Crossroads Communities

Linn County Community Grant

Grant Announcement (2026-2027)

Application Window April 27 – May 29, 2026

Overview

Crossroads Communities (CRC) is honored to serve as the issuer of the Linn County Community Grant, a pool of funds collected from philanthropic donors within Linn County. This grant is designed to be as accessible and equitable as possible while remaining true to the stated mission behind its creation. This program is designed to improve the quality of life for residents of Linn County through a diverse, broad interpretation of purpose, goal, and outcome.

Funding Levels

Crossroads Communities will have an amount of at least $12,500 available to fund the Linn County Community Grant program for the '26-'27 cycle. Award approvals will have a floor of $100 and a maximum cap of $5,000. Average award amounts from this grant will be between $1,000 and $2,500. CRC anticipates approximately 8-12 awards.

Funding Priorities

This grant offering focuses on any programs, services, and providers located in Linn County who seek to address one or more of the valuable factors contributing to the quality of life in the local communities:

- Physical Health/Wellness
- Mental Health/Wellness
- Emotional Health/Wellness
- Social and Pro-Social Opportunities
- Community Economic Health/Viability
- Cultural/Artistic Contributions

Competitive applications will be able to identify how their proposal/operation aligns with this grant program's priorities, incorporate strategies to show how success is achievable, and integrate program planning with program evaluation/deliverables in mind.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, individual schools (including nonprofit charter schools), public school districts, and educational service districts. Faith-based organizations may apply, but no portion of the funds used may be associated with faith-based programming or services associated with compulsory attendance to faith-based activities.

Funding may be provided for program-specific use, capital purchases/improvements, or general operating expenses including payroll, marketing, fundraising, and/or marketing, but may not be used for lobbying or other political activities, or faith-based programming.

Applicants must have a physical location in Linn County and must have at least one staff member who lives in Linn County.

Purpose

This is the inaugural offering of the Crossroads Communities Linn County Community Grant (LCCG) and, as such, CRC has elected to err on the side of inclusion. If this grant program continues in future cycles, responses from this initial offering will be used, in conjunction with community input, to shape future years. The grant operating period is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 or until the final report is provided by the awardee, whichever comes first.

It is important to note that applicants who operate in multiple counties must be able to attest that all funds will be used for programs and/or operation in Linn County. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

Use of funds from this grant are generally unrestricted within certain guidelines, meaning they can be used for project costs, general operating costs, fundraising expenses, and program marketing. Exceptions of funds utilization include that dollars received as part of this program cannot be used for lobbying activity or religious programming.

Application Timeline

The application start date for this RFP is April 27.

Crossroads Communities will host a presentation regarding this RFP via Microsoft Teams on May 4 from 11am until 12pm including time for Q&A. Please send a request to LASAR@crossroadsc.org to sign up and receive a link.

Any additional questions may be submitted no later than 5pm (PST) on May 11.

CRC will post Q&A on the associated website on Monday, May 14.

All applications must be r*eceived* no later than 5pm (PST) on Friday, May 29. Any applications received after this date will not be considered; please take this cutoff time into account if submitted via physical mail. CRC will not make exceptions for mail delays.

- While CRC's preference for submissions is written format, CRC will also accept a recorded video presentation if an applicant prefers an alternative format-- if sending a video physically, please do so via USB.
- Please note that any application submitted physically (written or digital) will not be returned to the sender.

Preliminary committee review of grant proposals will be completed by June 12, with applicants informed of preliminary decisions (turn-down, or pending final determination) by June 15. Please note that this is the first step in the decision process and is not a letter of commitment or notification of award.

CRC will be notified of funding approval no later than June 19 for awardees.

CRC will notify awardees of intent to award on Monday, June 22; in the event that the committee over-approves based on dollars available during preliminary determination, those applicants who did not receive final approval will also be notified at this time.

To comply with operational expectations, CRC will require that the grant agreement be signed immediately and returned before end of day on June 27. Funding is expected to be released by June 30.

How to Apply

Applications and/or questions may be sent electronically to LASAR@crossroadsc.org and please include “Linn County Community Grant” or “LCCG” in the subject line.

Although electronic submissions are preferred, CRC believes in accommodating those who require alternative methods. If you prefer to correspond through mail, we may be reached at:

Crossroads Communities
Attn: LASAR Partnership
142 W Grant St
Lebanon, OR 97355

Reporting Components
Due to the broad nature of this grant program, there will be no one-size-fits-all reporting requirement, rather, each recipient will have a simple report due at the end of the grant operating period based on their proposed goals and deliverables.

Grant recipients are encouraged to include available qualitative information along with quantitative data, especially learned takeaways and any success stories they may have to share. Images are also highly encouraged.

Further details on reporting will be included (and may be negotiated) in grant agreements received by awardees.