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2005-2006 Grant Awards



BLUE MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Any discussion of grant awards should begin with the source of the funds. The Blue Mountain Community Foundation is fortunate to make discretionary awards in the area because of the generosity of several people. Most of them are no longer living, but they continue to have a profound impact on the work of local non-profits and the people they serve. The following have established endowed funds that give latitude to the Board of Trustees in making grants. They are:

- Earl and Lucille Blake
- Frances Edmonson
- Claudina Keen
- Deloris Dickinson King, to end homelessness
- Donald and Ruth Roff
- Louis and Genevieve Perry, to support Christian, non-sectarian, non-denominational programs that benefit the poor and
- Donna Underman, to fight abuse and to specifically support the City of Walla Walla's charitable institutions.

2005-2006 is also a special year, as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded an \$80,000 grant to the Foundation to add to its discretionary grants program.

In making awards, the Foundation completes a rigorous review process that includes a study of a non-profit's financial condition. Many grantees also are visited by Foundation volunteers. An anonymous committee of nine members reviews every application and makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on final awards.

The Foundation's grant making policies are generally directed toward the fields of social and community services, the arts and hu-

manities, education and health. In reviewing grant applications, Blue Mountain Community Foundation gives careful consideration to:

- Potential impact of the program/project on the community and the number of people who will benefit
- Local volunteer involvement and support
- Commitment of the organization's Board of Directors
- Degree to which the applicant works with or complements the services of other community organizations
- Organization's fiscal responsibility and management skills
- Possibility of using the grant as seed money for matching funds from other sources
- Ability of the organization to obtain additional funding and to provide ongoing funding after the term of the grant

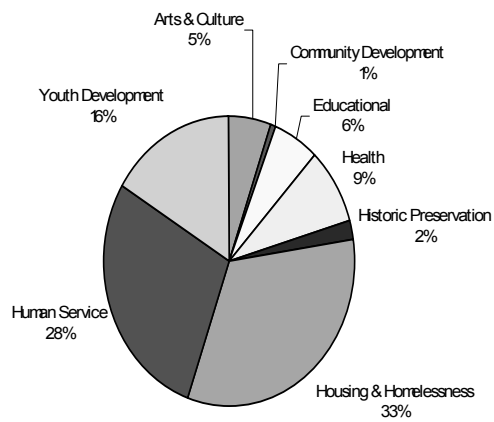
In summary, 65 grant awards are made, totaling \$487,229. They range in size from \$1,000 to \$54,000. The average is nearly \$7,500. 2005-2006 marks the first time that the Foundation has made a multi-year commitment. Twelve, three-year grants paid, which will be paid in annual installments, are awarded in this group.

Reading the descriptions on the following pages, the array of non-profit activities and functions and the communities served is striking. Another compelling theme is the compassion shown for the entire community by non-profit staff, board members, volunteers and donors.

Grant dollars will literally affect thousands of area citizens, span the Blue Mountain area as well as change and save lives. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Program	Amount	Number
Arts & Culture	\$ 26,700	8
Community Development	\$ 3,000	1
Educational	\$ 28,600	9
Health	\$ 42,400	8
Historic Preservation	\$ 10,500	4
Housing & Homelessness	\$158,500	4
Human Service	\$137,504	22
Youth Development	\$ 80,025	9
	\$487,229	65

Distribution of Discretionary Grants



Aging & Long Term Care

10th Annual Caregiver Conference, \$1,500
Dental Access Fund, \$2,000
Emergency Fund, \$3,000

Birthright, Inc.

Infant Needs Program, \$1,000
Client Seating Improvement, \$1,200

Blue Mountain Action Council

Transitional Housing Program Support, \$52,500
Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Program, \$5,000
Funding for Planning Coordinator of Title IV Learn, \$5,500
Maintenance and Management of King Shelter, \$42,000

Blue Mountain Arts Alliance

Art Train USA, \$2,000

Blue Mountain Heart to Heart

Case Management Program, \$7,500

Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development

Production of additional Forgotten Trail Brochures, \$2,500

Blue Mountain Safe Kids Coalition

BMSK Child Safety Seat Inspection Station, \$5,000

Blue Mountain Young Life

Support for sending teens in need to a Young Life, \$3,125

Camp Fire USA

Support for After School and Summer Day Camps, \$27,600
Art Enrichment Program for After School Camps, \$11,400
Camp Catch-the-Wind, \$5,400
Development of Curriculum for Anti-Bullying Traini, \$2,500

Carnegie Art Center

Art Classes/Education, \$5,000

CASA

Partial funding of Program Coordinator's salary, \$3,000

Children's Home Society

Mental Health and Clinical Family Support Services, \$7,500
Support for HomeTeam Parent-Aide Program, \$7,500

Children's Museum of Walla Walla

Free Day Passes to Local Non-Profits Serving Child, \$2,100

Christian Aid Center

Case Management and Referral for Homeless, \$54,000

Community Center for Youth

Relationship Coordination Project, \$9,000

Dayton Development

"Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future", \$1,000

Dayton Historical Depot Society, Inc.

Construction of kiosk, \$2,000

Domestic Violence Services

Outreach to Victims of Domestic Violence, \$2,279

East Umatilla County Health District

Support for Purchase of New Ambulance, \$10,000

Edison Elementary School Music Program

Purchase of Guitars for Edison 5th Grade Music, \$1,000

Edison Elementary School PTA

Books for Babes, \$5,000

friends

Support for Hire of Full-Time Match Coordinator, \$15,000

Friends of Farm Labor Homes

Refurbished and Expanded Playground, \$5,000

Good Samaritan Ministries

Support for Field Worker Training Program and Thre, \$3,000
General Operating Expense - Office Support, \$3,200

Helpline

Utility Assistance, \$5,000
Prescription Assistance, \$5,500
Relocation Transportation Program, \$6,800

Horizon Project, Inc.

Milton-Freewater Youth Services, \$6,000

Jubilee Youth Ranch and Academy

Project U.P.D.A.T.E., \$5,000

Kirkman House Museum

Collections Management Project, \$3,000

Lillie Rice Center

Early Head Start Program - Purchase of Equipment, \$6,000

Little Theatre of Walla Walla

Missoula Children's Theater, \$1,200

Northwest Medical Teams International, Inc.

