



CommuniCare

2020-2021

Grant Application Procedure

CommuniCare student groups will be evaluating multiple nonprofits and may not be able to provide the funds requested by every nonprofit that applies.

Standard CommuniCare Timeline: Nonprofits being considered will be contacted by students between February and March to arrange a visit to your facility or to schedule an interview with your organization that will take place at their school or through a video call. Students will make their final decisions by Friday, April 23, 2021 and will notify you of their decision by mail/email shortly thereafter. Selected grantees are required to attend the annual CommuniCare Grant Awards Ceremony in May.

PLEASE NOTE: Some CommuniCare groups are operating on adjusted timelines (quarter or semester cycles) this year. If you are invited to apply by one of these groups and have questions about their interview and final decisions timeline or Grant Awards Ceremony details (*if applicable*), please contact the group or email Kristen Engfors-Boess, CommuniCare Program Manager, at kristen@schnitzercare.org.

Thank you for all you do to make a difference within our community.

To be considered for a CommuniCare grant, your application must contain:

1. A cover letter that includes:

- a. A brief statement of the organization's mission and history
- b. A brief list of accomplishments your nonprofit has achieved and a description of how your staff/volunteers contribute to your mission
- c. A description of your project/program needs or a description of your general operating support needs
- d. A brief description of the outcomes you expect from this project/program/service and who it serves (identify age, geographic area, number of people and any other pertinent demographic information)
- e. A dollar amount requested
- f. Maximum length is 750 words and three images

2. A completed *Application Form* (see the following pages)

3. A 501(c)(3) IRS determination letter verifying the tax-exempt status of the organization

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2020

Questions? Contact Kristen Engfors-Boess, *The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation*
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2020-2021 STUDENT MISSION STATEMENTS

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Please read the mission statements below and select any/all that align with your organization's work.

- MISSION STATEMENT 1:** We, the CommuniCare students at Astoria High School, will be granting money to organizations that provide mental health, homeless, and/or domestic and sexual abuse services within our **Clatsop County community**. It is our belief that we should support those within our community who suffer from these issues through community service and the grantmaking process. Our focus will be organizations that strive to help those who struggle with these issues, no matter the level of the individual struggle. By implementing projects that address our concerns, we would like to see a positive change in the overall morale of Clatsop County. Additionally, we will focus on community-based projects which can be completed remotely, so that the Astoria High School CommuniCare group can give back in more ways than financially.
- MISSION STATEMENT 2:** Catlin Gabel CommuniCare's mission is to support and improve the mental health condition of the **Portland Metro Area's** homeless population. We know that people experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable to stress, anxiety, and addiction, and do not always have the resources they need. Through partnering with nonprofits focusing on Portland's mental health crisis within the homeless community, we aim to supply education, mental health facilities, and therapy for those struggling with their mental health.
- MISSION STATEMENT 3:** The Central Catholic Youth Advocate Team will fight for youth that have been marginalized in the **State of Oregon**. As a community, Central Catholic will focus on providing financial support for medical care and educational opportunities for all children. We will pay particular attention to support for the BIPOC community and will seek out opportunities to provide access to food, nutritional guidance, and mental health services.
- MISSION STATEMENT 4:** The Central Catholic Justice League would like to focus on youth support in the **Portland Metro Area**. We will be donating our funds to organizations that provide resources to youth who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction, as well as limited access to resources for mental health. We believe drug and alcohol addiction and mental health impacts academic achievement, educational inequities, and plays a role in the cycle of poverty - specifically for BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and foster youth. We want to break the stigma surrounding mental health and prevent drug and alcohol addiction.
- MISSION STATEMENT 5:** The students at Cleveland High School have chosen to focus on providing access to healthcare and mental health services for marginalized communities, specifically people of color and the LGBTQ+ community. We chose this focus because COVID-19 has shown that marginalized communities have unequal access to healthcare, and it has also highlighted the need for better mental health support. We want our funds to help the **Portland Metro Area** and through our grants, we hope to see more mental health support for marginalized communities and wider access to healthcare for those same communities.

- MISSION STATEMENT 6:** The SWORD group at Corbett High School (Students Wiping Out Racial Discrimination) has chosen to support the fight for racial justice across the **State of Oregon**. We will focus on organizations that promote equality, anti-racism, and support for people for people of color. We believe equal representation and opportunity is paramount in the fight to end racism. We are looking to fund organizations that support anti-racism advocacy and provide opportunities for people of color in education, leadership roles, and positions of power.

