

# 2016-2017 Discretionary Grant Guidelines

**Deadline to apply is July 1, 2016**

**If you have any questions regarding the Foundation's grant program call (509)529-4371 or email [casey@bluemountainfoundation.org](mailto:casey@bluemountainfoundation.org)**

Blue Mountain Community Foundation welcomes you to the 2016-2017 Discretionary Grant Year. It is our goal to make the grant application process easy for the grant seeker and also greener for our environment, requiring much less paperwork.

## Who May Apply?

Tax-exempt 501(c)3 charitable organizations in the Foundation's service area, namely Columbia, Garfield, Umatilla and Walla Walla counties. In limited cases, other charitable entities are considered in the Foundation's sole discretion.

## Funds Available

The majority of funds available are designated for use by agencies serving Walla Walla County. A smaller portion is available for grants to agencies outside of Walla Walla County who fall within the Foundation's service area. Grant awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, with the average award being \$3,000.

## When will Awards be Made?

Successful proposals will receive grant acceptance paperwork by late October 2016; organizations must complete the grant acceptance form and return it in order to receive grant funds. A grant report form must be completed and returned to the Foundation in order to be considered for future grants. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mid-October 2016.

## How and to Whom are Grants Awarded?

Grant applications are reviewed by the Foundation's Grant Review Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees for final determination. Grants are typically awarded for one-year periods.

Grants are generally directed across the domains of a Healthy Community; Arts and Culture, Basic Needs, Economy, Education, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Neighborhoods and Communities. Grants usually will not be made for annual fund drives, field trips, travel to or in support of conferences. No grant will be made for sectarian religious purposes nor to influence legislation or elections.

## How many applications may be submitted by one organization?

No more than four (4) applications per organization may be submitted.

## How to Apply?

Visit our website [www.bluemountainfoundation.org](http://www.bluemountainfoundation.org)

