

Linn County Cultural Coalition Grant Guidelines

Each year, the Linn County Cultural Coalition receives money from the Oregon Cultural Trust and private donors to disperse among eligible grant applicants for cultural projects. Applications received in early February are reviewed soon thereafter, and awards are announced by the end of March.

The Coalition's mission is to promote widespread participation in rich and diverse arts, humanities, and historical heritage activities—activities that promote both community pride and creative expression—throughout Linn County. We, therefore, strive to distribute these grant funds fairly around the county and among diverse cultural organizations.

To maximize your organization's chance of receiving a Linn County Cultural Coalition grant, please read these guidelines carefully.

Grants are typically awarded in the range of \$250 to \$2,500. Be aware that your organization may not be awarded the full amount requested. Most LCCC past grant awards have not exceeded \$1,000. (Larger grants are available directly from the Oregon Cultural Trust. For more information, contact the Oregon Cultural Trust at cultural.trust@oregon.gov or 503-986-0088, or visit <https://culturaltrust.org/grants>.)

The recipient of a Linn County Cultural Coalition grant must be an incorporated nonprofit organization qualifying as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)3, 501(c)4, 501(c)6, a unit of local government, or an unincorporated group or individual whose application is sponsored by a tax-exempt organization or unit of local government.

The applicant's project must address one or more of the Linn County Cultural Coalition's priorities:

- To enhance funding for arts, heritage, and humanities activities
- To increase public awareness of, and encourage participation in, cultural opportunities in Linn County
- To improve access to cultural opportunities for all ages, income levels, abilities, and ethnic groups throughout Linn County

For examples of qualifying projects, see the list of recently awarded grants on our website.

Projects that are ineligible for Linn County Cultural Coalition grants include—

- annual scholarships
- projects whose primary purpose is to promote a political or religious viewpoint or that primarily benefit a political, religious, labor, fraternal, or athletic group or a commercial venture
- fundraisers (although a cultural activity that is part of a fundraiser may be eligible)

Among qualifying applications, the Linn County Cultural Coalition gives priority to organizations or projects that—

- haven't recently been funded through LCCC.
- show evidence of community support (donations of time, money, or both, or letters of support).
- allow for free or low-cost participation.
- result from cooperation between two or more organizations (independent nonprofits and/or governmental organizations).

Applications must be complete; an incomplete application may be rejected. If you have a question about how to fill out the application form, we encourage you to contact any member of the Coalition's board of directors.

The applicant must also plan to meet these requirements:

- The project must be scheduled for completion by the end of the calendar year.
- A representative of the organization must attend an awards ceremony, if one is scheduled.
- **A grant report must be completed at the end of the grant period.** Don't be late! Any organization that hasn't submitted its grant report by the end of the calendar year is ineligible to apply in the next grant cycle.

Each application must be signed by an authorized officer of the sponsoring organization as outlined above.

We prefer that you apply online. If you cannot, for some reason, you can scan your printed application and send it by email to linnculture@gmail.com.

The application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 1.

For more information, write us at linnculture@gmail.com, or call any of our directors.