# Community Economic Development Grant 2023-24

Row 8

Name of **Applicant** (Organization)

Logsden Community Club

Mailing Address

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Name of **Contact Person** 

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Name of Project

Out-of-Area Rental & Commercial Kitchen

**Total Project** Budget

\$40,222.00

**Amount** Requested from this Program

\$8,971.00

#### **Project** Description

The Logsden Community Club has been a nonprofit organization in Oregon for more than 60 years. Our building is available to all local residents, and serves as Logsden's main meeting place. It has always been the hub for community events and family gatherings. In recent years we have been blessed by various funding sources to make much-needed improvements to our building. But, during COVID-19 shutdown, we were out of operation for almost 18 months. During that time our membership dropped significantly, but the monthly bills to operate continued to come in. We are happy to report we are now back on our feet, our membership is higher than it was before COVID-19 hit, and our facility is in its best shape ever. Unfortunately, we still have the same problem we have had for years, we still severely lack adequate storage space. Our indoor storage room is currently filled to the brim with tables, chairs, and totes filled with decorations and equipment. Our small pump house is also filled with outdoor equipment, and patio chairs, tables, umbrellas, pop-up tents, and toys for kids. With our new insulated floor (not duct taped to the ground like the old one), new energy efficient ductless heater, ADA approved ramp, fire-code-approved locks, signs, and extinguishers, we realized our newly painted facility can now take on a new additional purpose; we are now a viable facility capable of attracting outside-the-area renters. Specifically, we want to market our facility as an Affordable Small Coastal Country Wedding Venue to Willamette Valley residents. By making our facility available to the Valley, we believe we can compete with other rural settings that cater to small weddings. Our facility can be used as the gathering place for

a small wedding, then instantly turned into the reception hall as well. By attracting out-of-the-area rentals, we will be contributing to our local economy. With future rental income in mind, we will need additional space for new items like decorative lighting, wedding arch/arbor, flower vases, etc. (In this grant application, we are asking for both outdoor and indoor storage space.) Our kitchen area has also made some recent improvements with more upgrades on the way. Some 20+ years ago our kitchen was certified for commercial use at a certain level; no meats could be prepared but canned and baked goods could be cooked and packaged in our facility. With the addition of a new commercial kitchen stove/refrigerator/microwave and various kitchen pots, pans, & utensils, we can once again make our commercial kitchen available to rural entrepreneurs. The current income for our club comes mainly from membership dues (\$25 per year) and fundraisers. We also rent our facility at a minimal cost for local family gatherings like, birthdays, anniversaries, and remembrances. Now, with our new website and recently installed WIFI, we believe we are in a good position to add "Outside Rental Income" as a significant source to our budget. This will help provide long-term financial stability for our Club. With increased rentals, a future part-time job might also be developed. This year we added a new website thanks to the volunteer efforts of a local resident. Now, we would like to use our website to market our facility for Small Rural Coastal Country Weddings through the purchase of social media ads. To further our marketing exposure, we plan to provide a colorful brochure to jewelry stores, flower shops and businesses that provide wedding planning services.

#### **Funding**

Over the past few years we have been fortunate to work with other funding sources to improve our much-needed facility and bring it into compliance with new laws. The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) has been our major donor by awarding us two grants. Our first grant was awarded in 2019 and we received another this year. Also note, in all the funded proposals listed below, we contributed other matching funds by holding fund-raising events. \$11,573 – STCCF - Replaced floor, under-the-floor insulation, added heat pump & ductless heater, & ADA. \$3,000 - Consumer Power Charitable Trust – Funded an ultraviolet water filter in our pump house. \$2,500 – Siletz Valley Fire Department – Funded ADA improvements and fire code requirements. \$14,178 – STCCF – Funded a major upgrade to our kitchen for future emergency needs. \$31,251 Total

### Collaboration

The Siletz Tribe, Siletz Valley Fire District, and Consumers Power Inc. have all been true partners in helping to restore and upgrade our facility. But the many volunteer hours by our community residents cannot go unmentioned. Countless volunteer hours have been donated to host fund-raisers like our Bluegrass Picnic, and Harvest Auction. Our monthly potlucks, seminars, and free webpage construction are other examples of collaboration by community residents. Now, we want to add to our collaboration list the Toledo High School (THS) Industrial Arts Program. The purpose of this grant application is to work with THS students to help build a storage unit for our Club. In this proposal, we are asking for funding to purchase material so THS students can build a 10'x 10'x 10' outdoor storage shed and seven (7) indoor storage benches. They will provide the labor at no cost. Two other things need to be mentioned about our Club: 1) We are now recognized as an Official Red Cross Receiving Center. We have some blankets and a First-Aid Kit at our facility, but we have no storage space for food and other essentials needed in a real emergency. 2) A few years ago, one of our active LLC members worked to designate Logsden Valley as an official Firewise Community. Firewise is a national program dedicated to help rural communities mitigate fire danger around homes and surrounding

