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Community and Economic Development Grant Application FY2025-26 - Submission #2582

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Name of Applicant Organization*

Saint James Santiago School

Mailing Address*

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City*

Lincoln City

State*

OR

Zip Code*

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Person Completing the Application

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Name of Your Project*

The Arts Lead to Economic Freedom

Total Project Budget*

\$441,00.00

This includes all anticipated sources of funding

Amount Requested from this Program*

\$10,000

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

Location of Project Activities*

At St. James Santiago School in Lincoln City, OR

Where in Lincoln County is your project happening?

Pool of Funds Applying to*

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

Project Description*

St. James Santiago School seeks to provide a quality educational alternative to students who may be underserved in Lincoln County. While recognized as a unique alternative with small class size, individual attention, and hands on learning experiences, this quality educational experience may be financially out of the reach of underserved populations due to the expenses associated with the school. Therefore, St. James Santiago School seeks funding to allow students of this economic status to receive an outstanding education with reduced financial stress as 1/3 of Saint James Santiago students receive some type of financial aid through the operating budget which impacts the entire school. Students achieve insights that they have not experienced before through their exposure to the arts, theater, and cultural events on a practical and experiential level.

Since its founding 2013 at St. James Santiago Church, St. James Santiago School has grown in size and reputation, from a K-4th grade school to a K-8. The mission of St. James Santiago School is "to combine a strong academic and moral foundation with a supportive, child-centered environment that fosters personal and social-emotional growth." The school's purpose is to develop the "whole child," including their social, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth. The school has eight teachers of whom three are part-time, those being the art, drama, and music teachers. A volunteer Spanish teacher works with grades K-4. The other teachers provide a strong academic foundation in core subjects like reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies, preparing students for future success for the students in grades K-8 . Kyla Palmer has 5 years as a math teacher at the school. This experience served as a strong foundation as she takes on the position of Director in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Students at St. James Santiago School are exposed to the arts, including art, music, and cultural experiences throughout the entire eight years they attend classes. Students participate in and perform in two school productions, one each semester, in their academic life throughout the school year. The first of these is a holiday production presented to both the school community and the larger Lincoln City community during the last week of school. The younger and older children in the school sing during this presentation, while the 3rd and 4th graders put on a theatrical production in this presentation. The spring production involves the 5th through 8th graders participating in the play, while the other students perform music with instruments and singing. The benefits of being exposed to the arts on this level can be seen after students leave St. James Santiago School. