Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees

The 2026-2027 CARE Grants Program for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Office Teams

The **Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees (CARE)** is pleased to offer everyone at the District Offices 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 and communities we serve. 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 CLPCCD 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 the District Office, Chabot, and Las Positas have done with the grants over the past couple of years. We hope that they might inspire you to do something that benefits our District's staff, students, and programs.

Helping the CLPCCD Foundation create a new banner and tablecloth, submitted by Amy Miller.

With CARE funds, Amy was able to arrange for a great banner calling attention to the Foundation's role supporting our communities – designed in part with a student representative to the Board of Trustees – and a tablecloth. Both help to create a wonderful and very professional impression at key events advertising all that the District teams help to enable.



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 district, 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



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.



Helping Las Positas's Early Care Education Students with color-coded name badges and lanyards, **submitted by Carla Aguirre,** LPC's ECE Professional Development Coordinator, to help staff easily identify class groups, ensuring smooth transitions, enhanced supervision, and appropriate support. Lanyards will be issued to students each semester for continued use.

Helping Las Positas's Geology Program purchase a special rock saw, submitted by Marisa Pascal, LPC's Laboratory Technician in their Geology and Geography Departments. The new saw provides a hands-on tool used for cutting both departmental specimens and student-provided rocks, and supporting honors projects as well as classroom activities.



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."

