



MISSION

The Forest Foundation is committed to strengthening and enriching the quality of life in Southwest Washington, with a particular emphasis on Tacoma and Pierce County.

The Foundation pursues its mission by supporting well-managed nonprofit organizations and citizen initiatives that achieve measurable, high-quality results.

VALUES

The Foundation strives to honor the following while carrying out its mission:

- We value honesty, integrity, and respect in all our relationships.
- We value the power of community-based leadership.
- We value community-strengthening brought about by individuals who have a strong connection and commitment to where they live.
- We value investing Foundation resources in organizations that:
 - Demonstrate programmatic and fiscal accountability, transparency and strength.
 - Develop and implement innovative and effective solutions meaningfully influenced by those with lived experience.
 - Regularly engage in planning and evaluation.
 - Develop and maintain strategic alliances that support the mission.
 - Are governed by diverse leaders whose expertise and experience are well-matched to the nature, needs, and purpose of the organizations they serve.

PROGRAM AREAS

Children and Youth Development

The Foundation supports efforts that promote the safety, security, and physical and emotional health of children and youth. Attention is given to efforts that decrease social isolation and promote a sense of hope among those dealing with hardships or trauma.

Community and the Environment

The Foundation supports strategies that engage people as the fundamental stewards of the natural environment. We favor restoration and conservation efforts with a particular emphasis on organizations and projects that engage diverse stakeholders and promote volunteerism.

Community Building and Development

The Foundation envisions communities that are vibrant, diverse and benefit from active and engaged citizens. We support civic engagement that strengthens neighborhoods and communities by promoting community-based self-determination, volunteerism and service.

Culture and the Arts

The Foundation believes in the power of culture and the arts to promote community and economic development. We support well-managed organizations and efforts that are responsive to the communities they serve and offer high-quality, relevant and accessible cultural and artistic experiences.

Self-Sufficiency

The Foundation recognizes that the path toward greater levels of self-sufficiency is influenced by many factors and supported by a range of assistance: from ensuring the availability of basic needs, such as food and shelter, to skill-building that leads to wage progression, personal savings, and financial stabilization. Support is offered for efforts that improve and/or increase access to such assistance, and especially for efforts that empower families to recognize their own power to influence and improve their condition.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Geographic Focus

The Foundation supports organizations and efforts in the following Washington State counties: Clallam, Cowlitz, Clark, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston and Wahkiakum. **Grants outside of Pierce County will be made for capital projects only (see capital project restrictions below).**

Capital Project Restrictions

The Foundation does not currently accept unsolicited capital requests for facilities acquisition or construction. Proposals seeking support for smaller capital items used to support ongoing operations and/or efforts to improve organizational effectiveness will be considered.

Visit www.forestfound.org for more detailed guidelines and access to proposal submission links.