- MISSION STATEMENT 7:** The CommuniCare Club at Corbett High School will be granting money to organizations that provide legal aid, among other forms of assistance, to families and individuals in the **Portland Metro Area** who are homeless or who are at risk of losing their home due to COVID-19. We would like to help as many people possible, but ask to prioritize those in low-income households. We chose this service area because tenant struggles have been brought to light by this pandemic and we would like to mitigate at least one effect of COVID-19.

- MISSION STATEMENT 8:** We believe that everyone deserves to be safe, to be respected, and to have their basic needs met. That is why the Creekside Community High School CommuniCare Team will be funding organizations that provide mental health support for children and young adults within the **Portland Metro Area** who have experienced homelessness or sexual/domestic violence. We want to see organizations increase the number of children and young adults served, while also spending more time with each person. We believe in kindness in the community we live in. We want to see these changes made and to invest in nonprofits who stick to their word and really help people.

- MISSION STATEMENT 9:** The CommuniCare students at David Douglas High School will be granting money to organizations providing medical care specifically around sexual assault and domestic violence cases in **Multnomah County**. We believe families in our community are suffering more so during the COVID pandemic and could benefit from local support and resources. We will focus on organizations that support survivors by providing counseling, medical care, and resources. We would like to see families in our community who are affected by sexual assault and domestic violence get the help and support they need. We want them to know there are direct resources available to them within our community.

- MISSION STATEMENT 10:** The CommuniCare students at Glencoe High School will be granting money to organizations that provide support, awareness, and education for mental health and addiction among high school youth in the **Portland Metro Area**. Mental health challenges and addiction have taken our community by storm, and the programs that focus on treatment for these issues are underrepresented and underfunded. These challenges can lead to other issues, such as homelessness, and by attacking the source of many problems, we hope our support will also help reduce other community issues over time. We believe mental health and addiction needs to be a more predominant focus of our community, and that educating and providing programs, resources, and treatment for our youth is the most effective way to support these issues.

- MISSION STATEMENT 11:** The CommuniCare Club of Grant High School aims to invest in organizations working toward criminal justice reform in **Oregon**. We will prioritize groups addressing the school to prison pipeline, advocating for the wrongfully incarcerated, and mitigating the impacts of COVID on prison and migrant detainee populations. In doing so, we hope to humanize and restore dignity to people of color who are disproportionately affected by systemic racism in our schools, society, and prison system.

- MISSION STATEMENT 12:** We, the Students of La Salle Catholic College Preparatory High School, will be granting money to organizations that support single mothers throughout the **State of Oregon**. We believe financial stability, health of women, and equal access to education are key to reversing disproportionate poverty among single mothers. We are hoping to support organizations who provide educational opportunities, career training, and economics, as well as fight for legislation that will support single mothers. We hope to learn more about the negative stigmas surrounding single motherhood so that we can become advocates for change and normalize one-parent households for the betterment of their children.

- MISSION STATEMENT 13:** The CommuniCare students at Lakeridge High School will be granting money to organizations who provide necessary and inclusive mental health resources for young adults across the **State of Oregon**. We believe mental health issues among our generation have seen a drastic increase due to lack of human interaction caused by COVID-19 and an increase in time spent online. We would like to increase accessibility for young adults in **rural areas** and for those experiencing homelessness, who do not have the same resources and outlets as affluent parts of Oregon. We hope our efforts will help decrease suicide rates among young adults, add more mental health facilities for those who need it, and destigmatize mental health across the state.

- MISSION STATEMENT 14:** The Marketing Class at Lincoln High School will award our grants to organizations that reduce the impact of global climate change. We believe that climate change is an incredibly important issue for present and future generations. Choices today will affect billions of humans and animals through carbon emissions and temperature increases. We will focus on organizations that can have a large positive impact on climate change, whether it be from spreading awareness about climate change, creating or researching clean energy alternatives, passing legislation to lower the use of fossil fuels, or more. We would like to see a decrease in climate change causing behaviors, such as fossil fuel power plants and fossil fuel transportation, as well as an increase in clean energy usage.

- MISSION STATEMENT 15:** The CommuniCare students in the 3rd and 7th period Freshman Leadership & Inquiry classes (FLI) at Lincoln High School have combined forces and will be granting money to organizations that support the unhoused population in the **Portland Metro Area**. There are currently approximately 3,800 people without homes living in Portland, OR. Some reports list the number to be 10 times that amount. We believe that now, especially with the ongoing pandemic, we need to support those impacted by houselessness the most. We want the approach to be as sustainable and long term as possible. We are specifically concerned about transportation, resources, and housing. We would like to see a significant increase in the ability for these organizations to provide the resources and materials needed, making them sustainable and eco-friendly.

