THE SALVADOR FUND

The Salvador Fund will consider applications from nonprofit groups from any sector (e.g. education, housing, transportation, health care, the arts and culture, public health) seeking financial support for *programs, projects, or events* that fit the Salvador Fund's criteria and priorities:

• Funded activities will be carried out in the Mid-Columbia region.

• The application is submitted and fiscal agency is conducted by an Oregon- or Washington-based 501c3 nonprofit organization.   [Programs, projects or events may be planned and implemented by an unincorporated community group, but an umbrella nonprofit must be the applicant and have oversight in each case.]

• Funded activities must principally benefit residents or migrants in the region.

• Elements of cultural and linguistic competency must be described in the application.

• Applications will be favored which seek partial funding from the Salvador Fund, to be matched in whole or in part by funds from other sources.

• Applications will be favored which will be specifically inclusive of, or focus on, the needs of one or more of the following groups: immigrants, farmworkers, migrants, elders, caregivers, LGBTQ+, or those with low incomes.

• Applications will be favored which propose activities contributing to equity and community building.

• Applications from churches or faith communities will be considered only if the proposed activities: (a) are not restricted to church members; and (b) do not involve any teaching or sharing of religious doctrine or precepts.

What is not funded by the Salvador Fund?

• Direct services or goods to individuals, rather than to groups or organizations serving community residents in general.

• Scholarships or grants to individuals, rather than to groups or organizations offering scholarship or other educational support with transparent selection criteria.

• Religious activities.

• Explicit political activities such as campaigns, advance or opposition of ballot measures, referenda, bills or candidates, etc.

• Fundraising, advertising, or marketing activities.

• Ongoing operational expenses or administrative overhead. Equipment.

What is the range of funding, and for how long?

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The Salvador Fund's small grants typically range from $250 to $3,500 depending on resources. Most grants fund activities intended for completion within a year after receipt of funds. Under special circumstances the Foundation may consider a longer grant period, or renewal for a second year (or a second event).

Application Process
- Applicants must submit a proposal in electronic format, either an MSWORD or a PDF file, to gcf@gorge.net.
- The grant review committee will evaluate and rate all proposals, and make final recommendations for grant awards to the Gorge Community Foundation Board of Directors, which meets monthly.
- All applicants will be notified of the final status of their proposals via email. Most applicants will receive a response within 2 months of proposal submission.

Proposal Requirements
Proposals will have a maximum of three pages (including project budget) and contain the following minimum content:
1. An initial and concise, 1-2 sentence statement of the amount requested and what the grant will pay for.
2. A description of the proposed activity. This should explain, minimally:
   - the purpose.
   - the name(s) of the project's lead organizer
   - the legal and tax status of the applicant organization. A copy of the organization's IRS Letter of Determination must be included with the proposal.
   - the people who will carry out the activities, and their responsibilities.
   - the participants and/or beneficiaries of the activities.
   - how intended participants and/or beneficiaries have been involved in the planning of the proposed activity.
3. An explanation of how funds will be used.
4. An explanation of how funding meets the eligibility criteria.
5. A budget that contains all cash and in-kind funding sources.
6. A calendar of events, including any critical deadlines.
7. The name, mailing address, email and phone number of the person responsible for the proposal.