

Douglas Community Fund

Grant Guidelines and Instructions

Policy & General Guidelines

Applicants must be organizations that have been ruled as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Applicants must be qualified institutions serving Douglas County, Oregon.

The fund will not consider requests for:

- General fund drives, such as United Way
- Operating expenses for religious organizations
- Endowments, reserve funds, debt retirement or loans
- Sponsorship of fundraising events
- Propagandizing or influencing legislation or elections
- General funding projects of government entities
- Projects requiring obligations by the fund over a period of years
- Institutions which in policy or practice unfairly discriminate by race, ethnicity, origin, gender or creed
- Benefits to a specific individual

Online Grant Application Now Open

The Douglas Community Fund grant applications are now being accepted via [MyOCF](#). The application window will close at midnight on **January 15, 2016**. Please return to <http://www.oregoncf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/ocf-funds/douglas-community-fund> to review the grant application guidelines and online application resources for more information.

Application Process

Grant applications are due each year by January 15 each year.

Each proposal will be reviewed to determine if it conforms to basic guidelines. Additional information, an interview or a site visit may be requested.

The Douglas Community Fund advisory committee will meet in April to discuss all grant applications and develop funding recommendations for the OCF board.

The OCF board will meet in April/May to approve grants. Applicants will be notified by May 31 at the very latest of funding decisions.

Application Review

The advisory committee of the Douglas Community Fund will evaluate each proposal in light of its innovative and creative aspects, the soundness of the applicant organization, the reasonableness of the plan, other financial support available, and the project's likely effectiveness in fulfilling a community need.

History

The Douglas Community Foundation was created in 1949, to raise funds to build and operate the Douglas Community Hospital. After nearly 40 years, the hospital was sold and the foundation began making grants to support a broad range of projects in Douglas County, Oregon.

In 2002, the foundation became a part of The Oregon Community Foundation: the *Douglas Community Fund*. Applications for support from this fund are forwarded to an eight-member advisory committee of Douglas County residents. This committee reviews the proposals and shares their recommendations with the OCF board of directors. A final board decision is made in May each year.

Philosophy

Since the funds that created the foundation came from the people of Douglas County to provide a medical facility for the area, the medical needs of Douglas County continue to have a high priority.

Projects submitted for consideration should be based on self-help, free enterprise concepts, sound management, and the ability to generate other support. The fund will not be the sole support for any project or program