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Western Lane Community Foundation

Awards Over \$186,000 to Local Non-Profits

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Jim Waterman, WLCF President, announced that 33 non-profit organizations will be receiving over \$186,000 for the WLCF 2025/2026 grant cycle. These funds represent WLCF's ongoing mission of supporting projects or programs providing needed services or facilities for which public funds are not available, or insufficient, and to contribute to the cultural, economic, educational, or social betterment of our community. Their intent is to award large enough sums to make a significant and visible impact on a demonstrated need in our Western Lane community.

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) was founded in 1974 by leaders of the Florence Rotary Club and is a community trust, private non-profit organization attracting, administering, and distributing private charitable resources for the benefit of residents of Western Lane County. Only the income generated by invested Foundation assets is awarded as grants each year. Current assets are over \$13 million representing ninety (90) Managed Funds and is under the auspices of Oregon Community Foundation.

On July 8th, 2025 at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Lane County	\$5,000.00	Unlock Future Success with Art Education
Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool	\$3,762.51	Bright Beginning Enhancement Grant
Cascadia Coastal Coalition	\$5,262.00	2025 Western Lane Emergency Communications and Education Project
Children's Repertory of OR Workshops, Inc. (C.R.O.W.)	\$6,200.00	Summer of Fun - Arts Instruction for youth
Disabled American Veterans	\$5,000.00	Parking Lot Repair/Reseal/Restripe

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Emergence	\$5,000.00	Finding Recovery on the Coast
Eugene Symphony	\$10,000.00	Empowering Rural Youth through Music: Eugene Symphony & Florence Partnership
First Step Florence- Solutions for Housing Security	\$10,000.00	First Step Florence Operational Support
FLORENCE AREA SALMON TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	\$5,000.00	Chinook and Lamprey Restoration in the Siuslaw: empowering a new generation of landscape managers
Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment	\$3,395.00	The FACE Florence Festival of Books 2025
Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee	\$4,401.00	Bridges Program of Florence
Florence Food Share	\$8,000.00	Increasing Regional Whole Foods for Florence Food Share Clients
Florence Regional Arts Alliance	\$3,000.00	FRAA Strategic Plan
Helping hands	\$2,038.00	Compostable to Go
KXCR Community Radio Partners	\$6,579.28	KXCR Radio Operating Annual Expenses and Upgrades
Mapleton Food Share	\$5,000.00	Secure Community Services
Methodist Church Free Lunch Program	\$6,500.00	Methodist Church Free Lunch Program
Oregon Coast Humane Society	\$10,000.00	Pawsitive Impact: A Vision for Accessible Veterinary Care
Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative	\$5,041.00	ODRC Community and School Group Outreach
Pregnancy and Parenting Center	\$1,700.00	Curriculum 2025
Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students	\$3,400.00	Child Safety and Abuse Prevention System Implementation Project
Siuslaw Elementary School	\$4,109.00	PBIS Projector / Screen Grant
Siuslaw Family Connection	\$4,285.00	Family Playzone
Siuslaw High School Athletics	\$10,000.00	Pole Vault (PV) Landing System
Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.	\$5,000.00	Basic Needs Vouchers and Community Clothing Connection
Siuslaw Pioneer Museum	\$10,000.00	West Wall Reconstruction and Community Engagement Initiative

Siuslaw Transportation Solutions (formerly Rods N Rhodies)	\$5,000.00	Transportation Solutions
Siuslaw Vision	\$5,000.00	Connecting the Community in Western Lane County
Siuslaw Watershed Council	\$902.00	Siuslaw Watershed Council Sign Creation and Installation
Siuslaw Watershed Council	\$5,000.00	Siuslaw Watershed Council 2025 Strategic Planning Initiative
Siuslaw Watershed Council	\$9,200.00	Summer Experiential Learning Program Funding
US Naval Sea Cadets Shark Division	\$5,250.00	Sea Cadets Shark Division: Training Assistance and Survival & Camping Gear
West Lane Emergency Communications Network	\$4,100.00	WLECN Repeater Replacement Project

Congratulations to all of these fine organizations! Should you have any questions or wish for more information regarding how to leave a legacy or contribute to an existing fund, please email wlcfc@wlcfonline.org or visit the WLCF website at <https://www.wlcfonline.org/>.