

THE FEDERAL READINESS AND LEVERAGE FUND WAS DEVELOPED BY KELLEY NONPROFIT CONSULTING AND PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS TO:

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**DIRECT MORE
FEDERAL FUNDS
INTO OREGON**

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**INCREASE CAPACITY
IN UNDERSERVED &
RURAL COMMUNITIES**

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**STRENGTHEN AVENUES FOR
COLLABORATION ACROSS
PUBLIC, PHILANTHROPIC,
AND NONPROFIT SECTORS**

THE FUND WAS DESIGNED TO HELP APPLICANTS overcome known federal funding barriers – like matching funds or pre-development, or to help jurisdictions and nonprofits coordinate to submit stronger collaborative requests.

THIS COORDINATED FUND COMBINES PROJECT FUNDING WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

In addition to project funding, grantees receive **(1)** curated resource navigation, **(2)** federal fiscal readiness and compliance assessment with accompanying support, and **(3)** technical assistance funds specific to building capacity.

WHY “COORDINATED”?

Funders across Oregon participate in the Fund and via this single entry point, several funders review requests to determine if they are a good fit for their own priorities. The Fund reduces burdens for both applicants and funders!

Funding partners retain full autonomy of funds and there is no up-front commitment. FRLF is a tool to coordinate and identify opportunities to advance high potential projects.

WHO CAN APPLY? Preference is given to those with identified, near-term federal opportunities.

Potential Grantees have a (rural or underserved) community- or organization- strengthening project that is poised for federal funds, and/or for which flexible funds would help secure future funding.

Aligned organizations and jurisdictions are referred to the Fund and complete an initial inquiry. After being vetted for eligibility and alignment, invited entities complete a brief application that is reviewed by multiple funding partners.

**MAXIMUM
REQUEST**

\$200,000

DEADLINE

Requests are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis – there is no set deadline!

CONTACT US

Please reach out to hello@frlfund.org with any questions or to join us as a funding partner.

Ensuring community and nonprofit resilience requires more than funding alone – Technical Assistance is essential to building grantees’ capacity and ensuring sustained impact. In addition to project support, the FRLF also provides grantees with three forms of Technical Assistance:

FEDERAL FUNDING READINESS ASSESSMENT AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT

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Various fiscal policies and processes must be in place to successfully secure and manage federal grants. To ensure that organizations are financially healthy and in compliance, Kelley NPC provides:

1. A review of each grantee’s accounting system and fiscal policies;
2. 1-on-1 conversations to assess understanding of federal financial management;
3. A summary of federal funding readiness and recommendations for improvement;
4. Hands-on support to develop or update policies, procedures, and processes.

Kelley NPC offers these services in a tiered structure:

“Low need” organizations receive approximately five to ten hours of assessment of accounting and control systems, including an actionable report.

“Medium need” organizations receive 10-20 hours including assistance with specific accounting questions and a more thorough review of policies and procedures.

“Priority” groups receive the assistance above plus ad hoc support in areas in which they are deficit (hours vary).

RESOURCE NAVIGATION

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Kelley NPC meets one-on-one with grantees to conduct a Needs Assessment to identify capacity gaps or potential project roadblocks, and provides each grantee with curated recommendations for appropriate Technical Assistance or subject matter expertise. There are endless trainings and resources available – the real need lies in translating these resources for each grantee’s unique circumstances.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

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FRLF also provides funds earmarked towards Technical Assistance of the grantee’s choosing to address one or more identified needs – building grantee internal capacity while maximizing the supportive ecosystem that already exists.

Federal Readiness and Leverage Fund partners may choose to support project requests only, technical assistance only, or a combination of the two – filling both funding and capacity gaps to foster equitable participation in federally funded programs, both now and in the years to come.