

## **2024 OYC Community Grants**

### **OVERVIEW**

Established in 1904, among the Olympia Yacht Club's (OYC's) purposes are "to encourage and promote ... seamanship and navigation, and to provide and maintain suitable facilities..." As such, OYC interests and values include improving the strength and vitality of the waterfront, the downtown, the marine environment, water sports, relevant education and training and the greater community.

This year, the OYC is committed to awarding grants to eligible non-profit organizations for projects and events that inform and improve the community and are aligned with these OYC interests and values.

### **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

An organization may request funding from \$500 up to \$2,000. These funds must be fully expended by the end of this year.

### **Applicant Organization Eligibility**

Preference for funding will be given to organizations that are:

- Categorized as nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations under Sec. 501-(c)-3 of the US Tax Code;
- Governed by active boards of directors; AND
- Established organizations, not start-ups, which have, in most cases, operated successfully for at least three years.

### **PROJECT ELIGIBILITY AND PREFERENCES**

Projects, activities, or events proposed for funding must be aligned with the interests and values of the OYC. Preference will be given to projects, activities, or events related to water, boating, or the aquatic environment.

Secondarily, projects that are unrelated to the water, boating, or the aquatic environment will be considered if they will otherwise improve the social fabric of our community.

Preference will be given to projects, activities, or events whose primary benefits will accrue to Olympia or neighboring communities in Thurston County.

Preference will be given to projects, activities, or events that will:

- be open to participation by wide swaths of the public;
- give the most community visibility to OYC's contribution, purposes and values; and
- be actively promoted by the grantee through local media, social media, and other mechanisms.

## **GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE**

- Our intention is to have one funding round as outlined below. However, if all available funds are not awarded in this round, we may hold a second round later in the year.

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Action</b>
1/15	OYC posts grant application on its website, announces grant availability, purpose and criteria to members, asking them to pass on information to eligible organizations. Previous grant recipients will also be notified.
3/1	Letters of interest due from eligible applicant organizations.
3/2 - 4/15	OYC evaluates letters of interest, interviews finalists if needed, & announces awardees.
4/15 – 12/31	Grantees use funds for projects and events.
10/1-12/8	Grantees provide a brief written, and if requested, an oral progress report to OYC summarizing the project, activity, or event outcomes/successes/metrics
12/31	Grant funds must be fully spent; grantees provide any updates in a final written report