

2020 Community Grants

Community Foundation of South Puget Sound

Grant Profile

Mission Statement*

Please input your organization's mission statement.

Character Limit: 500

Organizational Focus Area*

Choose the selection that most closely represents your organizations mission.

Choices

Arts and culture
 Community and civic engagement
 Economic opportunity
 Education and youth
 Environment and animal welfare
 Health and wellness
 Housing and human services

Secondary Organizational Focus Area(s)

Choose any additional focus areas that align with your organization.

Choices

Arts and culture
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Most grants will be unrestricted

“Unrestricted grants” refers to an investment in a grantee’s mission, rather than specific projects or programs. It allows grantees to use funds as they see fit to reach their goals-such as salaries and overhead, technology, or a marketing campaign. To qualify for unrestricted grants, an organization’s headquarters must be based in Thurston, Mason, or Lewis County and must meet all other eligibility requirements posted in the 2020 Community Grants Guidelines.

We will accept applications from organizations with a regional or statewide geography but your application should tell us how grant funds will be used for programs and services within our geography. We will accept applications for programs run by religious organizations if the program meets a critical need in the community and does not require religious participation.

Organizations who qualify for one of these exceptions must meet all other 2020 Community Grants Guidelines.

Primary Service Area*

The Community Foundation supports activities that benefit the residents of Thurston, Mason, and Lewis Counties. Indicate the primary county your organization serves.

Choices

Lewis
Mason
Thurston

Secondary Service Area(s)*

Indicate any additional counties your organization serve. Select N/A if the proposal will only serve the primary county selected above.

Choices

Lewis
Mason
Thurston
Other
N/A

Other

If you selected "other" please describe additional areas of service.

Character Limit: 250

Use of Funds in Thurston, Mason, or Lewis County*

Can your organization confirm the ability to use 100% of awarded funds in Thurston, Mason, and/or Lewis County?

Choices

Yes
No
Unsure

Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

2019 Grant Report*

If you received a grant from the Community Foundation in 2019, a grant report is required before submitting an application for 2020. Have you submitted a 2019 grant report? If you did not receive a grant in 2019, please select N/A.

Choices

Yes
No
N/A

We have arranged for an extension for our 2019 grant report

May we share this proposal with other potential funders?

Choices

Yes

No

Nondiscrimination Policy*

Does your organization have a nondiscrimination policy that aligns with the Community Foundation's nondiscrimination requirement?

Community Foundation Nondiscrimination Policy

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disabilities, age, status as a veteran, national origin, or any other protected classes. Applicants for the Community Grants program must hold similar standards in the provision of services.

Choices

Yes

No

Narrative Questions

Organization Overview*

Briefly describe how you carry out your mission.

What are your organization's primary programs and/or services? What communities or populations does your organization primarily serve? *We are looking for demographic information - e.g., age range, ethnicity, income level, ability, sexual orientation, etc. Feel free to say, "general population," if appropriate.*

How many unduplicated persons did your organization serve last year? *This can be a rough estimate. We know many nonprofits are not be able to track participation. We are comfortable with an estimate.*

Character Limit: 2000

Outcomes*

Briefly tell us how your organization is making an impact in our communities. What does your organization hope to accomplish this year?

Responses can be high level, such as a few goals, highlights, or information you would report on in your annual report or year-end summary for your organization.

Character Limit: 2000

Community Partnership and Collaboration*

Share at least one brief example of a partnership or collaboration your organization has had with other entities in Thurston, Mason, and/or Lewis County within the last two years. What are/were you able to accomplish because of your partnership or collaboration that you would not be able to do alone?

Character Limit: 2000

Accountability*

How do you ensure your organization's programs and services are designed appropriately for the people you serve? Tell us how the communities you are hoping to impact are involved in your programs, services, projects, and organization. Can you give a brief example of a time you made a change based on feedback from your community?

Character Limit: 2000

Supporting Documents

Organizational Budget for Current Fiscal Year*

Upload a copy of your organization's current budget.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Organization Actuals for Last Completed Fiscal Year*

Upload a balance sheet or an income statement from the last fiscal year.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Budget Narrative (Optional)

Use this space to share additional information or explanation of your budget. Additional funding sources may be listed here.

Character Limit: 2000

Last Audit*

What is the date of your organization's most recent audited financial report? If an audit has not been conducted, please briefly explain why.

We understand that an annual audit may be unnecessary or cost prohibitive for many smaller or less resourced organizations. Such instances will not negatively impact considerations of your application.

Character Limit: 500

Fiscal Sponsor

If you are applying under a fiscal sponsor, include the name of the sponsoring organization and contact information (phone and email), in the text box below and upload a letter of support signed by the fiscal sponsor organization's chief executive or board chair.

Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 2 MB

Current Board Members*

Please upload or type in the list of your organization's current board members and their affiliations.

Note: Your organization must have at least three board members to be eligible for a Community Grant.

Character Limit: 2500 | File Size Limit: 1 MB

Additional Information (Optional)

Use this space to share any additional information about your organization that you feel is important for us to know. This may include participant testimonies, event photos, current projects, and historical context of your organization. If multiple supporting documents or images need to be uploaded, please condense into a zipped file or a combined PDF.

Character Limit: 2000 | File Size Limit: 10 MB

Follow-Up Report

Grant Reporting Options*

If approved for funding, would you like to be considered for a site visit by Community Foundation staff and Board in lieu of a written grant report during the 2021 calendar year?

Note: Reporting option can be changed through Spring 2021.

Choices

Yes, my organization would like to be considered for a site visit.

No, my organization would prefer to complete a written grant report.

Optional Emerging/Focused Grant Opportunity

Emerging/Focused Grant Opportunity

We know that sometimes, having a greater impact can mean concentrating grant funding on specific community goals and objectives. The Community Foundation is beginning to explore ways we can increase our impact in our community through focused grant making. We know there are needs and opportunities in our communities that need larger, more concentrated funding than we've given in the past.

This question is meant to serve as a way to help us identify emerging opportunities and unmet community needs in this unprecedented year of coronavirus, economic instability, and increased attention on racial inequality. Think of this question like a letter of interest. We may invite a small number of organizations to apply for funding based on opportunities we learn about in

your answers.

How could your organization leverage additional funds to adapt or reimagine your work while responding to an emerging opportunity during the current moment in a way that promotes community and individual well-being?

Character Limit: 3000

Declarations

By submitting this grant application, you agree to the following:

1. I have read the 2020 Community Grants Guidelines
2. I understand that my request may not be funded
3. The information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge

I agree to the declarations above*

Type your full name below

Character Limit: 100

Application Form Feedback

Application Form Feedback (Optional)

We value feedback from applicants as an important part of improving our work and processes.

Please use this space to share any feedback you may have regarding the application process and our online system. To provide feedback anonymously, please submit a review on [GrantAdvisor.org](https://www.grantadvisor.org).

Staff reviews feedback periodically and makes adjustments to our instructions, processes, and website accordingly.

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