



**M.J. Murdock**  
CHARITABLE TRUST

## The Trust is a Community

We build relationships for the common good. We dig in deep, shoulder to shoulder, helping nonprofits sharpen their approach and sustain their mission. Because when a powerful idea fulfills its promise, lives are changed, communities thrive and our entire region prospers.



The Trust helps support community-focused organizations at every level of their development through **grants, enrichment programming and other resources.**



A passionate team guided by the life and missional guidance of a **business leader with a commitment to individuals, families and community flourishing.**



We partner with nonprofits serving the Pacific Northwest, including **Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.**

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WE SERVE **FIVE SECTORS...**



Arts &  
Culture



Education



Health



Human  
Services



Scientific  
Research

...IN **FIVE STATES**

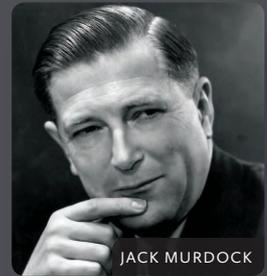


+ BRITISH COLUMBIA

OVER **\$1 BILLION** GRANTED

## History

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust was founded in 1975 following the untimely passing of Jack Murdock, an innovative, entrepreneurial leader who left an indelible mark on the Pacific Northwest.



JACK MURDOCK

From day one, our mission has been to serve individuals, families and communities across the Pacific Northwest through grantmaking, enrichment programs and convenings that strengthen the region's educational, social, spiritual and cultural base in innovative and sustainable ways.

## Strategic Project Grants

Capacity-building awards for mission-focused projects and infrastructure investment



## Capital Grants

Grants that support construction, renovation, land purchase and other capital projects.

## Equipment & Technology

A healthy equipment and supporting technology infrastructure is essential.

## Program & Staff

Expanding programs and staff are important markers of nonprofit success.

## Initiative Grants

A variety of grant programs focused on scientific research, education and calling



## Undergraduate Colleges & Universities

The Trust supports five initiatives for science research at four-year undergraduate institutions across the Pacific Northwest.

## Research Universities & Biomedical Institutes

We support groundbreaking research by helping to facilitate lab discoveries and bring innovation to where it's needed most.

## Partners in Science

When high school science faculty can grow their skills and experience by participating in advanced research, their students and schools will benefit.

## Vision & Call Internships

This initiative helps faith-based organizations across the Pacific Northwest develop internship programs for young adults.

# THE STAGES AND STEPS INVOLVED IN THE TRUST'S **STRATEGIC AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GRANTS PROCESS**

## Discovery

The Trust has multiple resources to help your organization determine grant eligibility.

## Submitting a Letter of Inquiry

A **Letter of Inquiry (LOI)** helps the Trust determine whether your organization and project are eligible and consistent with Trust practices. If so, you will be invited to submit a full application.

## Submission & Review Process

If invited to submit an application, you will be invited to create an application in the **Grants Portal**.

## Final Decision

While merit is evident in nearly every application received by the Trust, only a portion of the requests reviewed can result in awards.

MORE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[MURDOCKTRUST.ORG/GRANT-APPLICATION-PROCESS](https://MURDOCKTRUST.ORG/GRANT-APPLICATION-PROCESS)



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# Resources for a Great Grant Application

We partner with nonprofits of all sizes that work tirelessly to help communities flourish throughout the Pacific Northwest. Here are some resources to help you put your best foot forward when planning your proposal.

## Getting Started...

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### How to Put Your Best Foot Forward When Applying for a Grant

Our program director Lorin Dunlop outlines five simple steps to ensure that your organization gets the best shot at partnering with the Murdock Trust.



[murdocktrust.org/2016/09/put-best-foot-forward-applying-grant](https://murdocktrust.org/2016/09/put-best-foot-forward-applying-grant)

### Qualities of Successful Grant Seeking Organizations

These “talking points” form the underpinnings of what questions are asked and what qualities are looked for in the grant application process.



[murdocktrust.org/2019/10/tips-for-a-great-grant-application](https://murdocktrust.org/2019/10/tips-for-a-great-grant-application)

# More In-Depth Resources...

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## Great Grant Writing

Preparation is key to a successful grant request. We've compiled wisdom and advice from over 40 years of reviewing grant requests to help you be better prepared.

[murdocktrust.org/2019/10/great-grant-writing](http://murdocktrust.org/2019/10/great-grant-writing)



## The 10 Most Common Mistakes When Applying for a Grant

From senior program director Dana Miller. Sidestepping these mistakes will improve your odds and further the mission of your organization.

[murdocktrust.org/2016/10/10-common-mistakes-applying-grant](http://murdocktrust.org/2016/10/10-common-mistakes-applying-grant)



## Nonprofit Resources Library: Grant Writing

Helpful blog posts and articles providing useful tips and information to better your chances of winning a grant from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

[murdocktrust.org/category/nonprofit-resources/grant-writing](http://murdocktrust.org/category/nonprofit-resources/grant-writing)



I very much appreciated how responsive the people at the Trust were from our first call all the way through the process. Their goal was always to help us advance our mission.

~ Grant Recipient



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## Enrichment Programs

The Murdock Trust believes in building the capacity of organizations to help communities flourish and thrive. One way we work toward this goal is to offer programs that provide educational, mentorship, and relationship-building opportunities for the leaders who serve our nonprofits.

Jack Murdock was a people-focused leader. These programs allow us to continue his legacy by investing in the individuals who make our communities flourish.

*~ Kimberly Thornbury, Senior Program Director for Enrichment Initiatives*

## Science Research & Education Programs

We offer a variety of activities that bring people, ideas and information together to produce transformative experiences around science research and education.



### College Science Research

[murdocktrust.org/collegescienceresearch](http://murdocktrust.org/collegescienceresearch)

At this annual conference, faculty-student research teams share new knowledge created or discovered at colleges and universities funded by the Murdock College Science Research Program.



### Partners in Science

[murdocktrust.org/partnersinscience](http://murdocktrust.org/partnersinscience)

To support our Partners in Science Program, which partners high school science teachers with research mentors, the Murdock Trust hosts both a national and a regional conference each year for research-sharing and professional development.

# Leadership & Capacity Building Programs

These programs help nonprofit executives, board members, business and community leaders, young professionals and other influencers grow to better serve their organizations and communities.



## Board Leadership & Development

[murdocktrust.org/boardleadership](https://murdocktrust.org/boardleadership)

Part of our larger Board Leadership Initiative, which includes training, grant opportunities and resources, this program gives nonprofit organizations the insight, tools and templates for building board and staff capacity and creating a sustainable future.



## Essentials of Development

[murdocktrust.org/essentials](https://murdocktrust.org/essentials)

To help small to midsize organizations that are underachieving in their contributed income develop a comprehensive, sustainable development program.



## Vision + Call

[murdocktrust.org/visionandcall](https://murdocktrust.org/visionandcall)

This initiative helps faith-based organizations across the Pacific Northwest develop ministry internship programs for young adults. Our vision is to help give interns the opportunity to consider their vocational direction while gaining meaningful work experience in a special nonprofit setting.



## Leadership Now

[murdocktrust.org/leadershipnow](https://murdocktrust.org/leadershipnow)

This annual event connects executive leaders of primarily faith-based organizations to encourage their personal and professional growth.



## Women in Leadership

[murdocktrust.org/womeninleadership](https://murdocktrust.org/womeninleadership)

Women in Leadership is a series of gatherings that supports women nonprofit leaders in the Pacific Northwest to thrive in their leadership by developing skills, deepening character, growing spirituality, enhancing life practices and expanding networks.

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