

**Deschutes County
Board of County Commissioners
Discretionary Grant Program**

Board Meeting Date: September 9, 2015

Organization: Leadership Bend Foundation

Organization Description: Twenty-three year old community program designed to identify, educate, train, and connect willing and committed citizens to leadership roles in the community.

Project Name: Leadership Bend Class of 2016

Project Description: Support activities of the Leadership Bend Class of 2016, including working with local leaders and completing the class project of presenting the Central Oregon Impact Summit.

Project Period: September 2015 through June 2016

Amount of Request: \$1,500

Previous Grants:

8/16/2005	\$	1,650.00	Leadership Bend
8/8/2006	\$	1,500.00	Leadership Bend
7/30/2007	\$	2,000.00	Leadership Bend
1/5/2009	\$	2,000.00	Leadership Bend
6/21/2010	\$	1,500.00	Leadership Bend

Approved: _____

Declined: _____



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**DESCHUTES COUNTY
DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Today's Date: 8-13-15 Project Name: LEADERSHIP BEND CLASS of 2016
Project Beginning Date: SEPT. 2015 Project End Date: JUNE 2016
Amount Requested: \$1500- Date Funds Needed: DEC. 2015 < >
Name of Applicant Organization: LEADERSHIP BEND FOUNDATION
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On a separate sheet(s), please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Describe the applicant organization, including its purpose, leadership structure, and activities.
2. Describe the proposed project or activity.
3. Provide a timeline for completing the proposed project or activity.
4. Explain how the proposed project or activity will positively impact the community.
5. Identify the specific communities or groups that will benefit.
6. Describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any. Itemize anticipated expenditures*.
7. If the grant will support an ongoing activity, explain how it will be funded in the future.

Attach:

Proof of the applicant organization's non-profit status.

* Applicant may be contacted during the review process and asked to provide a complete line item budget.



Leadership Bend Class of 2016 Deschutes County Discretionary Grant Program

1. Describe the applicant organization, including its purpose, leadership structure, and activities.

Leadership Bend is a community program designed to identify, educate, train and connect willing and committed citizens to leadership roles in our community. Now in its twenty-third year, Leadership Bend is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is fully supported from local community resources. It is operated by one staff, the Executive Director, and a volunteer board and steering committee.

Activities in the monthly full-day sessions (Sept.- May) range from truly getting to know local leaders and officials, to learning the composition, issues and opportunities of our region (i.e., economy, education, resources, government, health care, arts, tourism, community justice, history, non-profits, emerging industries, natural resources, etc.). All year, the class works in tandem on their "class project", the Central Oregon Impact Summit (COIS), finalizing its successful completion and outcome just prior to graduation.

Leadership Bend also partners with The City Club of Central Oregon luncheon forums to expose our acknowledged and aspiring leaders to a broad cross-section of matters of regional interest and to connect with other civic-minded leaders on a more informal basis. Forum content helps assist class dialogue and increase discovery as to why leadership is needed, especially in our region. Additionally, executive leadership development coaching is a part of the program as are extensive opportunities for hands-on extra credit.

2. Describe the proposed project or activity.

Throughout the year, participants work together with local leaders to expand awareness and understanding of unique issues and challenges facing our community and region. The graduating class project(s) can range from fundraising for chosen non-profits to providing resources of varying forms that would benefit others, whether that be directly for citizens, the economy, or the community as a whole. The program plans to continue the successful C.O. Impact Summit as its class project.

3. Provide a timeline for completing the proposed project or activity.

September 2015 through May 2016 with the exception of any additional credits or requirements that would be during alternate days/times throughout the nine months. Orientation will be September 14, 2015 and graduation ceremonies will be held after the final session is completed, generally the end of May or early June of 2016. The class project will have been completed by graduation.

4. Explain how the proposed project or activity will impact the community's economic health.

The program brings together community minded individuals ready to assume leadership roles and businesses who believe a healthy community comes from an investment in leadership. Participants are identified from a broad cross section of the community, drawing from acknowledged and aspiring leaders who represent diversity and share a common commitment to action and a bright future. Leadership Bend alumni include a variety of prominent business owners, CEOs, city managers, superintendents, executive directors, elected officials, industry leaders and professionals.

The program is designed to ensure the continuing economic vitality of our community by identifying, educating and inspiring emerging leaders to get involved, pay attention, be informed, make

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decisions, share information and in general become a part of the fabric of this region so that whatever he or she does, no matter how big or small, it makes a difference.

5. Identify the specific communities or groups that will benefit.

Leadership Bend is open to any citizen residing in Deschutes County, including non-chamber members, and provides broad-based perspectives to familiarize participants with the Central Oregon community as a whole including its needs, opportunities, and resources. Thus, the benefactors are the participants, our regional organizations and governments, each surrounding municipality, and our local leaders, who will appreciate the additionally informed and engaged citizens. Also worthy of note, Leadership Bend graduates take an interest in County College as a result of the Leadership Bend programming and go on to participate.

6. Itemize anticipated expenditures. Describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any. If the grant will support an ongoing activity, explain how it will be funded in the future.

A majority of the funds would go to financially assist participants who are in need of scholarship funding. This dollar amount varies from applicant to applicant based on one's own organizational or individual contributions. If agreeable or allowable, a small portion could also go towards commute transportation. To lessen our parking footprint on the already full St. Charles – Bend parking lot, the program utilizes the Bend Trolley each month.

Lastly, should the program be granted funding, Deschutes County and the Deschutes County Discretionary Grant Program will be acknowledged as a "Session Sponsor" with subsequent recognition on the session collaterals. This would be in addition to the required "Acknowledgement of Funding" as outlined in the Funding Guidelines. The matching funds will come through other day-session sponsors and the program will continue to be supported annually through a range of funding varying from key sponsorships, tuition, in-kind contributions and pertinent grants.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

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