

Non-profit Competitive Grant Program

Coös ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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General Information

Periodically, Coös County may make funds available through Coös Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), a N.H. Regional Development Corporation. CEDC is then obligated to prudently disburse these funds to eligible applicants to promote economic development throughout the county.

The following competitive grant process is one program intended to give structure & process to the disbursement of a portion of these funds.

Eligibility

The CEDC Grant Fund will accept proposals from organizations located in Coös County, New Hampshire. Non-profit organizations and community groups working in the areas of economic development are encouraged to apply. Organizations recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS are eligible, including U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status.

Evaluation Criteria - Economic Development

The Coös Economic Development Corporation's priorities for issuing grants includes identifying initiatives that clearly demonstrate that they strengthen the region's economic growth, provide support for entrepreneurs and small business owners, stimulate consumer spending for existing businesses, enhance public use of the region's natural resources with a related trickle-down effect on ED, as well as attract new businesses to Coös County.

Grant Program Vision

- "To provide stimulus for new and existing businesses, and other proactive community organizations in Coös County, to support efforts that ultimately culminate in sustainable economic development, while fostering a strong and diverse workforce, sustainable employment and a thriving business environment."

Key Dates

Two distinct rounds of grant funding will take place each year. Rounds 1 and 2 for 2018 will be due on March 15th and September 15th respectively.

Organization/Individual Basic Information

Organization Name:		
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		
Address (Mailing):	Town:	Zip
Address (Physical):	Town:	Zip
Business Phone:	Email:	
Website:		
Primary Contact:		
Phone:	Email:	
Name of Project:	Total Costs of Project:	
Grant Requested (\$2500 max)	Match (10% min)	

What is the mission or function of your business or organization?

(May be submitted as part of Narrative)

Note 1: Fill the above basic organization information out. Then print, scan and email with Subject "CEDC Grant Application" include with the narrative portion of the grant application found on the next page.

Note 2: Funds are disbursed on a reimbursement basis (provide receipts at key intervals of projects and funds will be released)

Grant Application Narrative Requirements

Please address the following (up to four pages)

1. **Need or Opportunity:** Describe the need or opportunity for your economic initiative in the community, including back-up data as appropriate. How does this tie into CEDC's evaluation criteria for economic development and this grant program's vision? **(25 Possible Points)**
 2. **Implementation Plan:** Describe the goals, objectives and activities you will implement to address the need or opportunity identified above and a timeline for your proposed work (estimate the Begin and End date of this portion of your initiative). **(20 Possible Points)**
 3. **Evaluation Plan:** Describe the specific outcomes that will happen as a result of your proposed work, including the evaluation tools you will use to monitor your work. **(20 Possible Points)**
 4. **Financial Plan & Project Budget:** Describe what part of the work you plan to support with grant funds, including other sources of funds applied for or already committed. Show itemized income and expenses for the proposed work **(25 Possible Points)**
 5. **Sustainability:** Describe how activities will continue beyond the proposed funding period. **(10 Possible Points)**
 6. **Collaborating Organizations:** If applicable, list other organizations working with you on this effort. **(Required, no points awarded)**
 7. **Important Note:** When the grant application package is complete, send a single PDF file to Mike Scala at mscala@Coosedc.org. If letters of support (optional) are part of your grant application, please include in your single PDF File application.
 8. **These competitive grant award recommendations will be made by the CEDC Grant Committee based on those applications that achieve the highest point scoring (out of 100).**
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Reporting Requirements: If awarded a CEDC Grant, a report must be submitted each quarter for the first 12 months highlighting implementation progress, project impact, and actual expenditures.