

## Testimonials

The communities who currently work with CCEEJ have shared the following thoughts that reflect their experiences.

"As an emerging nonprofit, the resources CCEEJ offers have been very important in continuing our growth. Smaller nonprofits do not have the staff or capacity until consistent funding is secured. CCEEJ's support in identifying funding sources and offering input is an invaluable resource to ensure our new organization can expand and serve environmentally underserved local communities."

"The team at SDSU has been a game changer for the UNIDOS Network! The technical assistance provided by CCEEJ has been invaluable in helping our small organization to write effective, community changing grants. This program will help the UNIDOS Network be able to more effectively serve the communities we live and work with."

"CCEEJ provided invaluable support to my organization, ensuring we met our grant submission deadline. CCEEJ went above and beyond by assisting with file formatting, providing budget templates, and guiding us through the required forms. We are thrilled to have such a dependable and responsive resource like CCEEJ to count on."

### ***Writing for Green course feedback***

"I can't believe how much I've learned. My only obstacle was my headspace, which was in my day job with flying due dates. My grant subject approach was ever-changing because of the details that were top of mind because of my day-job grant language building.

It may seem that I was all over the road, but I successfully submitted four grants last month, and this course gave me the confidence to complete them with greater ease. I would review lessons as I was writing and submitting, and using the tools provided helped my detailed double-checking tremendously.

Anyone who even slightly thinks they want to write grants needs this portal of tutelage."

"It was an Honor to take the Writing for Green Grant class through San Diego State University. This training program is easy to navigate and every person I worked with was kind and beyond helpful. I appreciated the opportunity to take the training. As a grassroots organizer, it was a blessing to be able to gain more knowledge on writing grants. I finished the training with so much more confidence in Grant Writing."

"I enjoyed the pacing of the information as well as how each module was organized. Each module was palatable and I was able to relate what I learned in the modules to my current work and past experiences. I especially appreciated the activities that kept things fun!"

"I am so excited. My confidence has improved tremendously, and the feedback on my assignments has helped further my understanding of the course material. I am so grateful for this opportunity!"

“After taking this course, I feel so grateful and more prepared to take on large grants to support my organization and its efforts to create systemic change, specifically through nature based healing, advocacy, and self-determination efforts.”

“I found the work plan, the logic model, and the budget narrative the most useful, as it allowed me to consider elements I hadn't implemented before in proposals. It also makes my grant writing processes faster.”

“Within the course platform, the example foundations and projects contextualized several core programs our organizations focus on including gardening and environmental advocacy. This helped understand the material a bit more and how I can directly use such templates, phrasing, and strategies.”

“The staff support, especially when submitting the grant during ‘crunch time,’ was incredibly helpful. Special shoutout to Paige, Loren, and Dr. Lewison's specific feedback. Had it not been for their assistance I wouldn't have submitted the proposal on time, which is now onto the second round of review. Thank you!”

“As if all that weren't enough, CCEEJ also connected our organization to a TA for the EPA Community Change Grant which has been a great experience so far.”

“I look forward to sharing award news and impacts in my community.”

“¡Mil gracias CCEEJ!”