

Blue Mountain Community Foundation

Discretionary Grants Program



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COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Serving Donors.

Strengthening Communities.

2019 Discretionary Grants Budget

- \$248,000 available
- Larger grants - \$20,000 to \$100,000 are possible
- Grants for programs, projects and capital purposes are preferred

New Online Application Portal!

- Go to “Grants & Applications” tab at:
www.bluemountainfoundation.org
- Same system as Sherwood Trust
- Retain information in your organization’s account
from year to year

Strategic Grantmaking

Aligned with **Community Conversations** results:

- Access to Education
- Strong & Diverse Economy
- Health
- Care for Nature
- Safety
- For more information on Community Conversations, visit
www.wvcommunitycouncil.org/community-conversations

Focus on Strategic Grants

- Up to 60% of Discretionary Grant budget to provide grant awards from \$20,000 to \$100,000
- Remaining 40% of budget available to support ongoing programs, new programs, those with a smaller budget

Who can apply?

- 501(c)3 organizations in Walla Walla, Umatilla, Garfield and Columbia counties.
- Non-charitable organizations with a 501(c)3 fiscal sponsor
- Organizations active in these counties whose administration is located elsewhere

Membership Organizations

- BMCF understands that expressions of faith are central to programs offered by faith-based groups. If differing levels of program services are based upon religious observation, or if adherence to a particular faith is required for program services, please disclose.
- Organizations primarily serving their own members, or seeking funding to grow or serve their membership, are not eligible for a Discretionary Grant, as BMCF aims to serve all in our community.

Information requested

- Bio of organization's leader: Executive Director, Board Chair
- Statement of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Current list of governing board, with board officers identified
- Financial Disclosure - *continued*

Financial Disclosure

- Level of financial disclosure now based on size of organization.
- Organizations with budgets of \$5 million or more are to provide an audit
- Reviews, compilations or bookkeeper reports are satisfactory for those with smaller annual budgets
- Public agencies should submit their public audit

Program Budget

- Document that details program's entire budget,
- Detail expenses and other income sources

Statement of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The **statement** invites applicants to describe their organization's past, present, and/or future aspirations to promoting **equity, inclusion, and diversity** in their programming.

DEI Statement:

“calls for affirmations of diversity in its many forms, encompassing but not limited to: ethnicity, race, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, age, economic circumstance, class, disability, geography and philosophy.”

Review Process

- Application received **online by July 1, 2019** at 11:59 pm
- Staff review and summary – if more information is required, staff will contact

Other Sources of Information

- Previous applications and awards
- Your website, Facebook page
- Material submitted with application
- Guidestar and Form 990's
- Experience of staff or board with the organization

Site Visits

BMCF staff will visit selected applicants in July & August to:

- Seek more information
- Meet the people submitting the application
- Visit the place where services or program is offered.

Review and Approve

- Volunteer Grant Review Committee evaluates applications and makes recommendations
- BMCF's Board of Trustees considers and approves
- Decisions announced end of September
- Grant check mailed upon receipt of signed acceptance form

Questions?

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