Mobile Dental Care Clinics, \$10,700

Partners Promoting Athena

Seasonal Banners for Streetlights, \$3,000

Planned Parenthood

Community Education Programs, \$4,500

Sherwood Leadership Class II

Recreational Area Rehabilitation at Washington Park, \$1,000

St. Mary Medical Center

Lodging for guests at Herring House, \$1,000

Touchet Friends of the Library

Replacement Shelving for Library, \$4,000

Valley Residential Services

Purchase of Administrative Office Space, \$10,000

Waitsburg Historical Society

General Operating & Capital Expenses for Maintenance, \$1,000

Walla Walla Community College Foundation

Scholarships for LEAD Program, \$1,500
Scholarships for Tot Spot Classes, \$2,000
Kids College Scholarships, \$1,500
Scholarships for Parents enrolled in Parent Ed, \$3,000

Walla Walla Community Hospice

Resource Material for Grief Support Program, \$7,500
Camp Amanda, \$3,600
Materials for Hospice Patients and Families, \$4,725

Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center

Adult Day Center Program, \$7,500

Walla Walla Symphony

"Taking It to the Kids" Program, \$7,500

Walla Walla Valley Historical Society

General Operating Support, \$5,000

YMCA

Senior and Medical Needs Program, \$6,000

YWCA

Fun Factory Program, \$11,400
Mariposa Program, \$21,000
My Friends' House Childcare Scholarships, \$15,000

Aging & Long Term Care 10th Annual Caregiver Conference

401 W. Main Street,
Suite A
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Mary Cleveland
Program Coordinator
(509)529-6470

Amount granted: \$1,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the 10th Annual Caregiver Conference, which provides training, resources, support and practical information for community caregivers.

IMPACT

Hundreds of people attend this program each year. Many of these caregivers are family members that have few opportunities for continuing education and development.

VIABILITY

Now in its tenth year, the Conference continues to attract large numbers of participants. Many local businesses give products and services for door prizes. The keynote speakers throughout the program's history have forgiven their fees. The budget relative to the program scale is modest. While primarily receiving federal and state program dollars, ALTC has a separate non-profit that holds any charitable gifts, including this grant.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Many of the attendees to the Caregiver Conference are spouses or children of the recipients of care. Often times there is little to no respite or care for those providing service around the clock throughout the year. It is a day of restoration and recuperation for many in attendance. The room is full of people with empathy for each participant and their circumstance.

Aging & Long Term Care Dental Access Fund

401 W. Main Street,
Suite A
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Mary Cleveland
Program Coordinator
(509)529-6470

Amount granted: \$2,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to provide dental services to senior citizens who cannot afford dental care. Services include x-rays, fillings, relining dentures, repairing bridgework, etc.

IMPACT

Dental problems are among the most common health problems experienced by older adults. Private dollars or donated services are often the only way to provision some clients with care.

VIABILITY

While primarily receiving federal and state program dollars, ALTC has a separate non-profit that holds any charitable gifts, including this grant.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Dollars go to low income recipients, for which ALTC has strong screening tools. All of the funds will go directly to service. Dental care is not provided under Medicare and limited under Medicaid. Solving oral health challenges for seniors provides significant improvement in quality of life.

Aging & Long Term Care Emergency Fund

401 W. Main Street,
Suite A
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Mary Cleveland
Program Coordinator
(509)529-6470

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

Birthright, Inc. Client Seating Improvement

5 West Alder
Suite 317
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Barbara Van Yserloo
Co-Director
(509) 529-8678

Amount granted: \$1,200 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be applied to the Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance for those unable to pay for medications, food, utilities, etc.

IMPACT

A previous grant of a similar nature though smaller amount supported over 30 seniors. Emergency grants are typically one time. ALTC leverages their support with other service providers to aid seniors.

VIABILITY

While primarily receiving federal and state program dollars, ALTC has a separate non-profit that holds any charitable gifts, including this grant.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

These dollars are expended on populations at a higher risk of losing their independence, including those living alone without caregivers, older persons with a physical or mental impairment and older persons living in rural areas. Emergency funds extend the ability of a client to remain independent.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to purchase new couches and lounge chairs for the client seating area. The current furniture was donated over 15 years ago.

IMPACT

Having an improved reception area will improve client comfort and the visual perception and presentation of the organization.

VIABILITY

Serving Walla Walla and its surroundings for 18 years, Birthright is fiscally sound, financially stable and had provided services to nearly 10,000 clients through December, 2004.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Birthright provides high-quality, free services for an annual budget of \$45,000. Volunteers carry the load.

Birthright, Inc.

Infant Needs Program

5 West Alder
Suite 317
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Barbara Van Yserloo
Co-Director
(509) 529-8678

Amount granted:
\$1,000

Grant Period: One
Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the purchase of infant clothing and other reasonable needs for caring for an infant (carseat, crib, bassinet, stroller, etc.). The Birthright contribution is limited to \$30 per child.

IMPACT

Birthright provides the only free clothing room for infants in the area. Currently, a waiting list exists to support this program. Over 100 large layette packets for newborns are distributed annually through nurseries through the Birthright program area.

VIABILITY

Birthright has relationships across the community for this program. They work with the Walla Walla Fire Department to supply car seats, as well as Hidden Treasures and Jill's Maternity, which will bill Birthright directly for client services.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Birthright provides high-quality, free services for an annual budget of \$45,000. Volunteers carry the load. The Infant Needs program leverages other resources to have a greater impact for children and their families.

Blue Mountain Action Council

Funding for Planning Coordinator of Title IV Learning Center

342 Catherine St
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Steven Moss
Chief Executive Officer
(509) 529-4980

Amount granted: \$5,500

Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant monies would be used to fund a .75 FTE position to serve as the Planning Coordinator for the Title IV Learning Center. This program provides comprehensive support services to youth in recovery from chemical dependency.

IMPACT

Aside from the Juvenile Justice System, few resources exist to support youth in recovery. Assessments in Walla Walla County suggest that there are an estimated 367 chemically dependent youth in need of services. In 2004, only 47 youth were admitted to outpatient drug treatment and only 33% completed it. Funding would begin to build infrastructure to bridge the gap between available services and need.

VIABILITY

Blue Mountain Action Council has a history and record of accomplishment in finding diverse funding sources and collaborators. This program is no exception.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Treatment for addiction among chemically-dependent youth in the Blue Mountain area is an area of extreme need. The Title IV Learning Center is a long-term, community-based solution to this challenging problem.

Blue Mountain Action Council

Maintenance and Management of King Shelter

342 Catherine St
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Steven Moss
Chief Executive Officer
(509) 529-4980

Amount granted:
\$42,000

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the maintenance and management of the King Shelter, an emergency shelter for homeless families.

IMPACT

Since opening in 1996, the shelter with a two-bedroom, three-bedroom and one-bedroom manager's apartment, has remained full. Vacancies only occur as families move in and out. Stays are limited to a maximum of 90 days, but allow displaced families a way to stay intact. The 90 days gives case managers the time to find suitable, long-term housing. Between April, 2004, and March, 2005, over 2400 bed nights (# of people x nights) were counted.

