

BONNER COUNTY ENDOWMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE BONNER COUNTY ENDOWMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FUND

The Bonner County Human Rights Task Force's responsibility is to affirm the American principles and ideals of the inviolable dignity and worth of each human being that recognizes that everyone is equal under our state and federal laws and constitutions. BCHRTF was founded in 1992 to support human rights through community education and advocacy. In December 2012 the major portion of BCHRTF's assets were placed in a donor advised fund administered by the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF). The BCHRTF board of directors recommends distribution of those funds to grantees that develop programs and projects that enhance human rights and celebrate diversity.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Organizations and entities located in Bonner County that meet one of the three following criteria:
 - Organizations with a 501c3 nonprofit status under IRS code 170
 - Public educational institutions
 - Government entities including local governments and libraries
- Occasionally the BCHRTF will fund projects initiated by organizations that do not have federal tax-exempt status. However, the organization must secure a federally qualified exempt sponsor.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Grants are limited only to those organizations or entities whose activities reflect commitment to the ideal that everyone is equal under our state and federal laws and constitution regardless of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability. Grants must deal with projects and programs that focus on community education and activities that celebrate the fact that it is the racial, social, and cultural diversity of our people that makes Bonner County a rich and worthwhile place to live.

Grants up to **\$8,000** will be considered. Although in extreme or emergency circumstances, this limit may be waived by the BCHRTF board of directors.

The advisors to the BCHRTF funds will consider grant requests for activities and projects that:

- Affirm the American principles and ideals of the inviolable dignity and worth of each human being
- Promote community education on bias and prejudice in furtherance of positive human relations and cultural diversity
- Reach a broad segment of the community or school population
- Focus on providing information, education, and programs designed to increase awareness of the importance of nondiscrimination and elimination of prejudice and/or harassment
- Celebrate the value of racial, social and cultural diversity for the quality of life in Bonner County.

Projects will be favored if they include the following features:

- Collaboration with other community groups
- Provision of matching of in-kind funds
- Project sustainability
- Meeting an urgent or ongoing community need

- Letters indicating community support

Projects ineligible for funding include:

- Projects that benefit a private individual
- Routine operating expenses or benefits
- Fund raising projects
- Political activities or those designed to influence legislation
- Religious organizations for the sole purpose of furthering that religion
- Grants to individuals

Less preferred projects include:

- Capital projects
- Staffing expenses
- Travel for individuals
- Attendance at conferences

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS ALLOWED

One application per organization will be accepted. However, individual educators are considered as “one organization” allowing for more than one educator at a school to apply for a grant. Past grant recipients are welcome to apply and non-profit organizations may apply every year regardless of previous funding.

DEADLINES

- Grant requests must be submitted by March 31st
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered
- Grants outside the cycle will be considered in emergency cases. The BCHRTF board of directors will make this determination.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submit grant applications online to the Idaho Community Foundation. Application may be found at: http://idcomfdn.org/DA_Grants.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application or the grants process, please contact Community Impact Officer Elly Davis at 208-342-3535 or edavis@idcomfdn.org.