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 for rural community 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.

Possible community grant projects examples:
- 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.

Grant requirements
- Rural Community Grant requests must be submitted through our online application that can be found at northwestfcs.com/ruralgrants.
- Projects must include a letter of involvement or support written by a Northwest FCS customer, local advisor or employee to be eligible.
- Northwest FCS will not pay for entire projects; grant requests must demonstrate financial collaboration from other sources.
- If a large percentage of needed funds is coming from other grants, or is yet to be raised, Northwest FCS funds may be held until other funds are secured or contingency plans are communicated.

Not likely to receive funding:
- Lobbying, political and religious organizations
- Fraternal and labor organizations
- Individuals
- Operating expenses and advertising
- Fund-raising events, dinners, or benefits
- Travel expenses for individual/groups
- Sport teams sponsorships
- Deficits already incurred, loans, or debt retirement
- Annual community events
- Projects previously funded by a Northwest FCS grant

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

Contact your local Northwest FCS branch for more information.
800.743.2125 | northwestfcs.com/ruralgrants

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