

Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund

Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria

Revised in 2011, Please Read Carefully

ELIGIBILITY

1. Funds are available for economic and community development projects that create economic opportunities and help build quality communities in Lincoln County. Eligible projects may include consultant work, support services, infrastructure improvements, and capital projects. **Ongoing operational costs will not be considered, such as personnel, benefits, supplies and existing program support.**
2. Funds are provided in the form of a grant. Recipients are required to sign a grant agreement before funds can be distributed, which will include a required final report that addresses the project's success and includes an income statement containing actual income and expenditures.
3. Lincoln County public and private non-profit entities that are recognized by the IRS as nonprofit organizations in Lincoln County may apply for these funds. Public/private cooperative projects and regional economic development projects also qualify for funding.
4. Periodically, the Board of Commissioners will determine and publicize the amount of funds available for grants. Grants shall generally be awarded for no more than \$15,000 unless the Board determines there is an overriding public benefit from the project. Only one grant award per entity per grant cycle is allowed. Note that applications that propose to "back-fill" losses due to budget cuts will not be funded.

CRITERIA

1. Projects will be awarded on their individual merit. Consideration will be given to geographic distribution of the funds and projects that have collaborative or multi-jurisdictional components, when appropriate. Extra points will be given to green projects that support sustainability (reduce, reuse, recycle resources or energy).
2. Consideration shall be given to the use of funds to leverage other resources. Grants may be awarded contingent on obtaining other funding. Although matching funds are desirable, they are not required. Partnerships and collaborations are desirable.
3. Projects will not be eliminated simply because they may qualify for other funding sources. However, as these funds are limited, applicants are encouraged to apply with other funding sources. Consideration will be given to projects that are uniquely fiscally disadvantaged or otherwise not eligible for securing funding from more traditional sources.
4. Consideration will be given to projects that are considered viable, green and have a high probability of success. The proposed budget must be considered reasonable for proposed activities.
5. Project submission must be endorsed by the organization's governing body on the application. Final reports for prior funded projects are required within one year, unless an extension has been requested and approved. Terms of previous grant agreements must be followed.

Grant application forms are available from, and should be filed with, the County Commissioners' Office. The Board of Directors of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County will review and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding funding requests. The Board of Commissioners will make the final determination on awards.

For more information, contact the Lincoln County Commissioners Office at 225 W. Olive, Room 110 Newport, Oregon 97365 or call (541) 265-4100.