VIABILITY

This facility remains well-managed and well-maintained in a cooperative relationship between BMAC and the Christian Aid Center.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The King Shelter is a unique resource in the community, in its structure and function, bridging family stays in homeless shelters to permanent housing. The continued use and lack of vacancy showcases the critical nature of this community resource.

Blue Mountain Action Council

Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Program

342 Catherine St
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Steven Moss
Chief Executive Officer
(509) 529-4980

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to help maintain the Pro Bono Lawyer Referral Program's service level by ensuring the continuation of the part-time assistant to continue helping low-income residents access to justice in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties.

IMPACT

The Lawyer Referral Program served over 1,300 clients over the previous four quarters in areas of family law, landlord-tenant disputes and consumer issues.

VIABILITY

The program continues to have committed staff leadership and support from local attorneys, fifteen of whom donated approximately \$48,000 in free legal fees over the previous year.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

This legal services program is the only such resource available to low-income people in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties. Further, the program is bi-lingual.

Blue Mountain Action Council
Transitional Housing Program Support

342 Catherine St
 Walla Walla, WA
 99362

Mr. Steven Moss
 Chief Executive Officer
 (509) 529-4980

Amount granted:
 \$52,500

Grant Period: Three
 Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to help pay program operating and administration costs for the Transitional Housing Program benefiting homeless families.

IMPACT

Besides finding temporary housing, the program has been very successful in helping homeless families gain permanent housing plus the skills — job training and related social skills — needed to keep permanent housing.

VIABILITY

Grant funds support federal matching dollars that provide the majority of program funding. Federal requirements dictate that 25% of program funding for operations and 25% of funding for support services be derived from community sources.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The program, started in 1999, begins its sixth year. It will likely serve 20-22 families, typically single mothers with two or three children. Families can stay in the program up to 24 months with the expectation, upon conclusion, that the family will pay its entire rent and transition to permanent housing.

Blue Mountain Arts Alliance
Art Train USA

P.O. Box 2192
 Walla Walla, WA
 99362

Mr. Rob Robinson
 President
 (509) 301-0185

Amount granted: \$2,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds will be used to support the ArtTrain USA exhibit in June, 2006.

IMPACT

The exhibition, housed on multiple railcars, is a unique opportunity for the entire community to see and interpret a collection of art from across the United States. The previous ArtTrain USA exhibit was viewed by over 4,000 visitors, 1,300 of which were school children.

VIABILITY

Blue Mountain Arts Alliance has already successfully hosted the ArtTrain USA. It is central to their mission of bringing art to everyone. BMAA has already demonstrated success in attracting support for this program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The ArtTrain exhibition is titled, “Native Views Influences of Modern Cultures.” It features contemporary Native American artists. Because of the compelling setting of the exhibition on a train and its prominent position in downtown Walla Walla, access for the whole of the community is a compelling aspect.

Blue Mountain Heart to Heart Case Management Program

P.O. Box 40
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Adam Kirtley
Executive Director
(509) 529-4744

Amount granted: \$7,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would help support the Case Management Program, which assists people in the Walla Walla area infected with HIV. This program helps clients access local funding sources for housing, nutrition, transportation and refers them for medical and dental services. Additionally, the program focuses on helping clients reduce behaviors that put them and others at risk of HIV transmission.

IMPACT

HIV and AIDS are part of life in the Walla Walla Valley. Blue Mountain Heart to Heart is seeing an increasing case load and case management is at the heart of their program services.

VIABILITY

Grant funds are used to match and access Ryan White/ Title XIX funding. Blue Mountain Heart to Heart has a local base of support to raise other dollars to complete this match.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Blue Mountain Heart to Heart has a record of accomplishment in serving local HIV/AIDS populations. Their efforts, with limited resources, reduce dramatically the likelihood of additional infections in the Blue Mountain area.

Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development

Production of additional Forgotten Trail Brochures and Placemats

527 Cameron St
Building #3
Dayton, WA 99328

Ms. Lisa Naylor
Executive Director
(509) 382-8968

Amount granted: \$2,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Funding underwrites informational material for the commemoration of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Bicentennial in Walla Walla, Columbia and Garfield Counties

IMPACT

The Lewis and Clark Expedition passed through the area on its return trip east in the spring of 1806. Materials highlight in an informative way the overland trail the explorers took.

VIABILITY

A prior production run of these materials was so popular they were exhausted. Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development has developed an educational and cultural resource.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Materials provide not only educational and cultural resources for visitors, but stimulates rural economies with improved information on facilities and accommodations for Lewis and Clark Trail visitors.

Blue Mountain Safe Kids Coalition
Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

200 S. 12th Avenue
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Debi Allesio
Executive Director
(509) 526-3529

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to continue operation of the BMSK Child Safety Seat Inspection Station located at the WW Fire Department Station 1. This program inspects child safety seats, distributes, installs and instructs parents on the correct use of child safety seats.

IMPACT

In a community with a population of 4,000 children under age eight, the Inspection Station has served nearly half of these children.

VIABILITY

In 2002, the Blue Mountain Safe Kids Coalition received a grant from the National Safe Kids Campaign to begin the program with conditional funding for the successive two years. These funds, along with others, will sustain the program for another year.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

This program has potentially saved thousands of children from preventable injury or death in a motor vehicle crash.

Blue Mountain Young Life
Support for sending teens in need to a Young Life camp

P.O. Box 2525
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Brad Gentry
Area Director
(509) 525-1518

Amount granted: \$3,125 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to support the Young Life program effort to take 150 kids in need to camp in 2006.

IMPACT

In keeping with the goals of the Louis and Genevieve Perry Fund at the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, which is to support non-denominational, non-sectarian Christian programs that primarily serve the poor, Young Life can provide access to its Camp opportunity for youth that would not otherwise have the opportunity.

VIABILITY

Blue Mountain Young Life has a strong donor base that supports its program efforts.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

This program supports kids in need and is called by many participant's "the best week of their life."

Camp Fire USA**Art Enrichment Program for After School Camps**

414 South Park
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Karen Wolf
Executive Director
(509) 525-3180

Amount granted:
\$11,400

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would support the continuation of the Art Enrichment Program, which provides children attending the After School Camps with a variety of enriching art activities.

IMPACT

Children greatly enjoy having a local artist come and present art projects. This grant sustains weekly art programming in the afterschool program for approximately 140 children.

VIABILITY

After School Camps are at the heart of the Campfire enterprise. Successful management has allowed the launch of a fourth camp at an additional school. Art enrichment is one of the foci of this program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Integrating art into the after school curriculum exposes youngsters to art media that may be new or unfamiliar to them, experience and create art from other cultures and develop an awareness of and appreciation for art. It also provides children opportunities to create fun, take-home crafts.

