



2025–2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The City of Yachats is pleased to announce the opening of its 2025-2026 Community Development Grant Program..

This program provides operations and project funding to non-profit organizations. The grants are intended to support impactful projects that contribute to local community development within Yachats. Special consideration will be given to projects demonstrating measurable economic development outcomes.

Given the limited nature of these funds, applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding sources for larger projects. Consideration will also be given to projects facing unique fiscal challenges or those ineligible for traditional funding streams. While matching funds are encouraged, they are not a requirement for the application.

This cycle, a total of \$50,000 is available, divided into two pools:

- **Projects enhancing visitor promotion.**
- **General community projects and organizational support.**

The maximum grant request per project is **\$15,000**.

Applications must be submitted through the City's official website, www.yachatsoregon.org

A selection committee will evaluate and score applications, presenting recommendations to the City Council for final funding decisions. Following the review process, award recipients will be notified electronically. The review committee may recommend more or less funding than what was requested, depending on the volume of applicants received.

The application process will open on September 20, 2025 and close on October 20, 2025.

City of Yachats

Community Development Fund

Eligibility and Requirements: 2025-2026

The City of Yachats is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant community, promoting tourism, and enhancing the quality of life for both residents and visitors. Through our Community Development Grant Program, we offer financial support to impactful projects that help build a stronger Yachats. We invite eligible organizations to apply for the 2025-2026 grant cycle.

Funding Opportunities & Priorities

This year, a total of **\$50,000** is available, divided into two distinct funding categories:

1. **Visitor Promotion & Amenity Enhancement:** for projects, events, or organizational activities designed to attract visitors to Yachats or enhance their experience here.
2. **Community Improvement & Development:** is dedicated to projects or organizations that strengthen the Yachats community, improve local amenities, or foster economic development for residents.

Grant Amount: While the needs of organizations vary, individual grant awards will not exceed **\$15,000**. The Grant Committee reserves the right to recommend a higher or lower amount than what is applied for.

Eligibility

We welcome applications from:

- **Yachats-based Non-profit Organizations:** Must be recognized by the IRS as a non-profit and be in good standing.
- **Cooperative Projects:** Partnerships are encouraged! If applying as a partnership, a qualifying non-profit organization must serve as the lead applicant and fiscal agent responsible for managing grant funds if awarded.

Important Eligibility Requirements

- **Tax Compliance:** Applying organizations must not have any past-due taxes owed to the City of Yachats.
- **City Council Goals & Vision:** The application should align with the City Council Goals & Vision.
- **Direct City Funding:** Organizations already receiving direct, budgeted funding allocations from the City of Yachats are not eligible for this specific grant program.

How Applications Are Evaluated

Grant awards are based on alignment with the City's goals. The Selection Committee will evaluate proposals based on factors including:

- **Measurable Positive Impact:** Applicants that demonstrate how they will achieve positive, quantifiable outcomes for the community or tourism. (10 points)
- **Collaboration:** Applicants involving partnerships and collaborative efforts are viewed favorably. (5 points)
- **Addressing Community Needs:** Alignment with identified community development or tourism promotion goals. (5 points)
- **Project Feasibility:** A realistic budget and timeline of how the funds will be used. (10 points)
- **Funding Considerations:** (10 points)
 - While these City funds are limited, and applicants are encouraged to seek diverse funding sources, projects will not be disqualified simply because they might be eligible for other grants.
 - Special consideration may be given to projects facing unique fiscal disadvantages or challenges in securing traditional funding.
 - Matching funds are desirable and strengthen an application, but they are **not required**.

Application Requirements & Process

1. **Online Submission:** All applications **must** be submitted electronically through the official City of Yachats website: www.yachatsoregon.org
2. **Required Content:** A complete application will include a detailed funding request description, a clear budget showing use of grant funds, an explanation of community impact/benefit, organizational information, and proof of non-profit status if applicable.
3. **Endorsement:** The application must be endorsed (e.g., signed electronically or accompanied by a support letter) by the applying organization's chief executive (e.g., Executive Director, Board President).

Grant Award & Responsibilities

- **Grant Agreement:** Successful applicants will be required to sign a formal grant agreement with the City of Yachats before any funds are disbursed.
- **Final Report:** A final report is required and due **one year** from the receipt of grant funds.
 - This report must detail the project's successes, challenges, and outcomes.
 - For tourism-focused projects, the report must include relevant statistics on visitor impact.
- **Future Eligibility:** Organizations that have received funding in previous cycles must have submitted all required final reports to be considered for new funding. Failure to submit reports on time may impact future grant eligibility.

Questions?

We encourage potential applicants to review these guidelines thoroughly. If you have specific questions about the grant program or application process, please contact:
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