

Originally founded by members of the Olympia Food Co-op, our organizations share these commitments in our mission statements:

- ecological balance
- economic and social justice
- development of local community-based resources

CSF awards funding to individuals & organizations within Thurston County.

CSF is sustained by:

- voluntary “Round-ups” at Olympia Food Co-op
- support from local businesses and individuals
- fundraising events

Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County
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COMMUNITY SUSTAINING FUND OF THURSTON COUNTY

Providing grant support for progressive, community-oriented projects in Thurston County for nearly 40 years.



About

The **Community Sustaining Fund** (CSF) provides micro-grants to individuals and groups that are engaged in fostering social justice, environmental education, and community activism through innovative means and creative collaborations.

Leadership Group

CSF is a completely volunteer-run organization, committed to principles of consensus-based decision-making. The **Olympia Food Co-op** Board has designated a permanent CSF Liaison position. We are always seeking new board members who can bring their time, energy, and enthusiasm—contact us at our email: thurstoncsf@comcast.net

Funding Sources

Most of CSF's funding comes from **Olympia Food Co-op** members who 'round up' when shopping. CSF is also supported by businesses and individuals through direct donations, 'shop for a cause' days, & local fundraising events.

"The Community Sustaining Fund is an engine of creation!"

Gail O'Sullivan, Fertile Ground Guesthouse

Past Grant Recipients

For almost 40 years, CSF has awarded nearly \$150,000 total in small grant amounts to over 350 groups and individuals. Recent recipients include **The Thurston Housing Land Trust, Window Seat Media, Multicultural Service Center of South Sound, Thurston County Inclusion, Restoring Earth Connection, and Nisqually Reach Nature Center.**

Grant Applications

Grants are disbursed in Fall & Spring, and are based on the number of applicants, strength of applications, and available funding. Grant amounts usually range from \$100-600 (\$1,500 is the maximum that can be requested).

Have an interesting project and need help getting started?

IT'S NOT TOO DIFFICULT – START WITH OUR GRANT CRITERIA

(go to our website for details):

- Reside in Thurston County (TC) & activities will occur in TC
- Operate in a responsive, democratic, non-discriminatory manner and actively pursues cultural diversity in group composition
- Actively work toward a more just, equitable world of ecological & economic balance, and personal and social responsibility
- Have a plan for sustaining this work beyond the grant

Contact Us

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