

# PSE Foundation Competitive Grants 2020

## COVID-19 Response & Recover Competitive Grants

The Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Foundation will provide grants totaling \$400,000 to community-based public charity organizations across PSE's 16-county working or service areas in Washington State to aid in the response and recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## What are we funding?

We are seeking to help fund nonprofit organizations that are providing critical community services as well as fund the programs and services received by community members. Focus areas for our COVID-19 Response and Recover Grants include:

- Funding for programs and/or services to ensure our community members have access to shelter, food and other critical PPE supplies
- Funding to help keep public charity's doors open who provide the critical services to community members. Funding for PPE equipment, deep cleaning expenses, etc.
- Funding for COVID-19 critical needs for local chambers, downtown associations and service clubs as a public charity able to provide an expenditure responsibility or equivalency determination as defined by the IRS may also be considered in order to serve and reopen operations



### 2020 Grant Timeline:

**Open:** July 20

### **Deadlines:**

Round one: Aug. 31 with awards in October.

Round two: Oct. 1 with awards in December.

### **Grant awards:**

\$1,000 - \$20,000

## Qualifications

Applicants must:

- Be a public charity as designated by the IRS
- Reside in and serve the public within Puget Sound Energy's 16 county service and operation area. (*Chelan, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Garfield, Island, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Pierce, Snohomish, Skagit, Thurston, and Whatcom counties*)
- Request programmatic or capital requests

Not funded:

- Individuals, K-12 schools, youth groups, clubs, religious or political organizations
- General tuition or membership dues made to service clubs, social or fraternal organizations
- Grants that benefit an individual or specific family or group
- Fundraisers or event sponsorship.

## About Us

The PSE Foundation is a nonprofit entity operating independently of Puget Energy and Puget Sound Energy. It was established in 2006 after a \$15 million endowment was received. None of the PSE Foundation's funds will ever come from PSE's utility customers.

We are committed to making strategic investments to build energized communities where individuals and families can excel, nature and wildlife thrive where safety and preparedness is at the foundation of everything.

## Contact

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