



Strategic Investment Grant Program FAQs

Q: I was unable to attend the informational webinar. Is there a place where I can view a recording of it?

A: Yes. You can access a recording of the webinar going to <https://www.mthoodterritory.com/grant-programs> and clicking on the link next to "Recording of Informational Webinar" under the Program Materials section.

Q: Can I see the PowerPoint presentation from the Informational Webinar?

A: Yes. A copy of the presentation is below the webinar recording link.

Q: Are the application questions available outside the grant request system?

A: Yes. A list of application questions are available under the Program Materials section of the above linked website.

Q: I noticed that the program materials refer to Letters of Partnership. Are those the same as letters of support?

A: No. Letters of Partnership (LOP) come from partners you've identified in your application as materially contributing to the execution of your project. LOPs must be completed by your partners using the Letter of Partnership form located under the Program Materials section of the above linked website. These are to be uploaded into your application in Foundant. (Q39)

Q: How long do awardees have to complete projects?

A: Awardees have 18 months to complete projects. The timeline completion deadline begins on the date award agreements are finalized.

Q: Can award funds be used to cover applicant staffing costs?

A: No. Award funds cannot be used to cover applicant staffing costs.

Q: My organization is eligible to apply for a Strategic Investment Grant, but we are partnering with another organization on a project that is not eligible to apply. Can we apply for funds and pass award funds on to the other organization?

A: No. Pass-throughs are not allowed. The applicant organization must be the entity that will manage and execute the project.

Q: Are projects located on land/property owned by private, for-profit entity eligible for funding under this grant program?

A: No. Award funds cannot be used to make improvements or enhancements to land/property owned by private, for-profit entities.

Q: Are projects located on land/property not regularly open and accessible to the general public eligible for funding under this program?

A: No. Projects must be located on land/property that is regularly open and accessible to the general public.

Q: If a project is on land not owned by an applicant, is authorization needed from the land management agency?

A: Yes. Approval from land management agencies is required. See Q18-Q20 on the application. There is a place to upload documentation.

Q: Is documentation of permits needed for projects required in the application?

A: Yes. There are questions about permits in the application. See Q15-Q17 on the application. There is a place to upload documentation.

Q: How are the applications evaluated?

A: The applications are evaluated by a committee of local community and industry partners using a standardized scoring rubric.

Q: Are matching funds required for this grant program?

A: Matching funds are not required for this grant program, but consideration is given to applications that have a 10% or greater documentable matching funds.

Q: Do other grant awards that have already been received count as matching funds?

A: Yes, if the funds are designated for the project you are submitting an application for.

Q: Do in-kind contributions count as matching funds?

A: No. Only funds an applicant has on hand that are designated for the project count as matching funds. This includes grant awards approved by other funders even if those funds have not yet been received.

Q: Can project expenditures incurred prior to finalization of award agreements be covered by grant awards?

A: No. Only project cost elements invoiced or paid for after award agreements have been finalized are eligible expenditures.

Q: How many applications can an organization submit for consideration per grant cycle?

A: One.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of times an organization can apply for and receive funds under this program?

A: Yes. Organizations that have been approved for funding the two most recent grant cycles must wait until the cycle after the current open cycle to submit an application.

Q: If my organization is working towards completion of a project we received funding from the Clackamas County Office of Tourism for, can we submit an application for a new project?

A: Yes, provided there are no unresolved reporting or compliance issues with your existing award.

Q: How will awards be disbursed?

A: 75% of approved awards are disbursed as advances after agreements have been finalized and awardees have submitted all additional follow-up materials. The remaining 25% of awards are disbursed as reimbursements upon submission and approval of a final project report and receipt of other required materials.

This document may be updated as questions are submitted if it is determined that the answers can provide greater clarity and understanding to interested parties.