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**Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2025-26 - Submission #2470**

**Date Submitted: 10/24/2025**

**Name of Applicant Organization\***

Central Coast Chorale dba Coastal Voices

**Mailing Address\***

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**City\***

Newport

**State\***

OR

**Zip Code\***

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**Person Completing the Application**

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**Name of Your Project\***

Coastal Voices' 2026 Programming

**Total Project Budget\***

30,000

This includes all anticipated sources of funding

**Amount Requested from this Program\***

15,000

(max \$15k for STANDARD, \$50k for IMPACT)

**Location of Project Activities\***

Yachats, Newport, Depoe Bay, Lincoln City

Where in Lincoln County is your project happening?

**Pool of Funds Applying to\***

- STANDARD (\$15K Max)
- IMPACT (\$50K Max)

**Project Description\***

Coastal Voices, the premier community choir of Lincoln County, seeks funding to support its expansion of countywide programming, which directly stimulates local economic activity through audience spending, artist employment, local supply and service procurement, and venue partnerships. At least 10-12 separate programs are planned for calendar year 2026. Each concert, sing-along, and educational project is newly developed from scratch each season—requiring new music licensing, venue rentals, marketing campaigns, and production costs—making every series a distinct and recurring economic driver rather than an ongoing operational expense.

At every performance in Yachats, Newport, Depoe Bay, and Lincoln City, our mobile programming has a direct impact on several economic drivers by:

- Bringing residents and visitors into local businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and shops, boosting small business revenue and tourism activity throughout Lincoln County.
- Employing artists, musicians, technicians, stage crew, photographers, videographers, and other personnel, regularly supporting local creative jobs.
- Partnering with small businesses and service providers through venue rentals, printing and advertising contracts, and Chamber of Commerce memberships and sponsorships.
- Collaborating with a Newport-based storage and moving company to store, transport, and assemble/disassemble our risers and staging equipment for each concert—creating year-round local labor and keeping production spending within the county.
- Developing new educational opportunities through our Youth Internship Program, which creates practical choral experiences and mentorships for students and music teachers, helping retain arts educators and strengthen arts education in Lincoln County's rural schools.
- Launching our new Family Movie Sing-Along series, beginning in 2025 with Disney's Moana. This interactive event invited families to sing together under the guidance of our choir, blending live and film performance to create joy, belonging, and access for families with limited exposure to the arts.

Beyond local impact, Coastal Voices attracts both audience members and grant funding from outside Lincoln County, drawing visitors who contribute to the local economy through transportation, lodging, dining, and retail spending. Approximately 10-12% of our audience resides outside the County. Our reputation as a high-caliber community arts organization also attracts foundation and state-level support that circulates directly into Lincoln County's economy. This regional attention bolsters not only the creative sector but also the broader ecosystem of tourism, hospitality, and small business services.

According to Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) data, Coastal Voices' programming generates an estimated \$164,935 in annual local economic impact, including nearly \$5,000 in local government revenue. Tangible results will include sustained attendance at our biannual concert series, expansion of family sing-along events, and growth in student participation through the Youth Internship Program. Success will be measured through attendance tracking, audience surveys, and updated AEP6 impact calculations, demonstrating measurable increases in local spending and engagement across all performance sites.

By creating original, high-quality cultural programming that celebrates the arts, supports local employment, and strengthens small business activity, Coastal Voices serves not only as a driver of economic vitality but also as a beacon of local culture, proudly amplifying the creative and economic heartbeat of Lincoln County.

What is the project and what will it do for community and/or economic development? What tangible items or results will the project deliver? How will the success of this project be judged? **IMPORTANT:** This fund is not intended for staff or operations. Please describe the economic impact of the project and how it creates or retains jobs in the community.

**Funding\***

Coastal Voices actively pursues a diverse portfolio of earned income, private donations, and grants to support our expanding community programming, ensuring the sustainability and reach of our work throughout Lincoln County.

