

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Policy Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 10/28/14

Approx Start Time: 2:30p

Approx Length: 30 min

Presentation Title: 2014 Small Grants Recommendation

Department: County Administration

Presenters: Caroline Hill

Other Invitees:

WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Staff requests approval of the 2014 Small Grants recommendation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved \$200,000 in the 2014/15 FY budget to fund the 2014 Small Grants Program. This is the sixth year of the program. The goal of the program is to support agencies that are making an effort to develop and implement innovative projects that would help most vulnerable families, seniors, and others meet their basic needs such as food assistance and abuse prevention. Preference is given to those who meet the following criteria:

- Prevent occurrence of larger, more dire problems later;
- Save money later through early intervention;
- Serve people throughout the community.

This year we received 88 applications for a total request of \$878,887. This is an increase from 75 applications received last year totaling \$874,539. The total amount requested remained stable due to the \$15,000 limit per grant application. A committee was formed to review the applications as well as past small grant awards and current funding from other county departments to determine the attached recommendations. The committee included Caroline Hill, Small Grants Coordinator; Emily Klepper, Commissioner Policy Coordinator; Diedre Landon, Department of Transportation and Development and Bates Russell, Technology Services.

Information was distributed to committee members in September for review prior to two subsequent meetings on September 15 and October 9. The committee has remained in contact via email to complete the attached recommendation (see attachment 1). Our focus was to ensure that the monies were dispersed as evenly as possible throughout the County (see attachments 3 and 4) and to impact diverse groups. Here are some highlights from this year's requests:

- Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine/The Founders Clinic – the Board through the Small Grants program expressed interest during budget deliberations this year to fund their request for malpractice insurance. We recommend fully funding.
- Veterans –Requests for various projects focusing on veterans were received. Folk Time Inc. stood out with their application for funds to continue their peer support program for Afghanistan and Iraq veterans. Sycamore Lane Therapeutic Riding Center rose to the top with their project to offer free mental health counseling and therapeutic riding for veterans.
- Food requests – We received food requests from multiple agencies (big and small) totaling \$73,278. After careful consideration the committee opted for allocating equal funding amounts per geographic area.
- Innovative projects – We received many applications for projects that showed a creative approach to the needs of the County. An example of this is The Culture Club. Their project addresses youth and food needs by engaging Molalla's High School students in the maintenance of a garden as well as managing an after school produce stand that would sell food to the community at a low cost and donate to the Molalla Meals on Wheels program.

Today we are seeking approval of the recommendation (see attachment 1) from the Board so that we can process awards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

\$200,000 from general funds is already budgeted in the 2014/15 FY budget.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

The 2014 Small Grants Program was opened to the public on July 1, 2014 and remained open until August 15, 2014. During that time:

- A press release to media and interested parties went out inviting organizations to apply.
- An email announcement went out to all past applicants.
- The Board announced the program during several Business Meetings.
- A webpage was created detailing the Small Grants program and included all the necessary information and documents to apply.
- Finally, a testimonial video featuring one of last year's recipients was created by our Cable office and displayed during a Business Meeting, the Small Grants web page and was regularly aired on our cable channel.

OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations as presented by staff.
2. Approve amended recommendation following Board direction.
3. Do not approve recommendations as presented by staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully requests Board approval on the recommendations for the 2014 Small Grants program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2014 Small Grants recommendations
2. 2014 Small Grants list of applications not recommended for funding
3. 2014 Small Grants distribution by geographical area
4. 2014 Small Grants distribution Urban Vs. Rural

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

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Fiscal Impact Form

RESOURCES:

Is this item in your current work plan and budget?

