

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

Application Cycle Open: Thursday, January 5, 2023

Early Bird Deadline: Thursday, January 26, 2023

Application Cycle Close: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Announcement: Monday, May 22, 2023

Grant Period: June 1, 2023 - May 30, 2024

Final Reports due: June 15, 2024

PROGRAM AREAS

Innovia Foundation invests in organizations that address one or more of these impact areas:

- **Health and Wellbeing:** Meeting basic human needs, including food, shelter, access to health care, and mental health support.
- **Education and Youth Development:** Opening doors to success for children and adults by ensuring they have access to education and the support needed to learn, grow, and thrive. Quality childcare & early childhood education.
- **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 support, and connection to animals and to nature.
- **Arts and Culture:** Support the arts as economic drivers, educational assets, civic catalysts and bridges between cultures.

2023 FUNDING THEME

Guided by input from local advisory groups, Innovia Foundation has identified a regionwide need for programs and activities that bring people together and build stronger connections across communities. While we are committed to funding projects across all our impact areas, we will aim to prioritize proposals that have potential to increase social connections and help communities develop more supportive, caring, inclusive, and lasting relationships among people and groups.

VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

We know that nonprofits' funding needs will far exceed our limited grant dollars. While a broad range of nonprofits are eligible to apply, to the extent possible, we will prioritize funding in support of the following populations disproportionately impacted by social, economic and/or racial injustices and inequities:

- Black, Indigenous, Latinx and people of color
- Refugees and/or immigrants
- Seniors
- People experiencing disabilities
- People living on low incomes

- People who are homeless/unsheltered
- People living in under-resourced communities and/or communities lacking critical infrastructure
- People who identify as LGBTQIA+

PROGRAM DETAILS

The application period for the 2023 Community Grant Program opens on January 5 and closes on February 16. Grants will be announced by May 22, 2023. Grant awards are for a one-year period from June 1, 2023 - May 30, 2024. 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 26 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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