- MISSION STATEMENT 16:** The CommuniCare FLI 8th period students at Lincoln High School will be granting money to organizations that support access to food, water, and utilities for those in need in the **Portland Metro Area**. The rate of food insecurity (people without access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food) in Oregon is 14.6%. About 553,000 Oregonians are food insecure, of those 194,000 are children. We believe that by giving people the basic supplies they need, they will be given the chance to focus on other things like housing and taking care of their families and pets. This counts for those who have a home, but may be too financially unstable to afford items like food and warm clothes. This support is especially important in a time where many people are financially unstable due to COVID. Along with the unemployment rate skyrocketing, many people who work a minimum wage job for a living may not be able to afford the food and supplies they need to live. We will focus on nonprofit organizations who provide basic necessities for people in the community.

- MISSION STATEMENT 17:** In our country, Black and Brown people are disproportionately and unjustly incarcerated and targeted by our policing and criminal justice systems. The repercussions further the oppression of communities of color. Formerly and currently incarcerated people are more likely to be deprived of human rights, such as access to housing, mental health services, the right to vote, and job security. The Madison High School Peace and Justice Club is looking to give funds to **Portland**-wide direct service organizations that take a holistic approach to providing support for and protecting the dignity of Black and Brown communities.

- MISSION STATEMENT 18:** The grantmakers of Nixyáawii Community School are deeply concerned about realizing justice for people of color and people in the LGBTQIA+ community who have experienced discrimination for far too long. We are devoted to supporting nonprofits who work to fix employment and education discrimination, and who provide support to the survivors of domestic violence. Our intention is to focus on our local region of **Umatilla, Union, and Morrow counties and we will prioritize our efforts here** - though we will also **consider applications from across the State of Oregon**. We believe all people should live in a world of equality and prosperity. No one should have to hide their scars, their skin color, or their love for someone.

- MISSION STATEMENT 19:** The CommuniCare Group 1 at Northwest Academy will focus on mental health and addiction treatment for houseless youth in the **Portland Metro Area**. We believe mental health services are an important part of community support, but are often inaccessible. We want to focus on helping organizations that provide rehabilitation services to at-risk youth. It is our goal to prioritize accessible mental health care and provide pathways to rehabilitation.

- MISSION STATEMENT 20:** Students of Northwest Academy Group 2 acknowledge the increasing number of Portland citizens moved to the streets due to many factors, including human-made climate change. We believe in a future where organizations strive to provide housing and professional opportunities to the houseless community while also minimizing environmental impact. We have chosen to support efforts that aid the **Portland Metro Area** houseless community by promoting environmental justice. Our mission is to focus on groups that support the houseless community while being environmentally conscious.

- MISSION STATEMENT 21:** The CommuniCare students at Open School East will be granting money to organizations providing mental health and counseling services, especially in the areas of addiction or domestic violence and abuse in **Multnomah County**. We believe there is a sense of urgency right now because there has been a rise in mental health needs and domestic violence during the COVID quarantine. We will focus on organizations who help youth, immigrant populations, and current or formerly incarcerated individuals with mental health services and issues of domestic abuse. This is especially important today because there is a misconception in communities of color, immigrant populations, and teens that counseling is “for crazy people.” We hope to see a decrease in suicide and domestic violence in our area.

- MISSION STATEMENT 22:** The CommuniCare students at Pendleton High School will be granting money to organizations that believe in accessible medical and mental health care, services for refugees and immigrants, and addiction support in rural areas, focusing on **Umatilla County**. With the COVID-19 pandemic, it has come to light that these service areas require increased support from the community. We will focus on organizations that have initiated programs promoting the welfare of others and those who have operated, or are beginning to operate, in sparking change for those affected by adversity and discrimination, helping them overcome socioeconomic struggles, and assisting individuals through programs aiming toward destigmatizing the topic of mental health. We would like to see a positive impact in our community - one which prioritizes the health, wellness, and inclusivity of its members and makes it easier for individuals to access these programs. Through these efforts, we hope to create a more united and healthy community.

- MISSION STATEMENT 23:** The CommuniCare students in the Roosevelt High School Theatre Department will be granting money to organizations in **North Portland**. We believe there should be more accessible opportunities for youth of all demographics to engage in the arts. We will focus on organizations in North Portland impacted by the pandemic that strive to create spaces for the advancement of youth in our community and uplift their voices with a focus on social and racial justice. We would like to see more students in our community feel safe and empowered to express themselves.