- YES
 NO

START-UP EXPENSES AND STAFFING (if applicable):

N/A

ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES/SAVINGS AND STAFFING (if applicable):

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULTS:

N/A

COSTS & BENEFITS:

Costs:							
	Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
	2014 Small Grants Budget		200,000				200,000
	Total Start-up Costs						200,000
	Ongoing Annual Costs						
Benefits/Savings:							
	Item	Hours	Start-up Capital	Other Start-up	Annual Operations	Annual Capital	TOTAL
	Total Start-up Benefit/Savings						
	Ongoing Annual Benefit/Savings						

2014 Small Grants Recommendations

Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Recommendation	Explanation of Program
Albertina Kerr	Lift Equipment for Adults with Developmental Disabilities	4,284	4,250	Purchase and installation of a lift equipment for the residents of Kerr's Blanton Group Home in Milwaukie
AntFarm Inc	Connecting Youth and Seniors to Independence and Success	10,000	10,000	Life skills for at-risk youth helping seniors with small projects to allow them to stay independent
Aurora Transitional Shelter Ministry	Aurora Transitional Shelter Ministry Homeless Family Support and Facility Improvements	2,000	2,000	Purchase of new fridge, mattress set, door, cookware and lamps for transitional housing to house 2-3 families per year
Beavercreek United Church of Christ - The 10 O'clock Church	Beavercreek United Church of Christ Community Food Pantry Safety Upgrades	600	600	Purchase and installation of safety devices for food pantry
Candlelighters for Children with Cancer	Family Emergency Financial Assistance Program	7,500	7,500	Financial assistance for families facing extreme hardship due to a child being diagnosed with cancer or help with funeral costs
Clackamas County Children's Commission	Bridging the Gaps	35,000	8,000	Allow families of children in Early Head Start, Head Start and Healthy Families to meet their basic needs such as food, heat, transportation to basic services, etc.
Clackamas Service Center	Improving Food Security for Vulnerable Families and Individuals in Clackamas County	15,000	15,000	Purchase of refrigerated food truck to transport fresh food
Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine/The Founders Clinic	Free Clinic Liability and Malpractice Insurance	13,965	13,950	Funds to cover the cost of liability/malpractice insurance
Colton Helping Hands Inc	Supplemental Food Purchase Program	5,000	2,000	Purchase of supplemental food to feed an additional 155 families per week

CTV Lutheran Church	Social Ministries	5,000	2,000	Food assistance in Damascus
Culture Club	YA 4-H Culture Club @ Molalla High School	2,500	2,500	Purchase of a fridge to store produce grown at the High School's garden. The food will then be sold at the school market at discounted prices and leftovers will be given to low income families at the end of the week.
Estacada Area Food Bank	Feeding the Hungry	5,000	2,000	Purchase of additional food to assist 926 people
Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart Inc	Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart	2,200	2,200	Supplies for stockings to distribute to homeless, foster kids, seniors, etc
FolkTime Inc	Intentional Peer Support for Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans	15,000	7,500	Continuation of Peer Support programs
Friends of Estacada Community Center	Estacada Senior Center Senior Nutrition Program	12,000	2,000	Funds will cover the cost of 4,000 meals at \$3 per meal for seniors, disabled people and low income.
Gladstone Senior Foundation	Funding for those under the age of 60 who do not qualify for the Medicaid meals program and can't afford to pay the full requested amount	5,000	4,000	Funds to cover the cost of the \$4 meal for homebound people under 60 who are not qualified for Medicaid and cannot afford the cost
Good Roots Community Church	Good Roots Community Food Bank and Garden	10,000	2,000	Purchase of food and management of community garden to enrich food boxes.
Hoodland Emergency Action Response Team (Request 2)	HEART Emergency Equipment and Supplies Trailer	5,000	5,000	Purchase of a 16 foot cargo trailer to store and transport supplies to respond in emergency situations
Hoodland Senior Center (Request 2)	Nutrition for Seniors	2,900	2,000	Funds to cover gap in Meals on Wheels program
King's Cupboard	King's Cupboard Fresh Produce Supplement	3,000	2,000	Supplemental produce for food pantry
Lake Oswego Adult Community Center	Breakfast for People in Need	10,378	2,000	Breakfast for Meals on Wheels recipients
Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry	Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry Facility Upgrade and Family Support	5,000	5,000	Purchase of multiple appliances to update 2 shelter residences in Lake Oswego