structures. The Siletz Valley Fire District recently took over the administration of this program, but our Club is still actively involved. A locked shed is badly needed to house outdoor equipment such as a ladder, racks, shovels, loppers, and power saws of various sizes. Although the Firewise program does not add economic growth to Lincoln County, it does help minimize wildfire danger which helps maintain our current property values. Our Red Cross Receiving Center may not directly help economic growth, but it does significantly add to community development. Both of these community programs need storage space that we currently do not have.

#### **Viability**

By funding this proposal, it can help maintain our Club's long-term viability in two ways. First, with added storage space, we will be able to add two new sources of income to our budget for future years. 1) Out-of-Area Rentals and, 2) Commercial Kitchen Rentals. Second, additional storage space will enable us to continue our traditional event gatherings, as well as accommodate crowds in an emergency in a much safer and more efficient way. The building project itself can be easily measured. Our Club members will prepare a foundation for the shed and the THS students will assemble and install it on site. At the same time THS students will have seven inside storage benches delivered to the Club. Both projects will be completed by mid-June.

Desired Start Date	03/15/24
Desired Completion Date	06/14/24
Name of Chief Executive	Laurie Schmit
Position Title	President
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Tax ID#	93=0705262
Type of Applicant	Other Nonprofit
Grant Pool	Standard Grant (max \$15,000)
Date Submitted	12/15/23 12:38 PM

## <u>Budget</u>

- \$ 5,125 Outdoor Shed (10'x10'x10' with sloped roof, natural light, sliding door & padlock.)
- \$ 3,346 7 storage benches @ \$478 each

(Includes wooden frame, paneling, vinyl, foam, piano hinges, 4 locking casters, 2 plastic totes & 1 security lock)

- \$ 500 Marketing (Brochure layout design & printing / Social media ads for 6 months)
- \$ 8,971 Total



December 12, 2023

Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County Grant (EDALC)

To whom it may concert,

I am writing this letter in support of the Logsden Community Club's application for a EDALC grant to improve and enhance storage capacity.

The Logsden Community Club serves several purposes for the Siletz Fire District. First and foremost, it is a Red Cross receiving station offering shelter and community support during a emergency event. With the Logsden Communities location, very few resources from Siletz Fire District will be available during an incident. We have worked with them to acquire upgrades to their kitchen to be able to house and prepare food.

The Community Club also services as the focal point for our Firewise Community, both as a central hub and a meeting place to recruit more members and to hold informational gatherings. Protecting homes from wildfires helps Lincoln County as a whole in saving valuable resources.

The long-term goal is to assist the Logsden Community Club to become self-supporting To reach this goal they are opening the Community Club to be rented for special occasions such as weddings, birthday parties etc.

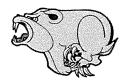
I believe this is exactly the type of project that aligns with the EDALC grant as it will help them facilitate and create more opportunities and to support the Logsden community as a whole while retaining local business in the area.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support and for the EDALC grant to support small ventures such as the Logsden Community Club.

Sincerely,

David Lapof, Fire Chief dlapof@siletzfire.com





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December 12, 2023

Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County

To: Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County

**EDALC Grant Review Members** 

From: Peter Lohonyay

Re: Logsden Community Club Grant Application

The Logsden Community Club has asked the Toledo High School Industrial Arts class to help build storage areas for their facility. Specifically, they would like our students to build a 10'x 10'x 10' outdoor storage shed. They would also like us to build seven indoor storage benches that serve a dual purpose: seating and storage.

I like to give my students ``real life" projects that require the use of different equipment and materials. Both of these requests meet those requirements. Beyond the wooden frames, the storage benches will need materials for cushions and coverings as well as piano hinges and locks. The outdoor shed will be built on campus but will be delivered and assembled on site. This will give my students an off-campus experience. Both projects need to be completed before school ends in mid-June. So, the time needed to complete these projects fits perfectly into my busy schedule.

Our class has completed other community-requested projects in the past. We like to do these kinds of projects so we can show our local residents how we give back to the community.

Please give the Logsden Community Club grant application your support. It will help both their community and my students.

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