



CITY OF ORTING

Grant Policy

Mission Statement: The City of Orting supports the development of services and organizations which bring significant value to its citizens and which serve a public purpose.

Section I. Baseline Criteria for receiving grant funding.

Selected grant recipients may receive direct cash contributions from the City of Orting, pursuant to the following procedures and conditions. Grant funding is defined as direct cash donations to non-profit and/or section 501(c)(3) organizations which bring significant value to the citizens of Orting and which serve a public purpose, and organizations that benefit vulnerable and needy populations are given priority. Grant requests are considered on an annual basis and receiving a grant is not guaranteed year to year. Grant requests are dependent on limited city funds and the council reserves the right to allocate funds as it deems appropriate.

All organizations requesting grant funding must comply with the following eligibility standards:

- A. Organizations must be legally tax exempt as defined by IRS section 501(c) (3), or non-profit status, and shall provide proof of the same to the City upon request.
- B. Pursuant to the terms of Section III herein, Organizations must carry their own insurance, and shall execute an agreement wherein the Organization agrees to use the grant funds for the public purpose identified in the Organization's application materials, and further agrees to indemnify the City and hold the City harmless (*see* Attachment A, hereto).
- C. Organizations must serve the residents within the City of Orting and/or the Orting School District.
- D. When approved, all materials distributed by the Organization as a result of the City's grant must contain the City of Orting logo.

The City will prioritize requests received from groups and activities by those groups that serve seniors, youth, the infirm or disabled and people in need within the City. Certain cohort groups

are assumed to meet these criteria, including groups that serve senior citizens age 65 and older; people with disabilities who qualify for the Pierce County Property Tax exemption/reductions; and food bank recipients.

Section II. Process for seeking Grant:

1. All groups seeking grants from the City of Orting must submit a formal request in writing by August 21st of each calendar year for the following year. The request must include a cover letter specifying the dollar amount sought and how it will be used. The letter must include the following attachments:
 - A. Grant Application;
 - B. Previous year's financial statement;
 - C. Current year's budget documents;
 - D. Signed Contract Agreement
 - E. Proof of non-profit status, including but not limited to 501(c)(3) identification number.
 - F. Proof of liability insurance.
2. Grant seekers must submit one electronic copy and one original copy of their application and a cover letter and any attachments to the City Clerk or designee by August 21st. The copies of these materials will be reviewed by the Community and Government Affairs Committee in September, who will bring their recommendation to the full Council at a study session in September. Those recommendations will be discussed during budget workshops. Members of the public may view the file copy at City Hall during business hours or make a Public Records Request to the City Clerk to obtain a copy.
3. A representative of the group must attend the Community and Government Affairs ("CGA") Committee meeting in order to present the organizations request and answer any questions. The City shall provide the organization notice of the CGA Committee meeting at which the organization's application will be reviewed.
4. The CGA Committee will review applications and make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will make a final determination by Resolution during budget season.
5. Grant recipients shall execute a contract with City in substantially the same form as is depicted at Exhibit A hereto. The contract shall be executed prior to the receipt of grant funds.
6. Grant recipients shall report regarding the organization's use of the grant funds to the City Council in the manner set in the aforementioned contract and by the date set therein.

Failure to report shall compromise the grant recipient’s ability to receive future grant funding.

Section III. Funding Levels.

The intent of the Council with setting funding thresholds is to encourage organizations to fundraise. The City does not typically want to be a long-term major grantor of any particular organization, and believes that fundraising is the primary purpose of a non-profit board. All current grant recipients will be reset to year one of the table below. The following table lays out the Council’s intended funding structure.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Maximum Percent of Recipient’s Prior Year’s Revenue, or Maximum Funding Amount</u>
1 st	At Council’s Discretion or \$10,000
2 nd	20% or \$8,000
3 rd	15% or \$6,000
4 th	10% or \$4,000
5 th	5% or \$2,000
6+	No more than 5% of recipient’s prior year’s revenue or \$2,000

Section IV. Grants of Facilities

Grant requests may request in their application use of a city facility without cost for a purpose that is the same as the stated mission of the grantor’s organization. Fundraising at City facilities is not permitted unless the grantee has paid a rental fee for the city facility.

Section V. Insurance & Indemnity Requirements for City Grant.

All organizations selected to receive a grant pursuant to this policy shall execute an agreement with the City prior to the dispersal of funds, and said agreement shall include (but is not limited to) the following requirements pertaining to indemnification and insurance:

1. Indemnification / Hold Harmless

User shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Orting, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities for injury or death of any person, or for loss or damage to property, which arises out of the use of Premises or from any activity, work or thing done, permitted, or suffered by User in or about the Premises, except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the City of Orting.

2. Insurance

A. Insurance Term

The User shall procure and maintain for the duration of the use or rental period insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the use of the facilities and the activities of the User and his or her guests, representatives, volunteers and employees.

B. No Limitation

User's maintenance of insurance as required by the agreement shall not be construed to limit the liability of the User to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the City of Orting's recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

C. Required Insurance

User's required insurance shall be as follows:

General Liability insurance shall be at least as broad as Insurance Services Office (ISO) occurrence form CG 00 01 covering premises, operations, products-completed operations and contractual liability. The City of Orting shall be named as an additional insured on User's General Liability insurance policy using ISO Additional Insured-Managers or Lessors of Premises Form CG 20 11 or an endorsement providing at least as broad coverage. The General Liability insurance shall be written with limits no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$1,000,000 general aggregate.

The insurance policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain that the User's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respect the City of Orting. Any insurance, self-insurance, or self-insured pool coverage maintained by the City of Orting shall be excess of the User's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

D. City of Orting Full Availability of User Limits

If the User maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, the City of Orting shall be insured for the full available limits of Commercial General and Excess or Umbrella liability maintained by the User, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the User are greater than those required by this contract or whether any certificate of

insurance furnished to the City of Orting evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by the User.

E. Certificate of Insurance and Acceptability of Insurers

The User shall provide a certificate of insurance evidencing the required insurance before using the Premises.

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best rating of not less than A: VII.