Lawrence Alberti Lake Oswego VFW Post 12140	Homeless Veterans Survival Bag Program	15,550	15,000	Purchase of storage and supplies to put together homeless kits
Madonna's Center	Increasing Prenatal and Newborn Support for Teen Parents	6,900	6,900	Funds for Support Specialist and baby supplies to increase capacity to help more teen moms
NWV Habitat for Humanity	ReHabitat Home Livability	8,000	8,000	Funds for 6-8 emergency home repairs for low income people.
Oregon City Evangelical Church, ReCycle Program	ReCycle - Bicycles for vulnerable people in Clackamas County	5,000	5,000	Supplies to refurbish bicycles for low income people for job hunting.
Oregon Food Bank	Emergency Food Purchase	10,000	2,000	Purchase of food.
Oxford House Inc. Chapter 22	Positive Discipline Training: Oxford House Inc	700	700	Training for 10 Oxford house members
ReFit	Home Modification Services in Partnership with the Home RX Pilot Program	8,000	8,000	Home modification to increase independence to 7 vulnerable people and connect them with resources in the area.
Sandy Community Action Center	Upgrade of Food Pantry Electrical System	4,000	2,000	Electrical upgrade to accommodate new freezers
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Portland Council	Purchase of New Mobile Kitchen	10,000	10,000	Partially fund the purchase of a new bus to be utilized as a mobile kitchen
Spring Mountain Bible Church	Commonplace Community Garden	10,510	2,500	Establishing community garden with priority plots being given to low income people in the area.
Sycamore Lane Therapeutic Riding Center SLTRC	Serving Community Veterans	15,000	15,000	Mental health counseling and therapeutic riding for veterans
The Angels in the Outfield	Homeless Prevention for Families Transitioning from Abusive Situations and 18 year olds Transitioning out of Foster Care	7,000	7,000	Transition assistance for 10 families and 4-6 kids transitioning out of foster care.
The Children's Course	THRIVE Mentoring Program at the Children's Course	5,000	2,000	One on one mentoring program for at risk youth.

The Father's Heart Ministry	No More Hunger	20,000	2,000	Purchase of van, freezer, dishwasher, and folding tables for feeding hungry
VFW Post 1324	Oregon City VFW Building Emergency Roof Repair	8,400	8,400	Completion of roof repair
West Linn Food Pantry Org	West Linn Food Pantry	5,000	2,000	Purchase of food for emergency food boxes
		315,387	200,000	

2014 Small Grants not recommended for funding

Organization	Project	Amount Requested	Explanation of Program
Building Blocks 4 Kids	From Wish to Reality & Support Service Assistance Programs	5,000	Assistance for at-risk youth to allow them to participate in extracurricular activities and receive needed items such as clothing, instrument to participate in a club.
Canby Adult Center	Computer Lab Upgrade	7,500	Purchase of 2 computers and construction of shelving units
Child Advocates Inc	CASA Training in the Community	7,837	Trainings for citizens to become CASA volunteers
Child Care Development Services	Violence Awareness Training	10,000	Funds to establish a training for child care providers
Children's Center	Family Support Services and Mental Health Connections for Abused and Neglected Children and their non-offending Caregivers	5,000	Cost to network and establish mental health connections to facilitate families' for mental health
Echo Ranch	Echo Ranch Equine Therapy	6,500	Restore barn and build horse stalls to increase capacity as well as install perimeter and cross-fencing
Elders in Action	Power to Protect: Vulnerable Adult Fraud Awareness & Outreach	3,000	Funds to organize an even to teach seniors about fraud and financial abuse
Family Stepping Stones Relief Nursery	Family Stepping Stones Center-based Buss Transportation for Children	20,000	Cost of daily transport for 16 children for 12 months.
Foothills-Molalla Adult Community Center	Exterior Building Improvements	10,000	Funds for new roof and painting of building
Friends of the Milwaukie Center	Milwaukie Center's Firewood Program for Low Income Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	4,500	Modernize wood splitter and modify the wood splitting working area
Gladstone School District	Gladstone Food Pantry Flex Fund	6,000	Expand services by purchasing additional shelving and food.

