



**FUND**

**COMMUNITY SUSTAINING**

**OF THURSTON COUNTY**

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**2103 Harrison NW, Suite 2715 Olympia, WA 98502**

## **SPRING 2009 GRANT INFORMATION**

Thanks for inquiring about the Community Sustaining Fund's grant award program. Attached is a copy of our Grant Criteria and a four-page Grant Application.

**The deadline for receipt of Grant Applications for this cycle is: *Friday May 1, 2009***

The *original plus nine (9) copies* of your application can be:

- mailed to 2103 Harrison Ave NW, Suite 2715, Olympia 98502 **OR**
- delivered to Traditions Fair Trade Café, 300 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Water Streets in downtown Olympia.

Please note that brief conferences with applicants whose projects meet our minimum criteria will be held on Saturday, May 9 -- generally between 8 am and 2 pm (location to be announced).

Community Sustaining Fund policies allow previous grantees to apply again, with two conditions: 1) it must be at least one year since receipt of a grant award, and 2) the grantee must have submitted a completed Grant Completion Report from the previous grant project.

Please carefully review and address the attached Grant Criteria in your application. NOTE: *Applicants may request up to \$1,000, but awards have historically been in the \$100 - \$600 range.*

Final funding decisions will be made on May 9 and award checks are distributed soon thereafter.

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If you need assistance or have questions concerning your application, please feel free to call Vic Colman, Board Member, at 956.9344.



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### **GRANT CRITERIA**

The Community Sustaining Fund (CSF) provides grant support for progressive, community-oriented projects in Thurston County. Our funding is aimed at creating a democratic, just, nonviolent and ecologically sound society.

CSF was formed in 1987 in response to the lack of funds available for developing and maintaining local social change activities. We support groups and individuals that are actively working to educate and involve this community in challenging and correcting the social, political and economic inequities around us.

Grants are awarded for such organizational needs as startup funding, public outreach, training, equipment, and special projects. CSF realizes that most applicants will not be involved in all these activities nor fit all the criteria listed below. We encourage applications with the understanding that some of these criteria may not be appropriate or possible at any given time.

#### **CSF CONSIDERS PROJECTS WHICH:**

- Are developed and led by residents of Thurston County
- Operate in a democratic, nondiscriminatory manner which is responsive to the constituency served
- Actively pursue cultural diversity in group composition
- Actively work toward a more just and equitable world of ecological and economic balance and personal and social responsibility
- Commit to using the funds locally

#### **CSF WILL GENERALLY NOT FUND:**

- Projects that are or can be funded by traditional funding sources (i.e., government agencies, United Way, major foundations, etc.)

- Artistic or cultural events that are not part of other organizing activities (we are more interested in supporting projects that integrate cultural activities into social change work)
- Social services (unless the project promotes social change beyond its basic function)
- Ongoing organizational operating costs

**CSF IS INTERESTED IN GROUPS FOCUSING ON:**

SOCIAL JUSTICE (people -> people)	Youth, Gender Equality, Disarmament, Gay & Lesbian, Foreign Affairs, Racial Equality, Domestic Violence, Native Peoples, Disabled, Elderly, Parenting & Child Care, Civil Liberties
COMMUNITY BUILDING (people -> society)	Education, Economics, Communication, Arts & Culture, Health Care, Transportation, Housing & Homelessness, Grassroots Democracy, Unemployed & Working Poor, Labor Issues, Spirituality
ENVIRONMENT (society -> environment)	Environmental Defense, Agriculture, Animal Rights, Land use Planning, Forestry, Energy, Water Quality, Waste & Recycling, Environmental Racism

**CSF IS MOST INTERESTED IN THOSE GROUPS THAT EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING:**

**Values**

- Material simplicity
- Participatory democracy
- Community-oriented economics
- Ecologically conscientious society
- Nonviolent forms of conflict resolution
- Respect for human dignity and diversity
- Connect local activities with broader social change issues
- Inclusive of people with varying political, social and cultural backgrounds

**Strategies and Activities**

- Conduct social change research
- Work to introduce new people to ideas of social change
- Organize people to participate in social change activities
- Promote cultural and artistic activities that encourage social change

**Organizational Approach**

- Encourage networking with other social change groups
- Effectively reach and build an organization responsive to the community
- Work to make power relationships equitable within their group and issue area

**Long Term Goals**

- Develop and implement long-range strategies and goals

- Develop a self-sustaining financial plan based on realistic sources of revenue
- Pass on skills and expertise to increase the body of local and regional organizers



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**GRANT APPLICATION**

Please confine your answers to the available space, and send the original plus nine (9) copies of this application to the address listed above.

**PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

PROJECT TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT COORDINATOR \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS  TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION  
(please attach letter of exemption)

UNINCORPORATED GROUP  INDIVIDUAL

FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS  PREVIOUS CSF GRANT RECIPIENT? IF YES, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Requested from CSF \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Project Dates: Begin \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_**

FEDERAL ID NUMBER OF GROUP, OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF PROJECT COORDINATOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

CSF WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO SHARE THIS APPLICATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS INVOLVED WITH THE ISSUES IT ADDRESSES. IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO KEEP THIS APPLICATION CONFIDENTIAL, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.

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<b>PROJECT COORDINATOR SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 2: INTRODUCTION – APPLICANT**

A) PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR GROUP, OR A HISTORY OF RELATED ACTIVITIES IF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT.

B) DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT (WHEN IT STARTED, WHAT YOU WHAT FUNDED, COMMUNITY NEED, ETC.)

**Part 3: Financial Information**

A) PLEASE FILL OUT THIS BUDGET MATRIX COMPLETELY.

BUDGET ITEM	PRIORITY	REQUESTED FROM CSF	TOTAL BUDGET FOR PROJECT
STIPENDS			
OFFICE SUPPLIES			
POSTAGE			
PRINTING/COPYING			
PHONE			
EQUIPMENT			
OTHER			
1.			
2.			
<b>TOTALS:</b>			
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR			

B) ANY ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION?

**PART 4: PROJECT INFORMATION**

A) HOW DOES YOUR PROJECT RELATE TO CSF FUNDING CRITERIA?

B) HOW WILL YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR PROJECT (INCLUDE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINES)?

C) HOW WILL YOU DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT IS WORKING AND WHETHER ITS GOALS WERE ACCOMPLISHED?

## **PART 5: ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

- A) CSF IS COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING GROUPS THAT INCLUDE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS IN THEIR SOCIAL CHANGE WORK. DESCRIBE YOUR GROUP'S PRESENT COMPOSITION.
- B) DO YOU INTERACT WITH OTHERS WORKING ON SIMILAR ISSUES? IF SO, WHO? DESCRIBE HOW YOU WILL WORK WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS.
- C) LIST NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER OF **TWO** REFERENCES FAMILIAR WITH YOUR WORK, BUT **NOT** A PART OF YOUR GROUP.
- D) PLEASE ADD ANYTHING THAT WILL HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND YOUR GROUP AND/OR THIS PROJECT. IF YOU ATTACH ANY INFORMATION TO THE APPLICATION, PLEASE LIST YOUR ATTACHMENTS HERE.