Camp Fire USA**Camp Catch-the-Wind**

414 South Park
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Karen Wolf
Executive Director
(509) 525-3180

Amount granted: \$5,400

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used toward expenses for Camp Catch-the-Wind. Camp Catch-the-Wind provides a weekend for 65 campers and counselors at Camp Kiwanis. Activities include archery, swimming, creek time, hiking, skits, songs, crafts, water games and tie-dyeing shirts.

IMPACT

Provides time-honored camp activities in one weekend, a rarer opportunity in our time. Grant insures that camp costs to attendees do not exclude those with financial need.

VIABILITY

Camp Catch-the-Wind has the support of many sponsors, including the Sunshine Club, Yancey Winans Trust, Exchange Club, Rotary Club and Eastgate Lions Club. Costs are also reduced because of the involvement of nearly 20 volunteers.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Kids going to camp is a transformational experience for children and creates life-long memories.

Camp Fire USA

Development of Curriculum for Anti-Bullying Training

414 South Park
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Karen Wolf
Executive Director
(509) 525-3180

Amount granted: \$2,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to help develop and/or select a curriculum that will give elementary school-age children practical and effective tools to employ when they become victims of bullying or when they encounter situations where other children are being bullied.

IMPACT

With bullying, intimidation and aggressive behavior on the rise, the proposed curriculum will equip children with skills if they become victims of bullying or observe situations where others are bullied.

VIABILITY

Camp Fire is well-positioned in the community to design and deliver an anti-bullying curriculum. There are also local professionals with specific expertise in this area.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Camp Fire has an annual opportunity to reach over 250 children between ages of five and eleven.

Camp Fire USA

Support for After School and Summer Day Camps

414 South Park
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Karen Wolf
Executive Director
(509) 525-3180

Amount granted: \$27,600 Grant Period: Three Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to support the After School Program and Summer Day Camp Program.

IMPACT

Camp Fire's mission is to help children reach their full potential. Enriching programs delivered after school and in summer day camp environments are the primary method to accomplish this mission. Grant funds are used for scholarships to support kids that would otherwise not have access to these opportunities.

VIABILITY

Camp Fire has a multitude of partners and funders that make these programs viable. BMCF grant funds are restricted to those most in need.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Campfire staff are finding that, while in past years scholarships have been limited to 50% of the program fee, there are an increasing number of families that desperately need assistance, but are unable to pay the current discounted rate.

Carnegie Art Center

Art Classes/Education

109 S. Palouse
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Margaret Jamison
Executive Director
(509) 525-4270

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to increase the Carnegie Art Center's outreach program through partnerships with both the YWCA and *friends* program and to increase participation with the Lillie Rice Center. All of these programs address various needs of underserved populations in Walla Walla County.

IMPACT

Art classes, as an educational component of Carnegie's mission, are offered to people that would not otherwise have an opportunity.

VIABILITY

Carnegie has a long history of support from grants, sponsorships and other fundraising efforts. It also has an active and vital group of volunteers.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Carnegie's efforts to work alongside other non-profits to reach the disabled, battered and children are compelling.

CASA

Partial funding of Program

Coordinator's salary

P.O. Box 1233
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Nancy DeLaRosa
Program Coordinator
(509) 525-1872

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant monies would be used for general operating expenses to partially pay the Program Coordinator's salary.

IMPACT

Count-Appointed Special Advocates has a volunteer to support every child that needs assistance.

VIABILITY

CASA has 28 active volunteer advocates and is in its ninth year of providing support.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Title 13 RCW created a statutory requirement that every child in a dependency action, in which there are allegations of abuse and neglect, have an appointed advocate. No funding accompanied this mandate and in Walla Walla and Columbia Counties, children would not have this support absent CASA.

Children's Home Society
Mental Health and Clinical Family Support Services for Low Income Families

1612 Penny Lane
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Richard Pankl
Regional Director
(509) 529-2130

Amount granted: \$7,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to provide children living in working poor families with necessary mental health and other clinical family support services.

IMPACT

CHS has the specialized staff and knowledge from parent and child consultation to provide specialized therapy for child victims of sexual abuse.

VIABILITY

CHS has been providing services at a local service site since 1947. Support for this program also comes from the United Way and the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Providing services to families that are either ineligible for care or lacking resources to pay for it, this grant supports clinical services that increase child and family functioning and prevent more intensive interventions, such as hospitalization and incarceration.

Children's Home Society
Support for HomeTeam Parent-Aide Program

1612 Penny Lane
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Richard Pankl
Regional Director
(509) 529-2130

Amount granted: \$7,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to support the HomeTeam Parent-Aide Program -- a volunteer program designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, delivered in partnership with the Walla Walla Exchange Club.

IMPACT

This program would serve 30 parents with 40 children.

VIABILITY

Support for this program also comes from the United Way and the Walla Walla Exchange Club. Parent-Aides are all volunteers.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

This program in a quite literal sense offers a shoulder to cry on. HomeTeam has two, compelling goals to (1) reduce isolation through healthy, responsive social networks and (2) increase parenting skills through education.

Children's Museum of Walla Walla

Free Day Passes to Local Non-Profits Serving Children

77 Wainwright
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Michelle Coleman
Executive Director
(509) 200-2284

Amount granted: \$2,100 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to sponsor day passes to the Children's Museum. The passes would be distributed among the following service organizations: BMAC, Children's Home Society, Camp Fire, YWCA, Christian Aid Center, *friends* and Hospice Camp Amanda.

IMPACT

By providing passes to organizations on the frontline of helping children and families in need, CMWW offers their unique mix of education and play to many children who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

VIABILITY

Launched in October, 2004, CMWW is a new endeavor. Housed on the Veteran's Affairs campus, the museum saw nearly 11,000 visitors in its first year. Reaching out to and through other non-profits is a way for the Museum to become part of the fabric of the Blue Mountain area's non-profit community.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

CMWW is committed to making it possible for children from all economic and social backgrounds to enjoy the education and enrichment available at the Museum.

Christian Aid Center

Case Management and Referral Services for Homeless Families and Men

P.O. Box 56
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Eric Bauer
Executive Director
(509) 525-7153

Amount granted: \$54,000 Grant Period: Three Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the continuation of case management and referral services for homeless families and men. The requested grant amount represents 27% of the annual expense for this program.

IMPACT

Christian Aid Center is the only homeless shelter for men and intact families with grown, male children. With food and housing, clients begin their journey to a more stable livelihood at CAC.