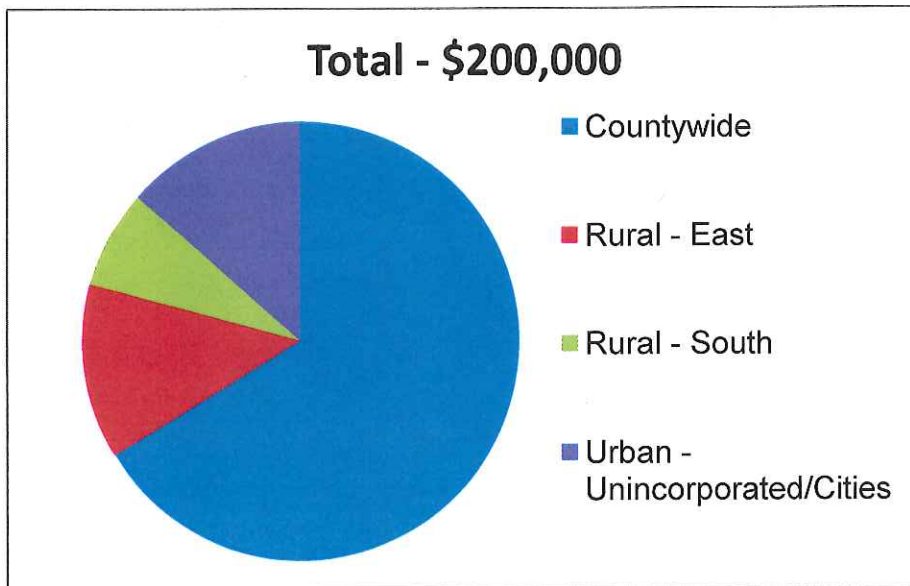
Grace Chapel	Heart of the City - Boberg Campus Improvements	15,000	in food assistance, counseling, youth programs and economic assistance.
Grace Pointe Church	Extended Summer Food Program for Children in North Clackamas School District	3,500	Weekend food for low income families of North Clackamas for Summer of 2015
Hoodland Emergency Action Response Team (Request 1)	HEART Emergency Generator Se and Shelter Canopies	1,250	Purchase of generator and shelter canopies to be used in case of emergency to triage and treatment
Hoodland Senior Center (Request 1)	Community Volunteer Mileage Reimbursement	2,500	Funds for mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers
House calls Providers	House call Providers: Clackamas County Laptop Fund	4,800	Purchase of 4 laptops to be used for medical house calls for Medicare eligible citizens
Just Us Guys	Just Us Guys Civic War Fundraiser	15,000	Funds to plan a fundraiser in December to benefit needy in Wilsonville
LifeWorks NW	Gladstone Center for Children and Families Mental Health Prevention	46,567	Parent education and activities for children that have been diagnosed with mental disabilities through Gladstone Center for Children and Families
Los Niños Cuentan	Financial Education Classes and Small Business Development	30,000	Financial classes for Latino families at "A Safe Place" and business development classes for those who would want to start a small business
Love Inc	Upgrade Technology and Systems	6,500	Purchase of technology to help operations
Metropolitan Family Service	Driver's Education - North Clackamas CAFÉ	10,000	Scholarships for low income students to enroll in drivers education - up to 30 scholarships
NAMI	Latino Mental Health Peer Support, Outreach and Education	13,790	Funds to hire an outreach coordinator
North Clackamas School District	North Clackamas School District's Dental Health Solutions for Children	8,000	Dental health education and screenings and access to dental treatment for disadvantaged students.
Northwest Family Services	KAOS Afterschool and summer program for Kraxberger Middle school	12,255	After school and summer program for 100 middle schoolers

