

## COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

### GRANT PROGRAM TIMELINE

**Application Cycle Opens:** December 6, 2024

**Early Bird Deadline:** January 10, 2025

**Application Cycle Closes:** January 31, 2025

**Awards Announced:** May 20, 2025

**Grant Period:** June 1, 2025 - May 30, 2026

**Final Reports Due:** June 15, 2026

### 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.
- **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 amenities like parks, trails and community gathering spaces; supporting programs that address well-being of pets and wildlife; conservation and environmental programs.
- **Arts and Culture:** Supporting the arts as economic drivers, educational assets, civic catalysts, and bridges between cultures.

### 2025 FUNDING THEME: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- **In partnership with local community partners, Innovia annually identifies a Community Grants funding theme. While we are committed to funding projects across all our impact areas, when possible, we will prioritize proposals that align with the annual theme. This year's theme is Youth Engagement, with an aim to increase opportunities for young people to participate in community events and activities that build relationships and decrease isolation.**

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The application period for the 2025 Community Grant Program opens on December 6 and closes on January 31. Grants will be announced by May 20, 2025. Grant awards are for one year from June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2026. The maximum award amount is \$15,000, with most grants in the range of \$ 7,500.

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 10 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.

- ❖ 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, 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
    - 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		

### WHAT WE WILL NOT FUND

- Debt retirement, operating deficits, or after-the-fact support
- Academic or scientific research
- Direct or grassroots lobbying
- Annual fund appeals and contributions to endowments
- Re-granting programs
- Litigious activities
- Organizations that are headquartered outside of Innovia’s 20 county service areas
- Programs requiring participation in or adoption of any specific religious practice or belief
- Applications from faith-based organizations, **unless** the program is open to all members of the community (not just members of the faith community applying for funding).

### QUESTIONS?

Contact the grants team at [grants@innovia.org](mailto:grants@innovia.org) or 509-624-2606.