



Gorge Community Foundation

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 9, 2025

Zoom

Present at Meeting

Branden Buel Megan Davis Lynn Everroad
Chris Moore Lisa Neuburger Nate Reagan
Tom Schaefer Gil Sharp Leslie Wetherell
Tucker Szymkowicz

Absent from Meeting

Brad Schrick

The meeting was called to order by Foundation president Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes of April 28, 2025. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current assets are at \$9.0 million. There was little activity in April; quarterly investment fees were charged. In May there were substantial stock market gains and spring management fees were charged. Lynn reported that GCF would be switching tax filing from Jordan Horn to Nate Reagan's firm for the fiscal year ending June 2025. She also raised the issue of a GCF credit card so that staff would not have to be out of pocket for expenses that required immediate or online payment. As this has not been approved by the board in the past, she asked for a consensus on the subject before pursuing. After discussion, the board agreed by consensus for this change to be pursued with First Interstate Bank and policy change made.

DONOR ADVISED GRANT APPROVALS: Four donor-advised grants totaling \$30,300 were presented for approval. M/S/P (attached)

2025 COMMUNITY GRANT APPROVALS: Ten Community Grants, as well as two donor-advised grants supporting the proposals, totaling \$20,480 were presented for approval. There was general discussion on the year's submissions and particular discussion on the top ranked proposal from Uplift Local, a civic engagement project to train citizens in and promote local journalism. M/S/P (attached)

BOARD REPORTS: Megan reported on her discussions with George Johnson regarding tightening criteria for that scholarship. There was general consensus that the process would be expedited by improving criteria of several scholarships. Tom reported on an imminent transfer from Starseed Foundation to his gift fund. Chris discussed the need for GCF presence in Sherman County. Nate and Gil reported on a recent meeting on local activity on legacy giving. There was general discussion on this.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tucker reported on the legacy meeting; progress on reaching the \$10 million mark with the Starseed grant; his meetings with Brad Timmons and other local attorneys; his experience at the Columbia High School scholarship night and meetings with the HRC Education Foundation and the Big River Community Trust.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be July 21, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Everroad
Operations Director

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	AGENCY	PROJECT	AMOUNT	ALT. AMT.	Rec. Amt.	Hosiosky
1	Uplift Local	pymnts to comm members in civic engagement program	\$1,500	any amt	\$1,500.00	
2	Gorge Grown Food Network	support for SNAP at Mid-Valley Farmers Market	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$1,680.00	
2	Friends of the Columbia Gorge	support documentary film Salmon Scam	\$3,100		\$2,000.00	
3	Books for Kids	increase value of book awards in four counties	\$1,500	\$750-\$1000	\$1,000.00	
3	Wylde Wind & Water	Sp/Eng water safety brochures for HRCSD	\$1,000	any amt	\$1,000.00	
3	FISH	food purchases	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$2,000.00	
4	OSU Extension (first aid training)	Eng/Sp first aid/farm safety training in Gorge	\$4,600	\$2,200	\$2,200.00	
4	WAGAP	support for mobile food bank	\$4,000	any amt	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00
5	Hutson Museum	create videos on museum and its collection	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	
5	OSU Extension (Nutrition Camp)	summer student nutrition camp/Parkdale, Cascade Locks	\$3,005	\$2,800	\$2,800.00	
6	Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing	support vision screening in Mid-Columbia	\$1,500	\$800		
6	Adventist Health Columbia Gorge	treatments for family member caregivers	\$3,132	any amt		\$1,800.00
6	Oregon 4-H Foundation	scholarships for 4-H retreat/four counties	3000	1500		
6	Safespace	support for volunteer program initiative	\$1,000	\$750		
7	CultureSeed	therapy sessions for youth in Klickitat & Skamania counties	\$3,000	\$1,800		
7	No. Wasco Cty Education Fdtn.	increase award amts for staff/volunteers in school dist	\$2,000	\$1,000		
8	Oregon Ballet Theater	support performance/class/educ event in Gorge	\$4,000	\$3,500		
8	Mid-Columbia Senior Center	replacement of ADA front entry door	\$4,000	\$3,000		
9	Gorge Happiness	mindfulness/self-care sessions for Latinx community	\$2,400	any amt		
10	Goldendale Grocery Coop	refrigerated produce case	\$4,000	any amt		
11	Sherman County Preschool	scholarships for early childhood education	\$3,937	\$2,925		
12	Parkdale Grange	Parkdale community gathering	\$3,550	\$3,050		
13	Skamania Kids & Youth	strategic planning process	\$2,120	\$1,120		
14	Columbia Gorge CASA	development of strategic plan	\$1,760	\$800		
14	Teacup Nordic	snowmobile replacement	\$4,000	any amt		
15	Alton Counseling & Consulting	training for therapists	\$4,000	\$2,000		
16	Big River Community Land Trust	outreach to inform design of affordable housing dev	\$4,000	\$3,500		
Available:			\$17,680		\$17,680.00	\$2,800.00 \$20,480.00