Herrera.

Sharing the encouraging message of "The Power of Us" from Dr. Jamal Cooks, CARE was able to help fund the purchase of table coverings representing Chabot College to bring unity and community while these are being used during events on campus, and further illustrating our pride to be part of the Chabot community.



In 2025, Shoshanna **Tenn,** English Instructor and Co-coordinator for the Puente Project, and **Julie Sanchez,** Puente Counseling Assistant, used a CARE grant to take 30 students to the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco to see Two Trains Running. Shoshanna shared, "For some of our students, taking BART was a new experience, and for many of them, seeing a play was a new experience."



Also in 2025, **Jasmine Garcia**, Counselor, proposed a neat idea to make students and staff feel warm and relaxed by creating a small Tea Corner. She shared, "the Tea Counselor Corner has quickly become a cherished space in our center, fostering a greater sense of comfort and emotional well-being among students. Designed to be both welcoming and supportive, the Tea Corner has encouraged more students to engage with counseling services while normalizing self-care practices."

And **Michael Lai,** Counselor, used the 2024 CARE grant, along with additional funds from the Special Programs Dean's Office and AANAPISI, to purchase T-shirts designed by and for student leaders in the Umoja, Puente, MOVEMENT, and Nesian learning communities, as a way of uniting our students and increasing their visibility across the campus.



If you have an idea, please consider submitting a proposal! The process is straightforward – identify what you need, how much it would cost, fill out a one-page form, get your Area Manager, Dean, or Supervisor to OK it, and send it to us. **The deadline is Friday November 6.** We expect to receive more proposals than we can fund, so keep in mind as you create your proposal our key decision criterion:

"How will the project improve service to the college, its students, and staff, in your area of work responsibility?"

For more information, to see past winning proposals, and to submit your own idea, please go to

https://care-news.org/grants/index.htm