

Rural Community Grant Program

Committed to community.

Northwest Farm Credit Services is committed to improving the economic and social wellbeing of rural communities throughout the Northwest.

Purpose

Northwest FCS is looking for creative and collaborative approaches to addressing challenges and opportunities in rural communities. Our Rural Community Grant Program provides funds to non-profit organizations for projects that improve rural communities within Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. This includes building or improving facilities, purchasing necessary equipment to facilitate a program, and funding capital improvements which enhance a community's infrastructure, viability and/or prosperity.

Examples of community grant projects:

- New fire engine for rural fire department.
- New multi-purpose community building.
- Improving a community park's facilities.
- Computers for a community center's educational classes.

Amount available

Due to growing demand, the average amount awarded is between \$500 and \$2,500. An organization may only be awarded grant funds once per calendar year.

Deadlines

Grant applications are reviewed monthly and applicants will typically be notified within 45-60 days of successful application submission.

Grant requirements include but are not limited to:

- Projects must be submitted completely through our online application: northwestfcs.com/ruralgrants.
- Projects must include a letter of involvement or support written by a current Northwest FCS customer or Northwest FCS employee.
- Must have some funds raised toward project.
- If the project is chosen, a W-9 or IRS determination letter must be submitted.

Items not likely to receive funding include but are not limited to:

- Northwest FCS Customers.
- Lobbying, political or religious organizations.
- Fraternal or labor organizations.
- Projects with zero funds raised.
- Projects benefiting individuals, corporations and/or LLCs.
- Operating expenses or advertising.
- Fund-raising events, dinners, or benefits.
- Travel expenses for individual/groups.
- Sports team or camp sponsorships.
- Deficits already incurred, loans, or debt retirement.
- Annual community events.
- Projects previously funded by a Northwest FCS grant.

Contact your local Northwest FCS branch
for more information.

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