

Revised Grant Guidelines as of September 2010

Grant Application Deadlines: March 1 and September 1

Letter from the President of the Gordon Elwood Foundation:

As a small but highly engaged foundation in southern Oregon, the Gordon Elwood Foundation continuously evaluates what we can do to support the critical safety net of social services that are needed in our region, while catalyzing and stabilizing a wide array of community service innovations that are a hallmark of our communities.

Despite the challenging economic climate that has decreased our foundation's ability to fund the growing number of worthy grant proposals, our commitment to investing in southern Oregon's youth, individuals, families and communities remains strong. For most foundations the extreme market downturn of 2008 has its greatest effect in the 2009 through 2011 fiscal years. For the Elwood Foundation this reality is significantly impacting our grant application cycle and process. At least through 2011, we anticipate being able to fund significantly less proposals than we did prior to 2008.

It is with our non-profit community's limited resources in mind that the Elwood Foundation will review a very limited number of proposals. The Foundation's Grants Committee will only review grant applications for non-profit organizations that have **discussed their grant proposal idea before the September 1st or March 1st deadline** with Kathy Bryon, Executive Director. We are very interested in keeping abreast of service delivery needs and innovations, while not wasting the valuable time of non-profit staff and volunteers.

The preferred timeframe to call Kathy is three weeks to two months prior to the grant application deadline. (During the 2011 summer period, the best time to call would be BEFORE June 17 and AFTER July 25th. If you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss your grant application, please call Kathy at 541-282-0643 or e-mail her at Kathy@GordonElwoodFoundation.org. Last-minute telephone calls for pre-application guidance are strongly discouraged.

A small handful of proposals will be invited to apply for grant funding Kathy's conversation and assessment regarding the proposal concept. Grant applications received on or before a grant application deadline from organizations who have not been invited to apply for funding will not be considered.

For more information or to discuss a grant proposal, please call Kathy at 541-282-0643.

Very sincerely yours,

Mike Heverly
President, Board of Directors
Gordon Elwood Foundation