OHSU ThinkFirst	Inspiring Increased Activity, Pedestrian Safety and Fall Prevention in Older Adults	15,000	Free training and seminars for prevention of falls in senior citizens
Oregon City's Backpack Buddies	Oregon City's Backpack Buddies Program Expansion	8,907	Funds to cover for a consultant to help them establish programs in schools not served, plus supplies for storage.
Oregon Outreach Inc - Molalla Pride	Molalla Pride Science Camp	5,512.50	4 day overnight camp for 17 at-risk youth from Molalla HS
Parrott Creek Child and Family Services	Residential Program for Adolescent Boys Involved in Juvenile Justice	10,000	Bridge funding for operations
Passing on the Trades	Wheel Chair Ramp or New Construction	80,000	Training of at risk youth, veterans in various trades like carpentry, plumbing, etc.
Peer Wellness and Work Initiative	Jobs PSP Program	12,500	Employment searching support for people with barriers to employment such as mental illness, criminal backgrounds, veteran status, etc.
Recovering New Life, a Ministry of Mountain Park Community Church	Recover New Life - Sober Living House Manager	12,000	Stipend for House Manager for 2nd house to aid 8 men per year
Return Ministries	Senior Transitions Planning Project	5,000	Group presentations and individual for homebound to teach about senior transition plans
Sandy Senior Center	Sandy Meals on Wheels	4,000	Mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers for meals on wheels
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society	Housing/Rental & Utilities Assistance	10,000	Rental and utilities assistance for the nearly homeless
St. John the Episcopal Parish Milwaukie	Window Replacement and Window Coverings	18,000	Replacement of windows for building used by various groups such as feed the hungry and clothes closet for kids
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	St. Paul's Place	3,300	Outreach and additional food to provide free meals for homeless/needy in Oregon City
St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church - Redland	St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church - Helping Hands - Firewood Ministry	2,500	Purchase of wood splitter to provide fire wood for low income people to help in heating their homes

Stone Creek Christian Church	Stone Creek Church Food Basket	28,760	Purchase of used commercial fridge/freezer, used van and food
The Clackamas Bookshelf	Books for All	6,000	Purchase of shelving and 1500 children's books
The Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families	Support for Walker's House - Canby Grief Support Groups for Children and Teens	3,610	Purchase of instruments and art supplies for Walker's house
Thelma's Place	Thelma's Place - Offering a Hand - Respite Care Family Participant Project	5,000	Expand services to offer additional 142 hours of respite for families
Todos Juntos	Make Parenting a Pleasure Parent Education Workshop in Molalla	5,500	One workshop series of 10 sessions for 8 families in parent education
Trillium Family Services	Family of Friends Mentoring Program	10,000	Matching of at risk children with volunteer mentors
Two River's Church (Request 1)	Hope Now Ministries, Community Development Plan	15,000	Multifaceted plan to help people in dire situations to retain their homes, utilities, or get placed in a home. Life skills training to help people find jobs including documentation to apply and bus tickets for transportation.
Two River's Church (Request 2)	Hope Now Ministries, Community Development Plan - Purchase of vehicle	10,000	Purchase of replacement vehicle to transport people to crisis shelters or other crisis situations. They are open to a donation of a vehicle by the county.
United Services for Counseling	Improving Parent-Child bonds of low Income Families Through Education and Mediation	10,435	Work groups and education for low income parents to help them build their relationship with children with a focus on teenagers
Workforce Investment Council	Youth to Work	5,000	Purchase of support services such as IDs, birth certificates, bus tickets to aid at-risk youth in search of employment
Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church	Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church Furniture Mission	15,000	Partially fund cost of constructing new building
		555,524	

Small Grants Distribution by Geographical Area

Service Area	Recommended Grant Awards
Countywide	\$ 132,750
Rural - East	\$25,600
Rural - South	\$14,500
Urban - Unincorporated/Cities	\$27,150
Grand Total	\$200,000



Small Grants Distribution: Urban Vs. Rural

Service Area	Recommended Grant Awards
Rural - East	\$25,600
Rural - South	\$14,500
Urban - Unincorporated/Cities	\$27,150
Grand Total	\$67,250