VIABILITY

The requested grant amount represents 27% of the annual expense for this program. CAC has a strong base of local support. For example, 13 churches and 254 individual donors made gifts in the month of May.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Because of the severity and diversity of the needs of CAC clients, successful case management requires considerable staff time and inter-agency interaction. These intramural relationships have resulted in significant and positive outcomes for Christian Aid Center and its partners, and most importantly, the restoration of normalcy in the lives of men and families.

**Community Center for Youth
Relationship Coordination Project**

P.O. Box 2291
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. J.R. Van Slyke
Executive Director
(509) 526-2571

Amount granted: \$9,000 Grant Period: One Year

**Dayton Development
"Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the
Future" Exhibit**

P.O. Box 22
Dayton, WA 99328

Mr. George Touchette
Chair
(509) 382-4825

Amount granted: \$1,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the coordination of strategic relationships at the Center. A majority of these funds will go to pay the individual tasked with recruiting, training and supporting volunteers and student advocates at the Center. A small portion will provide the relationship coordinator with a reasonable budget for materials, food and recognition of volunteers and student leaders.

IMPACT

Since inception in 1999, the Community Center for Youth has recorded 60,000 visits from area youth.

VIABILITY

This program will grow and strengthen the volunteer base of support and ties to collateral service providers.

**WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM
COMPELLING**

CCY exists as a place to support teens in unlocking their potential to become productive, contributing citizens, free of delinquency, drugs and other harmful influences.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Major funding for this exhibit has been secured. BMCF grant monies would be used for additional education programs, advertising and other exhibition-related expenses.

IMPACT

The traveling exhibit include two tents with interpretive displays and a 40x70 foot performance tent for live demonstrations in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, state and local governments and the private sector. 3,200 people are expected to participate over the four days of activities.

VIABILITY

Major funding has already been secured.

**WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM
COMPELLING**

Dayton is the smallest community in Washington to accommodate this free-to-the-public, four-day educational event.

Dayton Historical Depot Society
Construction of kiosk to tell the story of moving the Depot building in 1899

P.O. Box 1881
Dayton, WA 99328

Ms. Ginny Butler
(509) 382-2026

Amount granted: \$2,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the construction of an outside kiosk to tell the story of the moving of the Depot building in 1899. It would include a storyboard plus display space for the original artifacts.

IMPACT

The Depot is mindful of its role in telling the story of Dayton and Columbia County’s early history and in preserving artifacts meaningful to future generations.

VIABILITY

Since 1974, the Dayton Historical Depot Society has been preserving and protecting the Depot and other historically significant collections. Volunteers give many hours of service and there is a broad base of member support. A strong maintenance program and reserve funding plan is in place.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

More than 5,000 people annually are expected to enjoy this outdoor, interpretive display.

Domestic Violence Services
Outreach to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Milton-Freewater

P.O. Box 152
Pendleton, OR 97801

Stacy Pierce
Executive Director
(541) 276-3322

Amount granted: \$2,279 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the purpose of making counseling and other services accessible to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence through a part-time counseling center in Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

IMPACT

It is likely that this grant will support outreach to 80 clients over the course of the year.

VIABILITY

DVS has been advocating for battered women since 1977. They have a track record of receiving competitive grants and awards over many years. Absent grant funding, extending services to Milton-Freewater from Pendleton would be challenging.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

DVS has a strong referral network in Milton-Freewater and strong ties to local law enforcement. Staffing of the counseling center is done with a bilingual/bicultural advocate.

East Umatilla County Health District

Support for Purchase of New Ambulance

P.O. Box 640
Athena, OR 97813-0640

Mr. Kendal Zerba
Chairman
(503) 566-3813

Amount granted: \$10,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used toward the purchase of a new ambulance for the East Umatilla County Health District, which serves the communities of Weston, Athena, Helix, Adams and Spout Springs, Oregon.

IMPACT

The East Umatilla County Health District covers a 450 square mile area that has no other ambulance service. Over 140 calls were made last year.

VIABILITY

Nine volunteers with a combined 125 years of experience support one full-time, medical director/paramedic with 30 years of experience. Aside from the capital expense for the new vehicle, operational and maintenance expenses are covered from other sources.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The current ambulance is eleven years old and has 75,000 miles and is near the end of its service life. It is the only ambulance to serve Adams, Athena, Weston, Helix and Spout Springs.

Edison Elementary School Music Program

Purchase of 15 Guitars for Edison 5th Grade Music Students

1315 E. Alder
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Meredith Mitchell
Music Teacher
(509) 527-3072

Amount granted: \$1,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to purchase guitars for Edison 5th Grade music students.

IMPACT

Music teaching has two goals: To teach students the language of music and to help students discover the wonder and joy music offers.

VIABILITY

Funds come from multiple sources. In addition, instruments are inventoried across the district and become a resource to all students.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Learning the guitar, an instrument more compelling to 5th graders than recorders or Orff instruments, would provide students with a new and exciting opportunity to grow as young musicians.

Edison Elementary School PTA**Books for Babes**

P.O. Box 1999
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Missy Peterson
No Phone#

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the program is to nurture early literacy to help children and parents attain the child's personal and educational goals.

IMPACT

Grant funds would be used for the purchase of books for Birth Day bags, to be distributed to every newborn at St. Mary Medical Center and Walla Walla General Hospital.

VIABILITY

Books for Babes was piloted in May, 2005, with positive feedback from recipient families and supportive clinicians. This grant grows and sustains the program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Third-grade students are active in preparing book bags for babies, enclosing their own stories.

friends**Support for Hire of Full-Time Match Coordinator**

P.O. Box 2444
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Stephanie Doty
Development Director
(509) 527-4745

Amount granted:
\$15,000

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would support the hire of a full-time Match Coordinator for the *friends* matched adult/young friend program. Funding for the current Juvenile Mentoring Program Coordinator will terminate in December, 2005.

IMPACT

friends has now matched 220 child-adult matches.

VIABILITY

The Match Coordinator is essential to the *friends* program is assessing the needs of each child, interviewing children and their parents or guardians and teachers or other professionals.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

While volunteers are required to spend one hour per week with their friend, the average is 2.4 hours. In the last year, volunteers have given over 12,500 hours of service.

Friends of Farm Labor Homes

Refurbished and Expanded Playground

1049 Francis Avenue
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. D. Ray Norsworthy
President

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the enhancement of the Farm Labor Homes Playground Project, Phase I, in cooperation with the Sherwood Leadership Group, to include handicap access, toddler swings, benches, two craft tables and a trash receptacle.

IMPACT

There are 550 residents of the Farm Labor Homes, over 220 of which are children.

