

## **Grant Requirements and Information**

**Vision:** To foster long-term economic growth and community vitality through philanthropy while respecting the agricultural heritage and natural environment of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley.

**Mission:** To promote the growth of organized philanthropy that enriches the quality of life in the Sequim – Dungeness valley region by:

- Serving as a leader, catalyst and resource for philanthropy
- Providing flexible and cost effective ways for donors to benefit non-profit organizations
- Making strategic grants in art, education, environment, and animal welfare
- Building endowments to help meet future community needs
- Bringing together community leaders and constituencies to help identify and solve community problems in a creative, sensitive and timely manner
- Providing technical support, funding referrals, grants management and other services to donors, non-profit organizations and the community at large.

### **PHILOSOPHY & PURPOSE**

We are an activist body geared to endorse and support both our vision and the vision and activities of qualifying individuals and organizations that embrace and reflect our mission. We enhance and strengthen our community by funding the building of public environments and activities, which will strengthen connections among all of our people. We invite and are receptive to ideas that foster our mission, vision and philosophy.

#### **Competitive Grant Guidelines:**

In fulfillment of our mission to promote the growth of organized philanthropy that enriches the quality of life in the Sequim-Dungeness Valley region, the Sequim Community Foundation encourages grant applications in the following areas of interest:

- Art
- Education
- Environment
- Animal welfare

The Community Foundation supports nonprofit charitable organizations as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Decisions are based on a number of factors including, but not limited to: the number of people served, the potential for funding from other sources, whether the grant falls within the Vision and Mission and fields of interest, the originality of the project, whether any other services of its kind exist and the demonstrated need of the organization.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, program development and ongoing program support, seed money, capital and equipment requests, general operating support, capacity building, and emergency support.

**Eligibility Requirements:** An organization applying for a grant must be a 501(c)(3) entity located in the geographic area of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley of eastern Clallam County, Washington, or an organization directly serving residents of this area.

**Limitations:** The Community Foundation does not make grants for religious activities, debt retirement, political organizations or campaigns, advertising, ticket sales, fundraising events, conferences, or to organizations whose primary function is to influence legislation. The Community Foundation does not make grants to individuals.

**Deadlines:** May 15, and November 15. Applications must be received by these dates to be considered during that time period. Applicants are notified by mail of the board's decision on their application within 6 weeks.

Grant Applications, a grant Profile for first time applicants, and further guidelines can be found at [www.sequimfoundation.org](http://www.sequimfoundation.org):

Please mail one copy of the following documents to:

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