

LCOG - MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUNDS

Do you have a \$10,000 project you'd like funded?

The Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)* received \$100,000 in CARES ACT Funding to assist our regional partners and communities and is providing \$10,000 grants for projects. No cash match is required. Projects must be completed by May 30, 2022.

The application process is open from 8 a.m. PST on June 1 until 5 p.m. PST on June 15, 2021. Funding by July 15, 2021.

Eligible projects may include but are not limited to the following:

- Business and retention software
- Oregon Prospector data entry
- Light industrial incubator
- Shared work space
- Business registry
- Commercial kitchen
- Training workshops
- Community events
- Outdoor public spaces: art walks, outdoor seating

If you have any questions, please email Ann Whittington: [HERE](#)

* Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) is designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) to work on economic development efforts in Benton, Lane, Lincoln, and Linn Counties. CWEDD advocates for, supports, and coordinates regionally

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Farmers Market Promotion Program. Farmers Market Promotion Program funds projects that develop, coordinate, and expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

The program focuses on: Supporting and promoting domestic direct producer-to-consumer (including direct producer-to-retail, direct producer-to-restaurant and direct producer-to-institutional marketing) marketing such as farmers markets, roadside stands, agritourism activities, community-supported agriculture (CSA) programs, or online sales; Encouraging the development of value-added agricultural products; Developing marketing strategies for producers of local food and value-added products; Facilitating regional food chain coordination and mid-tier value chain development; Promoting new business opportunities and marketing strategies to reduce on-farm food waste; Responding to changing technology needs in direct producer-to-consumer marketing; and Covering expenses related to costs incurred in obtaining food safety certification and improvements to food safety practices and equipment.

Projects that aim to address COVID-19 impacts through these activities are welcome. Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: June 21, 2021

OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2021 K-12 SUMMER LEARNING GRANT PROGRAM

The Oregon Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2021 K-12 Summer Learning Program.

Through this one-time grant program, OCF will award \$40 million for school-aged children to participate in community-based learning and enrichment programs offered through eligible nonprofits and public agencies during Summer 2021. Priority will be placed on programs that specifically support students experiencing the opportunity gap and from communities disproportionately impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic and related crises. Grants are intended to help cover operating costs for community-based organizations offering summer programs focused on areas such as: summer learning and enrichment, mentoring, arts, recreation/sports, STEM, workforce development, environmental education and more.

Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis through the Spring

MILLER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR ARTS AND EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS

The Miller Foundation is inviting requests through the following:

- Fast Track Arts Grants - [Fast Track Arts Grants](#) offer a single year of general operating support for arts organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000, with a maximum award of \$25,000. Fast Track Arts grants are being offered in two rounds. The first round (through mid-January) prioritized 1) organizations outside the Portland Metro area; 2) organizations that have not received past funding from Miller; and, 3) organizations that serve communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The second round (mid-January through June) is open to arts organizations serving all communities in all Oregon counties.
- Letter of Inquiry – arts and education - The [Letter of Inquiry \(LOI\) form is for arts organizations](#) with annual budgets over \$500,000, or for organizations of any budget size seeking multi-year grants or annual amounts over \$25,000. Education organizations with budgets of any size should apply through our [LOI process for education funding](#), which prioritizes efforts that address immediate and pressing needs for K-12 students, teachers, and their families during this challenging time.

For more information, please see the [Miller Foundation website](#), which provides eligibility details and answers to frequently asked questions.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the Local Food Promotion Program.

The Local Food Promotion Program provides grants to support the development, coordination, and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to help increase access and availability to locally and regionally produced agricultural products. Grants can be used for the planning stages of establishing or expanding a local and regional food business enterprise or to improve or expand a food business that supports locally and regionally produced agricultural products and food system infrastructure by performing feasibility studies, market research, training and technical assistance for the

business enterprise and/or for producers working with the business enterprise.

Additional information can be found [HERE](#).

Application Deadline: June 21, 2021

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