



Whatcom Community Foundation

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE
WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER

Whatcom Community Foundation 2012 Grant Round Application (must be submitted online)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 30th, 2012

OUR MISSION: Enhancing philanthropy to strengthen Whatcom County by linking people who care with causes that matter

OUR VISION: A community working together, giving generously and moving forward

OUR CORE VALUES: Operate with integrity, Include new people and ideas, and Encourage collaboration, creative solutions and action

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

We welcome your interest in the Whatcom Community Foundation, and we encourage you to read carefully our mission, grant principles and policies. Please answer the following questions and attach the supporting materials requested on the final page. At any time during this process you can save your work and return to it another time using the link referenced on our website and your password.

THE PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS

The WCF Grants and Program Committee and staff will review proposals to assess how well they meet the Foundation's community-building mission and operating principles. They will also be evaluated on their potential to build community capacity in comparison to the other proposals before the Committee. (Those not selected for funding will be notified in April)

1. During the review process, two or more Whatcom Community Foundation representatives will research the application and may make a site visit. The research may include conversations with others relevant to the grant request.
2. The Grants and Program Committee will review the proposal and additional information from the site visit and research to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to fund, deny, or defer action on the request.
3. The Board of Directors will make final decisions on grants by the end of March. Grant awards will be announced by mid April.

Tips: Please remember to save your password. You may save your work and finish it later using the link referenced on our website and your password. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone our office at 360-671-6463 . Click the help button to view application information.

Organization Information

Name of Organization

Tax ID

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

**Contact Person: First
Name**

**Contact Person: Last
Name**

Title

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Your Project

Name of Project

Amount Requested (requests over \$10,000 are less likely to be funded)

Program Area

Project Description (40 words or less)

Project Start Date

Project End Date

Organizational budget amount for this fiscal year

Project budget

The Narrative

We are interested in knowing about your organization and how the Foundation can help you accomplish your goals to enhance life in Whatcom County. Please structure your answers by addressing each of the five items below (250 word limit for each question):

- 1. Describe the History and purpose(s) of your organization (or collaborative), including whom you serve (population and geographic area) and how the organization is structured to carry out its mission effectively.**
- 2. Explain the specific situation (opportunity, issue, need, or challenge) this proposal addresses and how your project addresses the situation**
This item should explain the community importance of what you are proposing to do, why you decided to address the situation with this activity (and whom you involved), and why your organization is especially qualified to do this.
- 3. Describe the activities for which you seek funding, when and how they will be carried out, who will be the key personnel, and the outcomes you expect to produce.**
This is your opportunity to be very specific about what you will be doing with the grant money and about the outcomes you expect to achieve. Please make clear to us what difference your program will make, and be as specific as possible.
- 4. Explain how the activities you described will build community capacity and community connections**
This item is perhaps the most important, for it speaks to the heart of Whatcom Community Foundation's community-building mission. We are looking for evidence that your program is increasing community connections in meaningful ways and providing people and organizations with the skills, resources and commitment to make our community stronger. We want specific information about how the program will collaborate with other programs in the community.
- 5. Discuss how this request relates to other funding needed to carry out the activities described in this proposal and how you expect to support these activities in the future / also describe what you will do if you do not receive funding from WCF and what you would do if you are offered partial funding**
Your response should give us a clear idea of what the funding situation looks like for the project we are being asked to support. We want not only to understand what we are being asked to fund, but also who else is being asked and what the status is of those requests. For programs expected to continue, you should also be able to explain what plans you have for funding future years.