

**When should my organization apply for a grant?**

- Annual Grant Cycles are open November 1st through February 15th. All applications must be submitted by 11:45 pm on February 15th.

**Can I apply for more than one grant in the cycle?**

- Organizations can apply for up to two requests per Annual Grant Cycle, if the purpose for each is different.

**Do you give grants to organizations outside of Skagit County?**

- SCF only supports grant requests that serve Skagit County. Organizations based outside the Skagit region can apply for a grant as long as the work described in the grant application is clearly carried out in the Skagit community (e.g. an organization with headquarters in Bellingham but conducts programs in Skagit).

**What is the typical range of grant award amounts?**

- While SCF does not have set minimums and maximums, grant awards have ranged from \$500 - \$35,000, but the average grant is typically between \$7,000 - \$12,000. Audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statements are required for grant requests of \$20,000 or more.

**Can I meet with a SCF representative in person?**

- YES! Jill Pickering, Director of Development can meet with you any time to answer questions about the Annual Grant Cycle process.
- However, SCF staff will not review, make suggestions, or help write grant applications.

**What other educational resources are available for grant writing?**

We recommend checking resources like [Nonprofits First website](#) , [Washington Nonprofits](#) (statewide nonprofit advocacy organization) or [AFP WA, Advancement Northwest Washington Chapter](#), [University of Washington College of Education](#), [Seattle Public Library Nonprofit Grantwriting Resources](#), and more.

**If our previous grant request was denied, can we apply again?**

- Yes. SCF's resources are growing and changing alongside the needs of our community. Each year, different opportunities are available.
- If you are unsure about applying again, please contact us to set up a meeting to learn more.

**Who reviews my request?**

- SCF staff, Board Members, and donors who partner with us review all eligible grant requests. For this reason, it is helpful to think about writing to the person who is on the other side of the application. Clarity, concise statements, data, outcomes, stories, & photos are helpful.

**Do you fulfill requests for operational costs?**

- Yes. SCF understands the need for "General Operations" requests and does not exclude these requests. It remains important to explain how these funds will be used to support the mission.

If you have any questions on the Annual Grant Cycle Process or using the Skagit Community Foundation Grants Portal, please contact Jill Pickering at [jill@skagitcf.org](mailto:jill@skagitcf.org)