**Grants Awarded in 2025 to date:**

- Braemar Charitable Trust: \$5,000 awarded to support the Youth Internship Program (YIP).
- Oregon Arts Commission – Sustaining Small Operations: \$2,368 awarded to strengthen administrative capacity and program stability.
- Roundhouse Foundation – Small Grants Program: \$1,000 awarded to support the Youth Internship Program (YIP).
- Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation – Birthday Grant: \$1,000 awarded for youth program development.
- Autzen Foundation – Family & Youth Outreach and Engagement: \$2,250 awarded to expand the new Family Sing-Along and Youth Internship initiatives.
- Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund: \$2,500 awarded to subsidize discounted senior tickets for our 2025 concert series.

**Grants Under Review in 2025:**

- Oregon Community Foundation – Family & Youth Outreach and Engagement: \$8,000 requested to support youth mentorship, music licensing, and community outreach.
- Pacific Power Foundation – Support for Lincoln City Performances: \$5,000 requested to support performances for north Lincoln County audiences.
- Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation, Sunflower Grant—General Operations: Requested for general operating support to sustain organizational capacity (no dollar amount specified).
- James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation – General Operations: Requested to sustain program capacity and regional reach (no dollar amount specified).

**Grants Declined in 2025:**

- Lincoln County Cultural Coalition / Sponenburgh Memorial Trust: Requested \$2,000 for equipment and storage improvements; not funded due to high demand and limited available funds.
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund: Two applications submitted—\$3,000 for Increased Services and \$3,000 for the Youth Internship Program—declined due to competitive applicant pool.
- Three Rivers Foundation: Requested \$2,500 for the Youth Internship Program; not funded due to limited funding capacity.
- The Collins Foundation: Requested general operating support; application declined due to strong statewide competition and foundation funding priorities (no dollar amount specified).

Despite these rejections, Coastal Voices continues to demonstrate strong regional support and success in securing diverse funding streams that advance our mission of accessibility, community engagement, and local economic vitality.

If applicable, please describe the status of other funding sources you have applied for or intend to apply for, and indicate whether those funds have been awarded. Also, list any other funds for which you have applied but were not funded - how much did you ask for, from whom, and why was the application not funded?

### Collaboration\*

Coastal Voices maintains a strong and growing collaboration with the Lincoln County School District (LCSD) and Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) to expand access to high-quality music education and performance opportunities for local students. Through this partnership, Coastal Voices works with district educators to identify and mentor high school students who show interest or potential in vocal performance. These students participate in the Youth Internship Program (YIP), earning dual high school and community college credit for their participation in rehearsals and public concerts. Coastal Voices provides instruction, rehearsal materials, and mentorship that complement existing school music programs, while LCSD and OCCC coordinate academic credit and logistical support. Together, these collaborations address the shortage of robust choral programming in local schools and create meaningful, real-world learning experiences that build confidence, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts among Lincoln County's youth.

If applicable, please list who you are collaborating with and why.

### Viability\*

#### Project Success, Measures, and Sustainability

The success of this project will be evaluated through both quantitative and qualitative measures that reflect its community, educational, and economic impact. Key performance indicators include:

- Attendance and participation growth at concerts, sing-along events, and other outreach efforts across Yachats, Newport, Depoe Bay, and Lincoln City.
- Survey data collected from audiences and participants, tracking satisfaction, demographic reach, and community benefit.
- Economic impact assessment using Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) metrics to estimate local spending, government revenue, and job creation linked to Coastal Voices events.
- Youth Internship Program outcomes, measured by the number of interns completing the program, earning dual credit through the Lincoln County School District and Oregon Coast Community College, and reporting increased confidence and engagement.

#### Timeline:

- Winter 2026: Music acquisition and rehearsal preparation for Spring Concert Series performances in May. Marketing campaign and event preparation for a new Spring Family Sing-Along Event.
- Spring/Summer 2026: Spring Concert Series marketing campaign and series performances in Lincoln County. Donor solicitation campaign and rehearsal preparation for the July Gala performance. Planning and development of new concert repertoire for the Holiday 2026 Concert Series.
- Summer/Fall 2026: Music acquisition and rehearsal preparation for Holiday Concert Series to be held in December 2026. Marketing campaign and event preparation for a new Fall Family Sing-Along Event.
- Fall 2026: Planning and development of new concert repertoire for the Spring 2027 Concert Series; planning for the fourth Family Sing-Along Event in March 2027. Planning and developing the annual fundraising Gala performance in July 2027.

