



## **JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery Community Grants Applications Now Open**

*Grants Provide Non-Profits, Youth Programs, Social Services, and Community Initiatives with Critical Financial Assistance and Resources*

**PASO ROBLES, CALIF. – January 4, 2023** – JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery today announced that its 2023 Community Grants applications are now live. JUSTIN Community Grants provide schools and non-profits in San Luis Obispo North County with valuable financial assistance and resources. This year JUSTIN intends to award \$250,000 in grants, building on its long-standing commitment to invest in the individuals and organizations that make the communities it serves a better place to live, work, and play.

“At JUSTIN our goal is to empower the local community to achieve its full potential,” said Molly Scott, director of grower and community relations for JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery. “As active members of the community we understand the needs are best known by the community itself. The JUSTIN Community Grants program allows our local schools, non-profits and organizations to vocalize what support is needed so their dedication and hard work can continue seamlessly throughout the year and have a positive impact for many more.”

Established in 2013, the JUSTIN Community Grants program has funded hundreds of projects supporting classrooms and non-profits, totaling over \$1.2 million. Organizations that receive grants are selected by a committee of employees who volunteer annually to identify those that demonstrate a need for funding impactful projects and services that directly benefit the local community, making it a more equitable place to live, work and play. Previous grant funding has supported Studio on the Park Inc’s creative learning experiences to elementary students, the YouthWorks program at Affordable Housing Paso Robles, increasing the amount of households reached by Central Coast LINK and provide mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County.

JUSTIN believes that an investment in education is an investment for the future. Out of the total \$250,000 in grant funding, at least \$50,000 will directly benefit schools and is designed to provide wide-ranging support for teachers, the school grants fund projects and initiatives to help students learn, grow, and thrive. From musical instruments and graphing calculators to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) materials and innovative virtual field trips, the grants help fund essential classroom supplies and educational opportunities for students in North San Luis Obispo County. The Resnick Foundation, in collaboration with JUSTIN, also supported the Juan Nevarez Memorial Scholarship last year with a \$250,000 gift, which provides scholarships for students of wine industry workers in the region.

Applications will be accepted until February 17, 2023. For more information about eligibility requirements and to submit an application for the JUSTIN Community Grants, please visit [www.justinwinegrants.com](http://www.justinwinegrants.com) or email [communitygrants@justinwine.com](mailto:communitygrants@justinwine.com).

### **About JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery**

Located in Paso Robles, JUSTIN Vineyards & Winery was founded in 1981 and is known for crafting world-class wines using Bordeaux grape varieties, including the iconic ISOSCELES blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot. The vineyard estate, located at 11680 Chimney Rock Road, features a Tasting Room, luxury five-star accommodations at the JUST Inn, and the MICHELIN-Starred The Restaurant at JUSTIN – making it one of few wineries on the Central Coast to offer all three options. JUSTIN is the only winery in the U.S. to hold both a MICHELIN Star and a MICHELIN Green Star, noting The Restaurant’s sustainability practices. Additionally, JUSTIN Downtown features an expansive wine-tasting bar, lounge, and a full dining room that’s situated prominently on the square along Downtown City Park in the heart of Paso Robles. JUSTIN consistently receives top honors around the world, establishing itself as a leader in new-world Bordeaux-style winemaking. JUSTIN wines are available through discerning fine-wine retailers and restaurants throughout the United States, or directly from the winery via JUSTIN’s Tasting Rooms, online store, or to members of the exclusive JUSTIN Wine Society wine club. To discover more about JUSTIN, visit [www.justinwine.com](http://www.justinwine.com).

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