VIABILITY

Funding has come from a variety of sources. This project represents the first major project of the Friends of Farm Labor Homes. Volunteer labor is used throughout the project.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Hundreds of children will have a fun and safe place to play.

Good Samaritan Ministries

General Operating Expense - Office Support

2330 Eastgate North,
Suite 205
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Cathy Scott
Executive Director
(509) 529-2322

Amount granted: \$3,200 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to help cover the part-time salary of the office manager and part-time counseling supervisor.

IMPACT

In 2004, the agency provided 2,264 counseling appointments.

VIABILITY

GSM has been operating since 1988. The entity's sole revenue source is donations.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

More and more clients are referred to GSM as state mental health resources dry up for those without an ability to pay.

Good Samaritan Ministries
Support for Field Worker Training Program and Three-Year Counselor Training Program

2330 Eastgate North,
Suite 205
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Cathy Scott
Executive Director
(509) 529-2322

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to underwrite growing costs of the Field Worker Training Program and Three-Year Counselor Training Program, which are offered free to the general public.

IMPACT

Attendance within the training programs exceeds 100 people.

VIABILITY

GSM has been operating since 1988. The entity's sole revenue source is donations.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Counselors that complete the training program offer services at no cost for those without the ability to pay.

Helpline
Prescription Assistance

16 S. Colville
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Melinda J. Townsend
Executive Director
(509) 529-3377

Amount granted: \$5,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to provide prescription assistance to those who are uninsured or under-insured in the community. The program provides funding for non-narcotic prescription drugs for individuals who do not have medical coupons, private insurance or other means to pay.

IMPACT

Funding would likely support 230 people over a one-year period.

VIABILITY

Helpline has clear guidelines for providing assistance. Further, clients are counseled as to other resources that could be available.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

There are few places for the uninsured or underinsured to find this support.

Helpline

Relocation Transportation Program

16 S. Colville
Walla Walla, WA
99362
Ms. Melinda J. Townsend
Executive Director
(509) 529-3377

Amount granted: \$6,800 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would support the Relocation Transportation Program, which is an ongoing service provided by Helpline to those who need to relocate either to access key resources unavailable to them in Walla Walla County (i.e. housing, employment, family support, medical treatment, etc.) or for reasons of personal safety.

IMPACT

This grant will enable Helpline to relocate 100 people.

VIABILITY

Dollars are restricted for the use of this program only.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Transportation assistance is provided only to clients after consultation about improved environments and resources in other communities. Finding a better situation for clients is less taxing on community resources.

Helpline

Utility Assistance

16 S. Colville
Walla Walla, WA
99362
Melinda J. Townsend
Executive director
(509) 529-3377

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to provide assistance to households that are facing disconnection notices for water.

IMPACT

Helpline can assist approximately 100 families with this grant. Maintaining water in the home is essential for appropriate health and hygiene.

VIABILITY

Helpline and St. Vincent de Paul are the only two agencies in the county that currently assist households with past-due water bills.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Since municipal offices are mandated by ordinances, there is no latitude given to households in the payment of these water bills. Bills must be paid in full before the due date or a household will face a loss of service.

Horizon Project, Inc.
Milton-Freewater Youth Services

P.O. Box B
Milton Freewater, OR
97862

Ms. Janelle Woody
(541) 938-5658

Amount granted: \$6,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to support positive youth development programs.

IMPACT

These programs operate four days per week, 42 weeks per year and serve over 400 Milton-Freewater youth, ages 7 - 18. Activities include “Exploring the Blues” summer camps, youth soccer and Cougar After Hours, a middle school after-school program.

VIABILITY

Six years ago, Horizon Project started Milton-Freewater Youth Services. The Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth Council serves as advisor to the program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Program started and continues out of a belief that there is a need for a comprehensive, supervised “place” for youth during non-school hours.

Jubilee Youth Ranch and Academy
Project U.P.D.A.T.E.

29 Jubilee Circle
Prescott, WA 99348

Mr. Glenn E. Robinson
Executive Director
(509) 749-2103

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to implement Project U.P.D.A.T.E., a comprehensive strategy designed and implemented to increase student and staff awareness of the benefits of technology in the learning environment.

IMPACT

This project will provide teachers with resources and expertise that enhance the learning process, as well as affording students an enriched learning experience and greater appreciation of the benefits of technology.

VIABILITY

Other foundations and private donors underwrite over 80% of Jubilee’s budget.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Technology is a means to bring student, who would otherwise left behind, off the streets and into the mainstream.

Kirkman House Museum

Collections Management Project

214 N. Colville
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Kirsten R. Schober
Executive Director
(509) 529-4373

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would purchase a museum collections database. The grant would also be used to help fund an intern to help complete and input the collections inventory into the Museum's database.

IMPACT

The system provides for the care of objects in accordance with the American Association of Museum standards.

VIABILITY

Kirkman continues to enhance its organizational capacity including board development and hiring of a professionally trained, full-time Executive Director. This project is another step forward in organizational development.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

This grant allows the Museum to fulfill its ethical obligation to donors and community members by properly accounting and caring for its collections.

Lillie Rice Center

Early Head Start Program - Purchase of Equipment

1627 Evergreen St.
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Michael J. Snell
Executive Director
(509) 525-3532

Amount granted: \$6,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for three projects for the Child Care Center as follows: 1. Purchase a commercial-grade dishwasher, 2. Address safety issues on the playground and 3. Fix classroom windows with safety hinges.

IMPACT

The Early Head Start program, called the Serendipity Child Development Center, is for infants and toddlers that focuses on low-income families and families with children who have special needs. Twenty-three families are served at any given time.

VIABILITY

While program dollars are available, other resources are sought for capital improvements.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Lille Rice offers Walla Walla's only Early Head Start program and hosts a staff that is dedicated to the children they serve.

**Little Theatre of Walla Walla
Missoula Children's Theater**

P.O. Box 39
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Kay Fenimore-Smith
President
(509) 522-1485

Amount granted: \$1,200 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would assist in funding the Missoula Children's Theater.

IMPACT

If this year's program is like last year's then 90 children could be involved in the production.

VIABILITY

Other funding partners and donors, along with the Foundation, support this program.

**WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM
COMPELLING**

Provides an affordable opportunity for area children to actively participate in a theatrical production.

**Northwest Medical Teams
International, Inc.**

Mobile Dental Care Clinics

P.O. Box 10
Portland, OR 97207

Mr. Bruce Patton
Sr. Development Officer
(503) 624-1000

Amount granted:
\$10,700

Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds will be used to support operation of the Mobile Dental Care Clinic's Walla Walla program budget.

IMPACT

Funding will provide one clinic each month, reaching 143 WW County residents with approximately \$37,895 worth of free dental care.

