



Catalyst Fund Frequently Asked Questions FY 2017 - 2018

If I have a contact at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette can I submit a request directly to that staff member?

No, please submit your request through our online submission form only. Here is the link: <http://www.unitedway-pdx.org/catalyst-fund-grant-opportunities>

Can I submit additional materials with my request?

No, please only answer the application questions provided.

How many projects may I submit requests for?

Only one submission per organization per project will be reviewed during the fiscal year (July 2016-June 2017). If you have more than one project you wish to submit for please only submit the one you feel is the best aligned with this fund.

Once I have submitted, how long will it take for my request to be reviewed?

There are two award cycles this fiscal year. Internal review of requests will take place the month after the submission period has ended with awards disbursed the month following review. For example, if you submit your request in December, it will be reviewed in January and, if accepted, will be awarded in February. If your request was not successful you may not apply again until the next fiscal year.

- **Note:** In rare cases, the Internal Review Committee may select to roll an application over to a subsequent review month (For example, an application submitted for review in December may be rolled over for review in May).

Submission Period	Internal Review	Awards Disbursed	Reporting Deadline
Oct. 1 st - Nov. 16 th 2017	Dec. 2017	Jan. 2018	July 31 st 2018
Mar. 1 st - Apr 16 th 2018	May 2018	June 2018	Dec. 31 st 2018

Is there a time of the year when it is more advantageous to submit a request?

Please consider the following:

- The total fund (\$50,000) will be disbursed equally over the course of the year, with an estimated maximum of \$25,000 being awarded each review cycle.
- We urge you to consider which of the two review periods will best align with the scope of your project when you decide to apply. For example, if the proposed project/effort takes place in the winter, it may be better to apply in during the first cycle submission period (i.e. Oct 1st - Nov 16th 2017).



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How do we define an improvement to a system or in network capacity?

Awards will be made for projects/efforts which seek to positively impact their community by advancing racial equity through at least one of the following:

- Supporting individual and/or systemic advocacy
- Improving networks' /systems' effectiveness in supporting communities
- Supporting opportunities for knowledge building

Are there some examples of previous Catalyst Fund projects/efforts?

HINT/Todos Juntos - Middle School Hispanic Youth Leadership Program

Latino youth are rarely offered the opportunity to learn of their own cultural background. The Hispanic Leadership pilot project, highlighting Cesar E. Chavez, will allow Latino youth to study the life, work, and philosophy of Cesar Chavez. The pilot project will incorporate curriculum components developed by the California Department of Education and activities will include Service Learning, as a way of giving back to the community, a main component in the teachings of Cesar Chavez. [Learn more about HINT](#)

Friends of the Oregon Commission for Women - Oregon Report on Status of Women and Girls

Women's health and economic security are essential to ending the cycle of childhood poverty. Yet in our state, women face compounding barriers to health and economic security, which negatively impact outcomes for their children, and by extension, the community as a whole. Publishing this report is the first critical step toward ensuring equality of opportunity and the equitable distribution of resources for women and children in Oregon. [Learn more about Friends of the Oregon Commission for Women](#)

Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington - Community Health Worker Neighborhood Project

The Healthy Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington will train community members in the seven core Community Health Worker roles: (1) create more effective linkages between communities and systems, (2) provide health education and information, (3) assist and advocate for underserved individuals to receive appropriate services, (4) provide informal counseling, (5) address basic needs, (6) build community capacity to address health issues and (7) assure people get the services they need. The Community Health Workers will work across sectors to address health priorities, model health, support individuals in taking ownership of their own wellness, and advocate to systems and organizations that work with populations within the project site for more culturally appropriate care and support. They will also become a conduit for reporting to the 42 Healthy Living Collaborative partners about how to best modify the policies and system that will positively impact the most vulnerable populations. [Learn more about the Healthy Living Collaborative of SW Washington](#)

Beaverton Education Foundation - GOAL/GOL! Program

Amount Awarded: \$4940.00

Serves: Low-income and students of color

This program will engage youth across the district, targeting a group of middle schools and their elementary and high school feeder schools. The priority is educational equity for students of color and low income through participation in a multicultural soccer program, including after school clubs, middle school tournaments, community events, and enrichment activities linked to academic growth and successful school transitions. The goal is to increase the educational impact of their After-School Soccer Club (and associated Tournaments) for the +200 students who participate. [Learn more about Beaverton Education Foundation](#)