While each concert series and event is newly developed and requires its own resources, Coastal Voices aims to reduce dependence on single-source funding through diversified revenue streams. Future sustainability will be secured through a combination of private donations, ticket sales, senior discount sponsorships, foundation grants, and partnerships with local businesses and cultural organizations. Continued success in attracting grant support from regional funders such as the Oregon Arts Commission, the Autzen Foundation, and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund demonstrates growing community investment in our mission. Ultimately, our goal is to sustain the project through a balanced blend of earned income and targeted grant support, ensuring ongoing benefit to Lincoln County's cultural and economic vitality.

How will the success of this project be judged? State success measures and timeline. Will this project need ongoing funding? How will this be secured?

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**Desired Start Date\***

4/1/2026

**Desired End Date\***

3/31/2027

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**Budget Documents\***

CV 2026 Budget.pdf

Please submit as a PDF file

**Letter(s) of Support**

CV.pdf

At least one letter of support is required for an IMPACT application.

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**Name of Chief Executive\***

Paul Caldron

**Title\***

Board President

**Chief Executive Email\***

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**Tax ID Number\***

93-1280712

**Type of Applicant Organization\***

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Lincoln County Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2025-26  
 Project Title: Coastal Voices' 2026 Programming

| Description  | Grant Request    | Match            |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>PROGRAM COSTS</b>   |                  |                  |
| Venue Rental --Rehearsal space   |                  | \$ 2,000         |
| Venue Rental --Spring / Holiday Concerts, Sing-Alongs, Summer Performance              | \$ 3,000         |                  |
| Transportation & Storage of concert equipment  | \$ 3,000         |                  |
| Acquisition and licensing of Concert music and Sing-Along movies                       | \$ 3,000         |                  |
| Local services (printing, tech crew, photographers, videographers, piano tuners, etc.) | \$ 3,000         |                  |
| <b>PROGRAM PUBLICITY / MARKETING</b>   |                  |                  |
| Print (promotional materials, advertising, etc.)                                       | \$ 3,000         |                  |
| Digital (web, social media, e-newsletters, etc.)                                       |                  | \$ 2,000         |
| <b>PROJECT PERSONNEL</b>   |                  |                  |
| General Manager (pro-rated to program)   |                  | \$ 5,000         |
| Artistic Director (pro-rated to program)   |                  | \$ 5,000         |
| Accompanist--Spring and Holiday Concerts   |                  | \$ 1,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 15,000</b> | <b>\$ 15,000</b> |



# LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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4/28/25

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Lincoln County School District (LCSD), I am writing to express our support for Coastal Voices and their initiative to create an internship opportunity for high school-aged students in Lincoln County.

Choral singing opportunities within our schools are currently limited, and this program would provide an invaluable space for students to expand and refine their vocal and musical skills. Coastal Voices' internship would offer experiences not otherwise available, enriching students' musical education and personal growth.

LCSD is excited about the potential for future collaboration with Coastal Voices, which may include the opportunity for students to earn proficiency based academic credit through participation. We believe this initiative would greatly benefit our students and our community, and we support its development.

We look forward to seeing this opportunity come to life and the positive impact it will have on our students.

Sincerely,

*Aaron Belloni*

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April 21, 2025

Dear Grant Reviewer,

Oregon Coast Community College is providing this letter of support of the grant application from Coastal Voices. We share a commitment to promoting music and the performing arts in Lincoln County.

Oregon Coast Community College has offered a variety of music courses, credit and non-credit, since its founding. We continue to seek opportunities for foster educational experiences for the community. We have a music classroom and a couple of practice rooms for individual lessons.

The music program at Oregon Coast Community College has limitations and an ability to partner with Coastal Voices as part of their efforts will open opportunity for youth interns. This program would establish the opportunity to increase youth participation in community music programming, while establishing a vocal music opportunity for high school credit. Coastal Voices and OCCC are reviewing options for providing experiential learning credit for the OCCC choral performance courses. This would support student engagement in a community choral group, while supporting the earning of credit towards a degree. The high school interns may be eligible for college credit in addition to the high school credit.

It is the hope of Oregon Coast Community College that you will award the proposed grant to support the community enriching and educational work of Coastal Voices.

Sincerely,



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