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**Sierra Madre Library Foundation Awarded \$50,000 Grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation**

Sierra Madre, CA — May 18, 2026 — The Sierra Madre Library Foundation is pleased to announce its project for “Empowering Community Through Technology: SMPL Community & Meeting Rooms Initiative,” was funded by a grant from the Pasadena Community Foundation (PCF). Every year, PCF’s Capital Grants Program awards two special \$50,000 grants to organizations undergoing projects that are transformative both for their mission and the community.

This grant will ensure that the new Mary Tumilty Community Room and two small-group meeting spaces in the newly renovated Sierra Madre Public Library are equipped with modern, high-quality technology to provide flexible, inclusive environments for public use, making the library a more dynamic and accessible hub for connection and learning.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Pasadena Community Foundation for their generous support,” said Rob Stockly, Chair of the Sierra Madre Library Foundation. “This funding allows us to equip our new community spaces with the tools needed to bring people together, expand access to information, and support meaningful engagement for residents of all ages. It represents a significant step forward in ensuring the new library will be a modern, welcoming, and well-equipped community destination. So much of what the Library does is about building and strengthening community. We couldn’t be more excited about the possibilities opened to us by PCF’s substantial grant.”

Grant-funded components include an ADA-compliant, height-adjustable lectern, technology for remote/web conferencing, large-format presentation display TVs and wall-mounting hardware, an assistive listening system for the hearing-impaired, wireless microphone system, a 16-speaker sound system, and installation and training.

“This year’s Capital Grants carry extra weight. Our nonprofits showed up for this community after the Eaton Fire, and many of them are still showing up every day,” said Jeannine Bogaard, Director of Community Impact, Pasadena Community Foundation. “These grants invest in their ability to keep doing that. Strong facilities and reliable equipment are not glamorous, but they are what keeps the doors open. That matters now more than ever.”

The Sierra Madre Library Foundation continues to play a critical role in securing funding for furniture, fixture and equipment needs in the new building that exceed the scope of funding provided through city and state resources.

The newly renovated Sierra Madre Public Library is opening June 6, 2026.

About the Pasadena Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, the Pasadena Community Foundation promotes local philanthropy, with a mission to inspire generosity and engage the resources of our community for present needs unfulfilled and future needs unforeseen. The Foundation helps donors maximize the impact of their charitable contributions – strengthening the community, preserving cultural resources, and assisting those in need.

About the Sierra Madre Library Foundation

The Sierra Madre Library Foundation works with the community and City of Sierra Madre to develop, furnish and equip a library facility that will provide a 21st Century community gathering place to house our library collection, preserve and provide access to our extensive historical archives and continue to provide a vital space for civic engagement for the next 50 years.

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