



RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Committed to community.

Northwest Farm Credit Services is committed to improving the economic and social wellbeing of rural communities throughout the Northwest.

Purpose

Northwest FCS is looking for creative and collaborative approaches to addressing challenges and opportunities in rural communities. This program provides grants to non-profit organizations for projects that improve rural communities within Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. This includes efforts such as building or improving facilities; purchasing necessary equipment to facilitate a program; and funding capital improvements which enhance a community's infrastructure, viability and/or prosperity.

Examples of eligible community grant projects:

- New fire engine for rural fire department
- New multi-purpose community building
- Improving a community park's facilities
- Computers for a community center's educational classes

Amount available

Awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. Due to growing demand, the average amount awarded is between \$1,000 and \$2,500. An organization may only be awarded grant funds once per calendar year.

Deadlines

Submission deadlines are February 1, June 1 and October 1 of each year. Applicants will be notified within 60 days following the submission deadline.

Grant requirements include but are not limited to:

- Projects must be submitted through the online application: northwestfcs.com/ruralgrants.
- Projects must include a letter of involvement or support written by a Northwest FCS customer or Northwest FCS employee.
- Projects must show financial backing from other sources.
- If the project is chosen, a W-9 or IRS determination letter must be submitted.

Not eligible to receive funding:

- Northwest FCS customers
- Lobbying, political or religious organizations
- Fraternal or labor organizations
- Projects with zero funds raised
- Projects benefiting individuals, government entities, corporations and/or LLCs
- Operating expenses or advertising
- Fundraising events, dinners, or benefits
- Travel expenses for individuals/groups
- Sports team or camp sponsorships
- Annual community events
- Projects previously funded by a Northwest FCS grant

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