



# Hood River Lions Club – Bottles & Cans for the Community: Small Grants Program

## Guidelines

### Introduction

The purpose of the Hood River Lions Club's Cans for the Community Small Grant Program is to support local community organizations efforts to take action for the betterment of our community. These intentionally small grants (up to \$1000) are designed to stimulate grassroots involvement in promoting the general well-being of our neighbors.

### Eligible organizations

The Hood River Lions Club's Cans for the Community Small Grant Program (The Program) awards grants to projects or programs that have an impact in Hood River County. The Program will consider proposals from groups, agencies, and organizations whose interests are consistent with the goals of The Program. The Program will not consider grant proposals for retroactive funding of projects already completed.

### Types of projects eligible

**The HR Lions Club's "Cans for the Community" (C4C) small grants program will award grants for projects that promote the general well-being of our community, including (but not limited to):**

- Youth activities
- Cancer awareness & prevention
- Environment
- Diabetes awareness & prevention
- Health/general well-being
- Sight and Hearing

Eligible projects are those that attempt to provide services and create opportunities for underserved populations, have a positive impact on the health of our citizens, and support the community.

### Types of projects preferred

- Projects with demonstrable impact on underserved, vulnerable community members.
- Materials for construction projects.
- Scholarships for specialized camps/educational opportunities to Hood River County youth.

## Types of projects not eligible

The following projects are not eligible: a) projects identified with political parties of any kind; b) projects sponsored by a for profit organization; c) organizations that practice discrimination of any kind; d) general contributions to capital campaigns; e) operating deficits or retirement of debt; f) endowment programs; and g) capital building or real estate acquisitions.

## Application procedure

Applicants must complete and submit a Request for Contribution. The proposal requests detailed information about the need for the project, its goals, and a description of how the funds will be used to benefit Hood River area residents and the greater community.

## Review process and evaluation criteria

The C4C Committee (The Committee) reviews applications once a month. The Committee may grant requests up to \$250 without board approval. Requests of more than \$250, if approved by The Committee, will be referred to the Board of Directors for consideration at their monthly board meeting (first Tuesday of each month). Applicants will be contacted if further information is needed. Applications may take up to 60 days for approval under normal circumstances.

### The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

- **Significance** – How will this project impact the community? Are people most at risk being served? How many people will benefit?
- **Action plan** - How well defined is the project? How closely tied is the action plan with the stated goals? Does the action plan involve collaboration among community members?
- **Likelihood of success** - How feasible is the project in terms of time, budget requests, and available resources?

### Please mail completed applications to:

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