

Equinox Foundation Grant Program

Guidelines and Application

Application Period:

February 18, 2025 – April 11, 2025



The Equinox Foundation is partnering with Innovia Foundation to provide a grant program for the benefit of the communities in Bonner and Boundary Counties of North

Idaho. This family foundation was established on the values of wisdom, integrity and environmental stewardship. It is the Equinox Foundation's mission to protect the natural assets of this region and to support ecologically sustainable solutions for growth and development. It is equally important to the Equinox Foundation to nurture the long-term health of the region by supporting positive opportunities for youth.

Grants are considered primarily for projects impacting the communities of Bonner and Boundary counties in North Idaho. The Foundation was founded on the values of wisdom, integrity, and environmental stewardship. This annual grant program will consider applications from nonprofit organizations addressing a variety of program areas, including:

- Education and youth development
- Arts and culture
- Economic opportunity
- Health and wellbeing
- Quality of life

Funds are available to organizations that address the Equinox Foundation's vision and strategies for the benefit of Bonner and Boundary Counties, Idaho.

The Equinox Foundation Grant Program will consider applications from organizations that:

- Are tax-exempt public charities under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; a unit of local government described in Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; or a federally recognized Tribe. Organizations that do not meet these criteria, but are providing a charitable program, may be eligible.
- Provide a clear charitable purpose.
- Provide service in either Bonner or Boundary Counties, Idaho.
- Are organized and operated so that there is no discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, national origin or disability.
- Do not have any delinquent reports for previous grants awarded through the Equinox Foundation Grant Program or other INWCF grant programs.

Grant amounts are typically between \$5,000 and \$30,000 and are provided for a one-year grant period. Grants may be used for: seed (start-up) funding for new organizations and programs, including new, innovative projects and

approaches; program expansion support; capital and/or equipment necessary to implement eligible programs; providing free or lower-cost access to programs for eligible populations that may otherwise not be able to participate; and general operating support. Collaborations among organizations are encouraged.

The Equinox Foundation Grant Program generally does not provide support for:

- Individuals
- Endowments
- Debt retirement
- Underwriting fundraising events
- Conferences, workshops or symposia for staff
- Programs addressing specific diseases and health conditions
- Direct lobbying expenses; although advocacy efforts within what is allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for public charities will be considered

Questions?

If you have questions about the Equinox Foundation Grant Program or any of Innovia Foundation's grant programs, please contact our grants program staff.

