



LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEWS RELEASE

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Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Fund Grant Applications Available

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is pleased to announce that grant applications are now available for local community and economic development projects. The deadline for applications is **Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.** A total of \$100,000 is currently available in this fund. The Board of Commissioners continues to focus on economic development and the County will seek to allocate two-thirds of the funds to economic development projects with a focus on job creation and/or retention and one-third to community development. The Board of Directors of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County will review and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding funding requests. The Board of Commissioners will make the final determination on awards.

Applications are accepted from local governments and nonprofit organizations recognized by the IRS as nonprofit organizations in Lincoln County and are limited to a maximum of **\$15,000**. Projects recently approved include: City of Waldport Industrial Park Master Plan, Friends of the Yachats Commons LED Lighting for the Commons, Habitat for Humanity Duplex Build #18, Lincoln City Cultural Center Handicapped Elevator Replacement, Northwest Coastal Housing Community Room Upgrade, OCCC Small Business Development Center Digital Media Business Learning Lab, Port of Alsea Dredging Project, and Toledo Downtown Association Welcome Signs Restoration. Since the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners initiated this program in 2001, over \$2,175,000 has been awarded to local governments and community organizations.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners encourages applicants to consider this program after they have sought other sources of funding. The commissioners also encourage projects that have already raised some backing and need additional assistance for completion or to leverage other sources of financial support.

Lincoln County receives funds from the Oregon Lottery based on the play of video lottery in the county. The Board of Commissioners has elected to use this resource to help with local community and economic development projects through the Grant Program; support the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County and the Small Business Development Center through the Oregon Coast Community College; and provide low interest loans to small businesses through Cascades West Council of Governments.

Applicants are encouraged from every geographical area of Lincoln County. Applications are available online at <http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/boc/page/community-and-economic-development-grant> or by calling the Commissioner's Office at 541-265-4100.

To assist applicants, the Economic Development Alliance will be hosting an application assistance workshop on October 26, 2017 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Board of Commissioners Meeting room located at 225 W. Olive Street, Room 108, Newport, Oregon. For additional information regarding this workshop please call 541-265-4544