



HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Headwaters Fund

The Headwaters Fund Mini-Grant FAQ



The Headwaters Fund Board has the authority to issue discretionary grants to nonprofit and government organizations within the County of Humboldt whose projects offer economic benefits to the economy of Humboldt. The primary focus of these discretionary grants is for projects which serve the base industries and clusters identified in the *Prosperity! 2018* CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy).

Major Industries:

Tourism | Forest Products | Alternative Agriculture | Arts & Culture

Clusters:

Diversified Healthcare | Specialty Food, Flowers, and Beverages | Building Support Services
Investment Support Services | Management and Innovation Services | Niche Manufacturing

Twenty thousand dollars are allocated annually to be awarded at the discretion of the Headwaters Fund Board. Grant requests should be no greater than \$5,000 and typical award amounts are between \$1,500 and \$2,500. All grant awards are made with staff and Board approval. Grants under \$2,500 require Headwaters Fund board Subcommittee approval while those over \$2,500 require a majority vote of the full Board. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month which can cause some minor delay in the award date. Projects with time sensitive components may be presented to the Headwaters Board at an expedited pace should staff be made aware of the time constraints.

Past Projects Include:

- Eureka Street Art Festival: Grant supported artist compensation for the festival
- Locally Delicious: Grant was used to fund contracts and grants to local farmers who supply fresh produce to local food pantry programs
- Blue Ox Millworks: Grant funded tuition of ten student who otherwise would have missed the opportunity to participate in programs which teach valuable skills
- English Express: Funds were used to support class services for English second language courses
- River Life Foundation: Grant was used in support of trail maintenance and reconciliation/rehabilitation efforts for local homeless population

To begin the application process please send a letter of intent outlining the project and the purpose for which the Headwaters award would be utilized to

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