VIABILITY

During Fiscal Year 2005, nearly 20 dentists volunteered their time to host 117 day clinics, supporting 1,000 patient visits. Grants funds support 10% of the annual operating budget.

**WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM
COMPELLING**

The Mobile Dental Program serves low-income, homeless and migrant farm families that have no insurance or realistic way to pay for treatment.

Partners Promoting Athena Seasonal Banners for Streetlights

P.O. Box 686
Athena, OR 97813

Mr. Ken Bjorklund
Chairman
(541) 566-3862

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the purchase of seasonal banners to be attached to 18 streetlights on Main Street in Athena, Oregon.

IMPACT

Partners Promoting Athena has been active in improving rural livability, including projects for highway signage, commercial business building improvements and new streetscapes. This grant completes a new streetlight and banner project.

VIABILITY

Partners has a record of accomplishment in starting and completing community improvement projects.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Partner is all volunteer and only completes projects from funding found from private sources. They take great pride in their community.

Planned Parenthood Community Education Programs

828 S. 1st. Ave.
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Karen Blessing
Community Educator
(509) 529-4050

Amount granted: \$4,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to cover a portion of the costs associated with the provision of community education, including "Postponing Sexual Involvement" and "Talking about Touching" in Walla Walla area schools, as well as expenses associated with classes taught at WWCC by the Planned Parenthood Community Educator.

IMPACT

The Community Educator reaches literally thousands of students each year.

VIABILITY

In 2005, Planned Parenthood launched an endowment effort to permanently underwrite its educational programs.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Planned Parenthood's curriculum in elementary and middle schools integrates parents. In partnership with WWCC, they offer coursework each quarter.

Sherwood Leadership Class II
Rehabilitation of the Recreational Area at Washington Park

c/o Blue Mtn. Action Council
342 Catherine
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. R. Randal Son
Development Chairman
No Phone#

Amount granted: \$1,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used as matching funds for rehabilitation of the recreational area at Washington Park.

IMPACT

Little developed recreational space or equipment is available to neighborhood residents. This project begins a Park transformation.

VIABILITY

Grant funds will be used toward a \$10,000 matching grant from the Sherwood Trust.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

While proceeds will be used for Washington Park, the purpose of the project is to equip class participants with the skills, knowledge and relationships to complete community projects like this one.

St. Mary Medical Center
Lodging for guests at Herring House

P.O. Box 1477
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. John Isely
President/CEO
(509) 525-3320

Amount granted: \$1,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to provide temporary housing at Herring House for guests who cannot afford to pay.

IMPACT

Supports 100 days and nights.

VIABILITY

This grant supports roughly 10% of the Herring House annual operating budget.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

For many, the availability of this housing option means the difference between whether or not they are able to access care.

Touchet Friends of the Library
Replacement Shelving for Library

681 Touchet N. Road
Touchet, WA 99360

Ms. Ann Ames
Secretary
No Phone#

Amount granted: \$4,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to replace current shelving for the Touchet Community Library, one of four branches of the Walla Walla County Rural Library District.

IMPACT

Current shelving is not “library standard,” and sagging under the weight of current collections.

VIABILITY

Grant underwrites the replacement project.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Supports an important community resource.

Valley Residential Services
Capital Expenditure - Purchase of Administrative Office Building

120 E. Birch, Suite 12
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Nancy Riggle
Executive Director
(509) 522-0400

Amount granted: \$10,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for a capital expenditure to purchase a building to house the Administrative Office of Valley Residential Services. Total project expense, including purchase and renovation, is anticipated to be \$839,340.

IMPACT

Provides a permanent base for Valley Residential Services to serve its clients and the community.

VIABILITY

VRS has secured support for the project from other funders including the Washington State Housing Finance Commission.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

VRS currently serves a base of 65 people with developmental disabilities and 30 homeless veterans in its Transitional Housing Program.

Waitsburg Historical Society
General Operating & Capital Expenses
for Maintenance of Bruce House

P.O. Box 341
Waitsburg, WA 99361

Mrs. Anita Baker
President
(509) 337-6157

Amount granted: \$1,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for improvements to the Bruce House, including wallpaper repasting, painting window sills, sanding and painting of the upstairs hall cornice. Funds would also be used for the purchase of brochures.

IMPACT

Continues a schedule of improvements and maintenance for the continued operations of the House.

VIABILITY

Since 1972, the all-volunteer Historical Society has worked to preserve and restore the Bruce House as an important historical and cultural resource.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Bruce House is staffed throughout tourist season completely by volunteers.

Walla Walla Community College
Foundation
Kids College Scholarships

500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Linda Hardy
Director, Resource
Development
(509) 527-4275

Amount granted: \$1,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would provide full and/or partial scholarships for youngsters in Grades 3-8 enrolled in WWCC Kids College. Tuition cost is \$75 per student, which provides enrollment in two classes from a wide assortment of offerings.

IMPACT

Several hundred students participate in the program and scholarships ensure that access is open to all.

VIABILITY

The program is now in its fifth year. Demand increases each year. Outside funding is sought so no child is denied based on need.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

All instructors that teach in the program volunteer their time.

Walla Walla Community College Foundation

Scholarships for LEAD Program

500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Linda Hardy
Director, Resource
Development
(509) 527-4275

Amount granted: \$1,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to increase the number of scholarships given to students who participate in the LEAD (Leadership, Education and Diversity) Program at WWCC.

IMPACT

This program brings junior and senior high school students of color to WWCC to help equip them to consider continuing their education after graduation.

VIABILITY

The Multicultural Office at WWCC raises funds to help underwrite the program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Many students who participate in the program are the first in their families to consider pursuing a higher education.

Walla Walla Community College Foundation

Scholarships for Parents enrolled in Parent Education Program

500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Linda Hardy
Director, Resource
Development
(509) 527-4275

Amount granted: \$3,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for partial scholarships to parents in the Parent Education Program. The program helps equip parents with the behaviors to build upon their parenting skills while improving relationships with their children.

IMPACT

The curriculum is a proven and innovative approach to improve parenting. It helped more than 175 parents last year and should serve a similar number during the grant period.

VIABILITY

The scholarship program will provide partial support to 50 families.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Children and parents participate together with measurable and remarkable improvements in their relations.

Walla Walla Community College Foundation

Scholarships for Tot Spot Classes

500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Linda Hardy
Director, Resource
Development
(509) 527-4275

Amount granted: \$2,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would provide scholarships for parents and children enrolled in four quarters of Tot Spot, a parent/child education class. The class combines a parenting class and pre-school program.

IMPACT

Helps 30 families participate in the program.

