

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024 Industry organization grant program

Overview

The Oregon Wine Board will accept written requests from Oregon-based wine industry not-for-profits (NFPs) until June 30, 2024 for grants of up to \$2,000. Each NFP may apply once per fiscal year.

Eligibility

Funding requests must be presented in writing from a Steering Committee or a Board of Directors representing an Oregon wine industry NFP recognized in IRS tax code as tax-exempt. Grants are not made to individuals or for-profit businesses. Amounts in excess of \$500 require Wine Board approval in a public Board meeting. Requests are required a month in advance of the next posted OWB <u>Board meeting</u>.

Intended uses of grant funding

The grants are designed to assist in funding activities that support each NFP's unique mission. Funds can be used for purposes approved by each NFP's Board including professional grant writing assistance, reimbursements for expenses incurred by visiting members of the media or academics engaged on a project of importance to the NFP. Grant money can also be directed towards other activities as requested by an NFP's Board insofar as such activities are consistent with the Oregon Wine Board's emphasis on Research, Education, Media Relations and Marketing programs.

Awards require some level of hard dollar investment by the requesting organization. A dollar-for-dollar match is not required, but written requests should detail the funds to be made available by a requesting organization.

Request submission process

The Oregon Wine Board has designed a form for NFP Boards to provide the information required to process their requests. Each submission is to include the following:

- The precise amount being requested up to \$2,000;
- The signature of the Board's Chair or an acknowledgment that the request is from a Board officer on behalf of the NFP;
- Confirmation of the NFP's tax-exempt status, such as a tax ID number or any other identifier from founding documents establishing it as a tax-exempt 501(c) sub-classification;
- A description, with relevant detail, of the project(s) the money will be used for;
- The dollar contribution being made from a requesting organization's own funds or other sources;
- A date by which the NFP agrees to report back in writing to OWB on how the funding was invested.

Amount

A maximum of \$2,000 per NFP will be awarded between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 upon approval by the Oregon Wine Board.

Other information

While funds are intended to be used during the year in which they are awarded, there will be no penalty for carrying them over into the subsequent year if a project is delayed.

The Oregon Wine Board reserves the right to amend or terminate this grant program at any time, however any funds awarded but not spent will remain with the organization to which they were dispensed and are to be used for the project, or one similar to that, described in the request.

Recipient NFPs will be listed in OWB's Annual Report along with a summary of their project description.