- MISSION STATEMENT 24:** The CommuniCare Green Chapter at St. Mary’s Academy will be granting money to organizations providing COVID-19 relief to Indigenous communities, immigrants, and refugees in **Oregon**. We believe these communities are being disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and are largely excluded from support and relief. We want to grant funds to organizations assisting these communities with housing (through affordable housing and rent-relief) and necessities (including clothing, food, water, etc.). It is incredibly important to our chapter that everyone has access to basic needs and that we approach COVID-19 through an equitable and racially just lens. By doing this, we hope to support Oregonians particularly impacted by COVID-19 who have been largely ignored by government relief programs. We hope we can ensure food, housing, and financial security for communities across Oregon. In striving to provide at least 100 Oregon families with material resources, we acknowledge the importance of communal support and solidarity, particularly during these unprecedented times.

- MISSION STATEMENT 25:** As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, record-setting wildfires, and other recent disasters, millions of individuals have faced severe economic burdens in recent months. Recognizing these hardships, the Pink Chapter of CommuniCare at St. Mary's Academy will be granting money to organizations offering services and resources to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities facing houselessness across **Oregon**. As we recognize BIPOC communities are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and other disasters, we emphasize the importance of inclusivity in offering aid, especially within the LGBTQ+ and disabled communities. Nonprofits must acknowledge and center their services around the BIPOC community, the LGBTQ+ community, or disabled people to be awarded a grant. In our awareness that a portion of the hardships for these communities derives from environmental disasters, it is extremely important to us that nonprofits are environmentally conscious and actively working to positively affect the environment. We look forward to working with nonprofits that help provide relief and security for the members of our community experiencing houselessness and housing insecurity.

- MISSION STATEMENT 26:** The CommuniCare Club at Tualatin High School will be granting money to organizations aiming to support families who are currently experiencing homelessness by providing shelter and affordable housing in the **Greater Portland Metro Area**. We believe every family deserves a stable home, particularly amid national crises including the pandemic and recent West Coast wildfires. Oregon is ranked fourth in the U.S. for its homeless population, which reached almost 16,000 in 2019 - 1,147 of which are family households. For every 100,000 residents, Oregon has roughly 350 who are homeless. A 2019 study also found Oregon's homeless rate has risen by approximately 14% since 2014 (Security.org). We believe the homeless population is not getting the aid and resources they need. We would like to support organizations fighting to provide safe and secure homes, necessary resources, and eliminating obstacles for the rising homeless population in our communities - offering them a second chance at a brighter future.

- MISSION STATEMENT 27:** The student leaders of Warrenton High School CommuniCare have chosen to focus on three areas of service to receive our grant funds: child welfare resources, homeless services, and addiction support. As students, these are the areas we see our community suffering from and needing our support and attention. It is our desire to improve our **Warrenton community** through our use of CommuniCare funds and by educating ourselves about how we can impact our residents.

- MISSION STATEMENT 28:** As the Warrenton High School Student Athlete Advisory Council, our mission is to support and provide our youth, especially those who need it the most, with the ability to participate and engage in extracurricular activities during their adolescent years. Their involvement with extracurricular activities will help them refrain from the use of drugs and alcohol to reach their full potential as engaged, responsible, and successful students and citizens. We will grant our funds to organizations who make these opportunities available in the **Warrenton community and surrounding areas**.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Organization: _____

Organization's Mailing Address: _____

Organization's Website: _____

Organization Representative: _____

Representative's Title: _____

Representative's Pronouns: _____

Representative's Phone Number: _____

Representative's Email Address: _____

Were you invited to apply by a school? Yes No

If so, which school: _____

APPLICANT ORGANIZATION

Year incorporated: _____ Federal tax identification number: _____

Is the name of the organization as stated the same as it appears on the IRS letter of determination?

Yes: ___ No: ___ If not, please explain: _____

Name of fiscal sponsor, if applicable: _____

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Number of full-time staff: _____ Number of part-time staff: _____

Number of volunteers: _____ Number of board members: _____

Explanation (optional):

Geographic area(s) served: _____



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FUNDING QUESTIONS

Amount requested: \$ _____

If we divide the money among applicants, will you be able to use any amount - even if it is not all of your request? Yes: _____ No: _____

Type of funds requested: Operating Support _____ Program Support _____

If requesting funds for a specific program, please include the name of the program:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total operating budget for fiscal year: _____

Total operating budget for project/program (if requesting funds for a specific program): _____

Total income for most recent fiscal year: _____

Total expenses for most recent fiscal year: _____

Explanation (optional):

Sources of income: Earned Income (tuition/ticket sales/fees): _____% Individual Donations: _____%

Special Events: _____% Corporate/Foundation Grants: _____% Government Grants: _____%

Explanation (optional):

Certification: I hereby certify that the information included in this application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that this organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, marital status, age, disability, gender, or sexual orientation. I understand that if my organization receives a grant, a representative from my organization must attend the Awards Ceremony to receive the grant.

Signature of authorized agency official: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____