VIABILITY

The class is a collaboration between WWCC and Walla Walla General Hospital. The only source of scholarship funding is this grant.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The majority of participants are high-risk family units, many who have been referred by the court system.

Walla Walla Community Hospice *2006 Camp Amanda*

P.O. Box 2026
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Rebecca Hendricks
Executive Director
(509) 525-5561

Amount granted: \$3,600

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to support Camp Amanda, a unique weekend camp which is designed for children ages 7 - 14 who have experienced the death of a person very significant in their lives.

IMPACT

Up to 24 children can participate in the program.

VIABILITY

Many goods and services are donated to make this program possible. Almost all of the Camp staff donates their time for the weekend.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Camp experience is designed so children can meet others and discover they are not alone in their burden of grief.

Walla Walla Community Hospice
Educational Materials for Hospice Patients and Families

P.O. Box 2026
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Rebecca Hendricks
Executive Director
(509) 525-5561

Amount granted: \$4,725

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to purchase educational materials for Hospice patients and families.

IMPACT

Every patient and family receives a copy of *Using Hospice Care, Gone from My Sight, Five Ways to Help Someone Who is Terminally Ill, Caring for Yourself When You're Caring for Someone Ill* and *About Funeral Planning*. These materials, and others, are available to the community at large.

VIABILITY

The grant underwrites material costs for a three-year period.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Besides making materials available to patients and families, all materials are available as a community resource.

Walla Walla Community Hospice
Resource Material for Grief Support Program

P.O. Box 2026
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Rebecca Hendricks
Executive Director
(509) 525-5561

Amount granted: \$7,500

Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would go toward the purchase of resource materials for the Grief Support Program. In this program, participants learn about the nature of grief, how to cope with it and how to successfully move through it.

IMPACT

Annually, the Grief Support Program serves a large number of individuals, 78 in 2004, as well as the over 200 families who received bereavement services through the Hospice program.

VIABILITY

The grant underwrites material costs for a three-year period.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Groups provides a safe place for participants to express feelings, as well as give and receive support.

Walla Walla Senior Citizens Center Walla Walla Symphony

Adult Day Center Program

720 Sprague
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Mike Johnson
Executive Director
(509)527-0771

"Taking It to the Kids" Program

P.O. Box 92
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Sharon L. Thompson
Manager
(509) 529-8020

Amount granted: \$7,500 Grant Period: One Year

Amount granted: \$7,500 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the Adult Day Center Program as follows: \$5,000 for scholarships, \$1,000 for client transportation and \$1,500 for COPES client meals.

IMPACT

Since beginning in 1993, the Program has grown from serving two persons to serving up to 20 clients, four days a week. Clients have the opportunity for increased social, physical, cognitive and emotional support and in many cases allow them to improve or maintain their level of functioning and independence.

VIABILITY

Through current private and foundation giving, the Adult Day Program has not had to discharge any client in the past year due to lack of funding.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Program delays or prevents the need for 24-hour institutional care and also provides family caregivers much needed respite.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for partial funding of the Walla Walla Symphony's annual young people's concerts.

IMPACT

2,500 students from Grades 4 and 5 would attend two performances.

VIABILITY

For over 20 years, the Symphony has introduced a varied symphonic repertoire to children.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Taking it to the Kids is the primary educational program of the Walla Walla Symphony.

Walla Walla Valley Historical Society

General Operating Support

755 Myra Road
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. James H. Payne
Executive Director
(509) 525-7703

Amount granted: \$5,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for general operating support to firm up the Society's financial strength through the transition to a higher level of programs and services.

IMPACT

Fort Walla Walla averages 25,000 guests each year, of which 5,500 are children. 400 volunteers donate more than 12,000 hours of service annually.

VIABILITY

Fort Walla Walla has experienced significant endowment growth, eliminated deferred maintenance, begun a *Building Reserve Fund* and operated "in the black" in each of the last four years.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

Year over year, Fort Walla Walla strengthens its programs and exhibits, offering a compelling and unique learning experience in the Walla Walla Valley.

YMCA

Senior and Medical Needs Program

P.O. Box 1637
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Mr. Ned Shafer
Director
(509) 525-8863

Amount granted: \$6,000 Grant Period: One Year

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would provide funding for the ongoing Senior and Medical Needs Program for the purpose of pain relief or rehabilitation for those individuals inflicted with debilitating physical illnesses.

IMPACT

The Program assists seniors with financial need or referred by physicians or therapists documenting convalescent-patient status, chronic disease and/or the need for rehabilitation due to an injury or surgery.

VIABILITY

Grant funding extends the strong institutional support the YMCA has for this Program.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The pool therapy program is a unique resource in the community and the treatment offers remarkable results to patients.

YWCA

Fun Factory Program

213 S. First Street
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Anne-Marie Zell
Schwerin
Executive Director
(509) 525-2570

Amount granted:
\$11,400

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for the Fun Factory Program, which brings games, arts and crafts and other activities to city and county parks each summer.

IMPACT

These sites include the more remote areas of the community, such as Burbank and Eureka, where positive, structured recreational activities during the summer are not plentiful. Also included in the program are three Housing Authority neighborhoods, the Farm Labor Homes and the Headstart Childcare Center at the Labor Homes. The program had more than 1,500 visits in 2004.

VIABILITY

The Fun Factory has been operating for several generations. It receives generous support from a variety of agencies and donors.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Fun Factory takes the program to the kids, especially underserved geographies and populations.

YWCA

Mariposa Program

213 S. First Street
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Anne-Marie Zell
Schwerin
Executive Director
(509) 525-2570

Amount granted:
\$21,000

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used to continue and expand Mariposa, a special after-school program for Hispanic school-age girls.

IMPACT

This Program teaches decision-making skills in culturally appropriate contexts, helping them both academically and interpersonally.

VIABILITY

Many funding sources, including federal dollars, support this vital Program. Additionally, the Program enjoys very committed group leaders.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Mariposa Program has reached a stage where the very first participants are in college, often the first in their family. YWCA continues to support this Program and has extended it geographically across the county.

YWCA

My Friends' House Childcare Scholarships

213 S. First Street
Walla Walla, WA
99362

Ms. Anne-Marie Zell
Schwerin
Executive Director
(509) 525-2570

Amount granted:
\$15,000

Grant Period: Three
Years

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Grant funds would be used for My Friends' House Scholarship Program.

IMPACT

Scholarships relieve the fiscal and emotional pressures facing parents working to recover from the devastation of domestic violence and abuse.

VIABILITY

This Program is the specific target of fundraising by My Friends' House staff.

WHAT MAKES THE PROGRAM COMPELLING

The Program provides child victims of domestic violence a safe, caring and stable environment where they can begin rebuilding their lives.



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