

## COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

### GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

**Application Cycle Open:** December 6, 2021

**Early Bird Deadline:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022

**Application Cycle Close:** Tuesday, January 11

**Announcement:** By April 1, 2022

**Grant Period:** April 15, 2022 – April 15, 2023

**Final Reports due:** May 15, 2023

### PROGRAM AREAS

Guided by local input from regional advisory groups, Innovia Foundation will invest in organizations that deliver programs and services within one or more of these Impact Areas:

- **Health and Wellbeing:** Meeting basic human needs, including food, shelter and access to health care.
- **Education and Youth Development:** Ensuring access to remote learning, safe social spaces and quality childcare.
- **Economic Opportunity:** Reducing barriers to economic opportunity, security, and/or mobility for low-income individuals and families, and supporting community economic development activities.
- **Quality of Life:** Increasing access to opportunities for safe public gathering spaces, social-emotional supports, and connection to animals and to nature.
- **Arts and Culture:** support the arts as economic drivers, educational assets, civic catalysts and bridges between cultures.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Within our impact areas, we aim to fund proposals that are a strong fit with one or more of the following Guiding Principles:

- **Respond compassionately to meet basic human needs**
  - We know that meeting basic human needs is fundamental to improving the quality of life for everyone. Innovia Foundation will collaborate with community partners to address both systemic issues and immediate needs.
- **Bring people together to build inclusive communities**
  - We believe in bringing people together and building connections that enrich us all. We seek to develop places and spaces where everyone feels they belong and can participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- **Expand opportunity and reduce inequity**
  - We recognize that persistent and systemic disparities diminish opportunities. We will bridge the divide that isolates and prevents members of our community from recognizing and reaching their full potential and will invest in organizations that address the root causes of issues and promote self-sufficiency

## PROGRAM DETAILS

The application period for the 2022 Community Grant Program opens December 6 and closes January 11. Grants will be announced by April 1, 2022. Grant awards are for a one-year period from April 15 to 2022 - April 15, 2023. The maximum award amount is \$20,000, with most grants in the range of \$2,500 – \$15,000.

Please visit Innovia Foundation's website at <https://innovia.org/nonprofits/apply-for-a-grant/> for application log-in directions and additional guidance.

**EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE!** Organizations that submit their application by January 5 will be automatically entered into a drawing to receive a \$1,000 grant for general operating support.

## GRANT TYPES

Organizations may request a Community Grant for any of the following project types. Requests should align with one of these five impact areas as stated above: Health and Wellbeing, Education and Youth Development, Economic Opportunity, Arts and Culture, or Quality of Life.

- ❖ General operating support – unrestricted funding to support an organization in carrying out its mission
- ❖ Project/Program support - to adapt/expand an existing program or develop new programming in response to a current challenge or opportunity.
- ❖ Capital projects/equipment
  - This could include, but is not limited to, technology, furnishings, equipment, vehicles or building construction or renovation.
- ❖ Capacity building
  - To help strengthen and stabilize an organization's governance or operations such as:
    - Strengthening governance, leadership or staff expertise
    - Restructuring business models and accounting practices to improve organizational stability
    - Building and diversifying revenue streams
    - Developing and implementing long-term strategic plans
    - Refining communications, marketing and outreach
    - Improving volunteer recruitment, training and engagement
    - Acquiring or improving impact measurement tools and program evaluation capacity

## NONDISCRIMINATION/ANTI-HATE POLICY

The Anti-Hate Policy at Innovia Foundation states: "Innovia Foundation will not make grants to organizations that Innovia knows or has reason to believe support or engage in hateful activities. activities that incite or engage in violence, intimidation, harassment, threats or defamation targeting an individual or group based on their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, immigration status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability."

Further, Innovia Foundation does not unlawfully discriminate regarding employees, volunteers, delivery of programs or services, or clients served based on age, religion/creed, race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, marital status, military or veteran status, pregnancy or genetic information.

Applicants for Community Grant must adhere to similar anti-hate and nondiscrimination standards. You can read our Anti-Hate Policy [here](#).

## APPLICATION REVIEW

All proposals are reviewed by volunteers serving on these regionally advised committees.

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Ferry	Spokane	Whitman	Boundary
Stevens		Latah	Bonner
Pend Oreille		Asotin	Kootenai
Lincoln		Nez Perce	Benewah
Adams		Clearwater	Shoshone
		Lewis	
		Idaho	
		Columbia	
		Garfield	

## QUESTIONS?

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