

# Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund

## *Eligibility and Requirements – 2025-26*

### Please Read Carefully

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. Additional consideration will be given to projects that demonstrate a measurable positive economic impact, as well as projects within unincorporated areas of Lincoln County. All projects should seek to be environmentally-friendly. Grants may be awarded contingent on obtaining other funding, though projects will not be eliminated simply because they may qualify for other funding sources. As these funds are limited, however, 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. Although matching funds are desirable, they are not required.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. Funds are available for economic development and community improvement projects that create economic opportunities and help build quality communities in Lincoln County. **Ongoing operational costs will not be considered, such as personnel, benefits, supplies and existing program support.** The County will seek to allocate two-thirds of the funds to economic development projects with a focus on job creation and/or retention and one-third to community development.
2. Lincoln County public and private nonprofit entities that are recognized by the IRS as nonprofit organizations in Lincoln County may apply for these funds (*nonprofit applicants must be in good standing with the IRS*). Public/private cooperative projects and regional economic development projects also qualify for funding. If it is a public/private partnership, the nonprofit organization/entity shall be the applicant and fiscal agent, should the grant be awarded. *Applying organizations must not have any past-due taxes owed to Lincoln County.*
3. Awardee organizations from the 2024-25 grant cycle are not eligible to receive awards in the 2025-26 cycle.
4. Nonprofit organizations that receive direct, budgeted funding from Lincoln County are not eligible for this grant program.
5. This year \$185,000 is available for funding. Of these monies, \$50,000 will be awarded to two larger IMPACT projects. The remaining \$85,000 will be allocated to smaller projects. 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.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Project submission must be endorsed by the organization’s chief executive.
2. **Applications are required to be submitted online via the County grant portal at <https://tinyurl.com/2025LCCoMecDevGrantApplication> before 5:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 2025.**
3. Awarded organizations are required to post county funded advertisement signs in close proximity to the funded project (if possible). Visual verification of posted signage will be required to ensure compliance with county promotion.
4. 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. Final Reports are due **one year from receipt of funds**, and **prior funded projects must have final reports submitted before requesting funds for another project**.

The Board of Directors of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC) 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, (541) 265-4100. Additionally, you can reach out via email to Paul Schuytema (EDALC's Executive Director) at [paul@businesslincolncounty.com](mailto:paul@businesslincolncounty.com).