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Klamath County COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant - Submission #1217

Date Submitted: 7/24/2020

I have read the Grant Guidelines Posted on Klamath County's Website

Yes/No*

Yes ▼

Grant Cycle*

COVID-19 Emergency Response ▼

Entity Name*

Klamath County Fairgrounds/Event Center

Amount Requested*

\$25,000

Max to request is \$25,000

For-Profit/Non-Profit*

Non-Profit ▼

Entity Federal Tax ID Number

93-6002301

DO NOT enter SSN.

Address*

3531 S. 6th Street

City*

Klamath Falls

State*

OR

Zip Code*

97603

Project Title*

Klamath County Event Center COVID-19 Annual Budget Support

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Project(250 words or less)*

Funds will be utilized to offset the loss of revenue due to cancellation of rentals at the Klamath County Event Center, the substantial loss of transient room tax allocation dollars, and the potential loss of the State Lottery funds annually allocated for Oregon County Fairs.

The instances above are a direct result of COVID-19 and Governor Brown's Executive Orders.

Please describe your project and how you will utilize the grant funding

Need of Funds(250 words or less)*

The Klamath County Event Center's mission revolves around the entire Klamath Basin. Persons of all ages use the facilities that we offer for all types of community and livestock events.

Beginning in early March, as a result of Governor Brown's Executive Orders in response to COVID-19, the Klamath County Event Center, along with its rental event coordinators, began cancelling/postponing events. These cancellations caused a monumental and catastrophic drop in revenue normally generated by events scheduled at the Event Center for the spring, summer and fall of 2020.

It should be noted that the Klamath County Event Center does not pull from the Klamath County General Fund; however, due to the Pandemic, we were forced to obtain a Klamath County Loan to support the 2020/21 Budget shortfall. The facility is sole supporting through three funding streams ~ rentals, a portion of the Transient Room Tax, and a small portion of the State Lottery funds. Since March, the facilities have been virtually closed with little or no income from normal rental events, and the annual Klamath County Fair has been cancelled. This has resulted in a budgetary deficit of over \$250,000.

Employee layoffs are also eminent beginning in the fall if the pandemic continues. Because the Fair Board is statutorily mandated to remain fiscally responsible during this time, the award of this grant would provide some relief to the budget constraints following these event closures.

Please explain the need of funds in detail. Please be sure to highlight one of the listed requirements (Generating Lodging Tax Revenues, Preserving Business, Protecting Jobs)

Long-Term(250 words or less)*

This grant would provide support to the annual budget for the Event Center by off-setting lost revenue and possible loss of jobs for experienced Event Center employees for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021. The grant would also be monumental in ensuring the future for the Klamath County Event Center and County Fair. Without budget security, these facilities will cease to be in existence. No rental facilities, no economic support for the community, no local County Fair.

- Our local County fair is deeply rooted in the Klamath Basin's heritage and history. We provide educational activities to help today's consumer understand the importance of farming and the source of the food on their plate. While enjoying these high-minded pursuits, fair visitors are also able to see, hear, touch, smell and taste the richness and variety of what this Basin has to offer.
- Our annual rental events and partners bring entertainment and economic support as well ~ local hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, and gasoline stations (to name a few) all realize economic support from the people who attend their favorite events; ranging from the annual bull sale, dog shows, dinners, and auctions, to fundraising events such as the Cody Sipes Memorial MX Races. These events will cease to exist without the Klamath County Event Center.

What are the long term implications of receiving grant funds.

Measurable(250 words or less)*

The additional funds offered through this grant will be pivotal in helping to maintain our annual budget and reduce experienced employee loss for the Event Center. Specifically, the Klamath County Event Center's revenue and profit margin will be supported with the award of this grant until the COVID-19 Pandemic is averted. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, scheduled events through the year, along with attendance numbers can once again be generated and increased as we move forward in the fiscal year and into the future.

Please explain how you plan to measure the success of your project in both the short term and the long term

Impact(250 words or less)

The Klamath County Event Center/Fairgrounds has become a jewel for the Klamath Basin. The Event Center hosts over 435 events annually with many of the County's premiere events being held here. The facility provides entertainment to Klamath Basin residents and visitors from all over the country. The Event Center/Fairgrounds does not pull funding from the Klamath County General Fund but relies solely on rental income, transient room tax funding, and a small stipend from the Oregon State Lottery Fund. The Fair Board is statutorily required to maintain financial solvency. The reward of this grant would provide an opportunity to continue supporting and maintaining the facilities at the Event Center for . . .

- Continuation of event facility rental opportunities which support our local economy ~ through local hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, and gasoline stations (to name a few)
- Youth educational opportunities through 4-H and FFA
- Provide continuity and of jobs and experienced employees at the Event Center
- Continuation of the historical annual Klamath County Fair

In what ways does this project address a need in the tourism industry and show potential to generate more/additional Lodging Tax Revenues

Required Supporting Documents*

No file chosen

Proof of Federal Tax ID (if one is issued, do NOT upload docs for SSN)Entity's W-9 form (omit SSN)***Grant Budget***Insurance Documentation***You MUST upload all documents in one (1) pdf document.

Insurance Requirements

Insurance Accord 25-S with County required minimums, Klamath County as additional insured, additional insured endorsement, proof of workers comp and auto coverage (if needed). If no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfillment, a document on letterhead stating no employees or autos will be used for grant fulfillment must be submitted.

Electronic Signature Agreement*

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

Electronic Signature*

Derrick J. Rowley

Date/Time*

7/24/2020

5:00 PM

Klamath County Event Center COVID-19 Annual Budget Support

INCOME

	BUDGET		Actual	
	Cash	In-Kind	Cash	In-Kind
<i>Klamath County COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant</i>	\$25,000.00			
OTHER INCOME				
SUB TOTAL INCOME	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$25,000.00		\$0.00	

EXPENSES

LINE ITEM		BUDGET		Actual	
		Cash	In-Kind	Cash	In-Kind
	5040-5030-5031-5000-50000				
1	Personnel Services	\$25,000.00			
2					
3					
4					
	SUB TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,000.00		\$0.00	

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