

Information Sheet for 2021 SRWC Grants

The following is a description of what the committee is looking for as we review applications. Please answer the questions presented by providing the following information:

1. Priority area addressed by your program

The SRWC has adopted 5 priority areas for our grant program for the 2021 year (listed below). Please let us know which category best represents the primary purpose of your program. All grant decisions are being viewed through the lens of the effect the pandemic is having on the most vulnerable members of our community. If your program does not address the intent of one of these priorities, it likely will not be funded. If your program addresses multiple priorities, please check the category that is the best fit and include information on ways the program addresses additional priorities in your narrative responses.

- ❖ **Child Abuse** - programs targeted at preventing child abuse and increasing efforts to identify and treat victims.
- ❖ **Education** - programs that support students at risk of falling behind academically.
- ❖ **Food** - programs that are addressing the increased need for nutritious meals and food boxes.
- ❖ **Mental Health** - programs that provide prevention and outreach services addressing isolation, depression, stress and anxiety.
- ❖ **Shelter** - programs and services that support housing stability, keeping people in their homes and preventing homelessness.

2. Description of the program for which you seek funds.

Describe the program for which you are requesting funds and why your organization is uniquely positioned to provide this service in our community.

3. Who specifically will the program serve in south Deschutes County?

Help us understand the specific people this grant will serve. How many people? What ages? What income levels? What areas of south Deschutes County do they come from?

4. Describe the need for your program in south Deschutes County.

What problem does your program address? What is the need and how do you know the need exists? Do you have statistics or study results that support your statements?

5. What is the goal of your program and how will it be achieved? If you are successful, how will the lives of the people you serve be improved?

You may answer the questions the way it works best for you. We believe thinking of it as your program's goal, objective and outcome may be helpful. The goal should give a general statement of your program's purpose and should be consistent with your organization's mission. The objectives state how the goal will be achieved and include numerical targets or other indicators of success. The outcome should tell us the expected result...if you are successful, how would the lives of the people you serve be improved?

Example:

Goal: To assist patients who lack access to care in receiving prescribed medical treatment for their cancer diagnosis.

Objective: 30 cancer patients that cannot afford transportation to their chemotherapy and radiation appointments will receive gasoline vouchers or subsidized transportation.

Outcome: 95% of patients participating in the program will report receiving all chemotherapy and radiation appointments as prescribed by their doctor.

6. Describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the demand for your services and/or on service delivery and the steps you have taken to respond.

Has your organization seen an increase in demand for your services? Have you had to change the way in which you provide your services to your clients during the COVID-19 pandemic? What other obstacles and/or challenges have you encountered? What changes have you made to date? Do you envision additional demand and/or changes needed through the winter and spring?

7. Describe the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your finances and how your organization is responding.

Quantify any new expenses and/or any loss of income:

- Give us a sense of what the COVID-19 pandemic has cost your agency both in terms of additional expenses and loss of cash donations, in-kind donations, sponsorships, event cancellations. To quantify means we are requesting numbers to support your statements

Quantify any additional support you have received:

- Have additional donors stepped up? Have you received new grants intended to help your agency through the COVID-19 pandemic? Have you received COVID-19/CARES Act or Payroll Protection Plan funding? How has this helped get you through the crisis. Again, please give us numbers to support your statements.

How is your agency responding?

- What is your plan for financial sustainability through this crisis and beyond? How are you leveraging resources to meet your needs? Are you cutting back on unnecessary expenses, eliminating certain programs, or planning on using some reserves to get you through?

8. Amount Requested

There is not a maximum grant size. Grants have ranged from \$1,000 - \$5,000 with the average grant being approximately \$2,500.

9. Project Budget

You may provide the budget information in any format that works for you as long as it is not an additional attachment or embedded link. It must be included in the 3 pages allowable.

- Who else is funding this project? Please include individual donors, organizations, foundations, governments, and in-kind support as well as the amount requested from SRWC. What is your organization contributing to the project (operating funds, staff time, etc.)? *Please note: By policy, the SRWC grant program cannot be the sole funder for any project.*
- What are your expenses? Please include both programmatic expenses and overhead.

Attachments

The following items must be attached with your application. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of your application.

- Your agency's Profit & Loss Statement with Budget Comparison as of 12/31/2020*
 - Your agency's Balance Sheet as of 12/31/2020*
- * If end of December financials are not available, end of November will be accepted.

- **Please do not attach or embed any additional items. They will not be reviewed by the committee.**
- **Your agency must be a 501(c)3 in good standing with the IRS and the SRWC.**
- **SRWC grants must be used exclusively for serving clients in south Deschutes County.**