



WHO WE ARE

The Discuren Foundation believes that a just, equitable society provides all young people with a high-quality education both within and beyond the classroom. We support opportunities through which students in Washington state achieve their full potential and thrive in school, career, and life.

The primary objective of Discuren’s grantmaking is school success for marginalized youth. Because a strong education is key to fostering racial equity and access to opportunity across our society, we invest in organizations that help students of color, low-income youth, and those living in isolated rural communities stay connected to school and prepared to succeed in college and career.

OUR PRIORITIES

While the specific impact sought, and the strategies used to attain it, should be determined by potential grantees and their community partners, Discuren typically funds organizations and projects that address one or more of these focus areas in the context of school-success:

- Kindergarten readiness
- Academic growth in core subject areas (reading, writing, math, science)
- Social-emotional development
- Attachment to school (reflected in such indicators as attendance, disciplinary referrals, and school culture)
- Career and college readiness

In 2021-22 Discuren Foundation will prioritize: 1) organizations whose programs and leadership serve and are based in BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) communities, and 2) organizations that support rural students, schools, and communities.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND 2021 DEADLINES

The Discuren Foundation administers four grant cycles per year. Grants are awarded for project-specific or general operating support, depending on the needs of the organization. Before submitting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI), please contact Caroline Maillard, Discuren Foundation Executive Director, to determine if your organization or project aligns with Discuren’s priorities.

Current Discuren grantees seeking renewal-funding do NOT need to submit an LOI. Instead, we ask that you contact us early in the quarterly process to confirm eligibility and intent to reapply.

	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Letters of Inquiry (LOI) Due	3/5/21	6/4/21	9/3/21
Invitations to Submit Proposals Issued	3/12/21	6/11/21	9/10/21
Proposals Due	4/16/21	7/16/21	10/22/21
Board Meeting/Decision	6/4/21	8/20/21	12/3/21

ELIGIBILITY

Tax-exempt organizations that work to advance Discuren priorities on behalf of Washington state children and youth are eligible for consideration. Grants shall be made only to organizations which are “public charities” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“Code”) Section 509(a) subsections (1), (2), and (3), or to public school districts, colleges and universities.

Grants will not be awarded to or for:

- individuals or private foundations
- private independent K-12 schools
- programs that promote religious doctrine. Faith-based organizations must provide services to all clients regardless of denomination and without expectation of clients’ participation in religious activities.

Grants shall be made only for charitable purposes specified in Code Section 170(c)(2)(B). No grants shall be made to any organization for which Discuren would be obligated to exercise expenditure responsibility pursuant to Code Sections 4945(h).

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