

2024 Grant Question and Answer from online meeting held 1/4/24

Q Are deadlines hard deadlines?

A Submission deadlines are hard deadlines. No late submissions are accepted. We welcome early submissions.

Q What does “two intervening years” mean?

A This is a hard rule that an organization or any organization working in partnership on a collaborative project is not eligible for two years since receiving.

Two years means the last time the organization received money. If you don't know when your organization last received funding from Sherwood Trust, let us know and we can check.

Q Can a fiscally sponsored organization apply?

A Organizations/initiatives are eligible if they are fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)3.

Q Can both the fiscal sponsor and organization/initiative being sponsored apply?

A It depends - Both the organization/initiative being sponsored, and the sponsoring organization can apply separately if it is not for the same project/priority.

Q What happens if a project priority changes during the application process from submitting the Letter of Interest to the site visits?

A It depends – keep us informed of what the changes are. Did the organization's priority change or how it wants to accomplish the priority? For example, was other funding received or not that the organization expected/didn't expect? How does this change the capacity of the organization to attain its goals?

Q Does Sherwood Fund Confederated Tribes (CTUIR)

A We are following up individually. Last year Sherwood Trust granted an invitational award to Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute. You can see in [our grant history here](#).

Q Does an organization need to be based in our service area (Milton-Freewater, Or to Dayton, WA)?

A Services need to be in our service area. The organization does not need to be located or based here.

Q Can an organization become a “legacy” organization?

A No. These are organizations that Donald and Virginia donated to during their lifetimes. These do not change.

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Q Can you elaborate on what you mean by “business model”?

A Sherwood Trust looks closely at *how* an organization proposes to accomplish its mission, complete a project, start a new initiative. *How* means what systems do you have in place to be successful in what you are requesting funding for?

Use the guiding questions from the power point that we shared from the grant writing workshop, courtesy Dr. Joyce Lynn Garrett.

What problem are you trying to solve?

What need you trying to meet?

Why is this project important to the community? To your organization?

How can your organization impact the issue?

What resources does your organization have to invest?

Who is your target population? How many people do you plan to serve?

How will you keep the project going after funding has ceased?

Q Can we access the questions on the application ahead of time?

A Yes complete questions for the Letter of interest and Application are available online and in the follow-up email.

Q Does a site visit guarantee funding or is it an elimination stage?

A Site visits do NOT guarantee funding will be awarded.

Q What if our organization has existed for fewer than three years?

A Submit any relevant financial information you have for the time your organization has existed. Typically, Sherwood Trust reviews the three most recently completed years of financial information as well as the current year organization budget.

Q Is having 2023 financial information make or break?

A It depends on what the organization’s fiscal year is. The more timely and accurate financial information the organization can provide the better. If you need help accessing the information or formatting, please contact us and/or review financial report samples [on our website here](#).

Q Does the application require a financial review?

A It depends – we do review an organization’s financial reports. These are self-reported financials. Sherwood Trust does not require an organization to have an independent audit. We do review the organization’s most recently filed 990 tax return. You can submit this, or we will look it up.