



GiveOrcas Campaign Policies

- OICF will consider applications for part of an organization's general operating funds. OICF wishes to help organizations become healthy, effective, efficient, and good stewards of community resources.
- Grants are made for projects that are well-conceived and likely to be successful in improving the quality of life on Orcas.
- The grant-making process supports building the strength and capacity of the island's organizations, as well as encourages collaboration among organizations that provide similar or related services.
- The grant-making process avoids conflicts of interest as set forth in the OICF Conflict of Interest Policy.
- Grantees are fiscally sound as demonstrated in the IRS Form 990 and/or financial statements.
- Your board is independently-governed as stated in Section 3: Governing Body of IRS' Best Governance Practices in [Governance and Related Topics—501\(c\)\(3\) Organizations.pdf](#).
- No grants are made to individuals (including scholarships), private foundations, for-profit enterprises or conduit organizations which pass funds through to other organizations for distribution to ultimate beneficiaries of their own choosing.
- All grants must be for future projects. No grants are made for completed projects or for debt repayment.
- OICF will not consider multiple requests from the same organization in the same cycle with the exception of the Orcas Island School District (OISD), which governs three distinct entities: the Elementary, Middle and High School—each of which may submit a proposal. Additional exceptions may be made for organizations acting as fiscal sponsors for programs that benefit the community but are not yet officially registered as a 501(c)3 or 501(c)6.
- An organization may submit their own application and an application for a program, acting as a fiscal sponsor, per cycle.
- Grant funds are restricted to supporting the appropriate purposes for which the grant was approved. If an organization is having difficulty spending the funds for the purposes expressed in their grant proposal or in the allotted time frame, the organization needs to notify OICF in writing within six months from the date the grant check was written. OICF will work with the organization to ensure the funds get used appropriately and within a reasonable timeframe. If an alternative plan cannot be agreed upon, the funds need to be returned to the OICF Partners in Philanthropy Fund.
- If OICF becomes aware of possible discriminatory practices, the staff will investigate the matter. If an issue becomes apparent as a result of that investigation, then funds may be withdrawn, either upon a vote of the Board of Trustees or, if time is of the essence, by its Executive Committee.