



**LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund Grant Applications Available

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that grant applications are now available for local community and economic development projects. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.** A total of \$130,000 is currently available in this fund. This year, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, has made positive changes to the grant to coincide with the Economic Development Listening Sessions that recently took place throughout the county. \$60,000 of the total monies will be awarded to a single larger project aimed at Broadband, Childcare, and/or Housing and will be subject to external review. The remainder of the fund (\$70,000) will be allocated to smaller projects, specifically those who illustrate project sustainability and leveraging of funds.

The Board of Commissioners continues to focus on economic development and the County seeks to allocate the funds to economic development projects, with a focus on job creation and/or retention, and to community development. 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.

Applications are accepted from local governments and nonprofit organizations recognized by the IRS as nonprofit organizations in Lincoln County. Projects recently approved include: City of Waldport's Business Catalyst Center, Depoe Bay Chamber of Commerce Targeted Support of Local Businesses, Oregon Coast Community College SBDC's Virtual Welder program, Habitat for Humanity - affordable homes in Lincoln City, Oregon Coast Aquarium's Outdoor Amphitheatre, Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, NESS NEMT Transportation, Port of Newport's Phase II study of Rogue Seawall, City of Siletz's Outdoor Sports Complex, and the Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District's ADA door entrance operating system. Since the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners initiated this program in 2001, \$2,718,785 has been awarded to local governments and community organizations.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners encourages applicants to consider this program after they have sought other sources of funding. The Commissioners also encourage projects that have already raised some backing and need additional assistance for completion or to leverage other sources of financial support.

Lincoln County receives funds from the Oregon Lottery based on the play of video lottery in the county. The Board of Commissioners has elected to use this resource to help with local community and economic development projects through the Grant Program; support the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and the Small Business Development Center through the Oregon Coast Community College; and provide low interest loans to small businesses through Cascades West Council of Governments.

To apply, please visit <https://lincoln.eformsolutions.com/landing/sign-in> and select "create new account."

Applicants are encouraged from every geographical area of Lincoln County. Applications are submitted online at Contact Kristi Peter, at 541-265-4100 or kpeter@co.lincoln.or.us with questions.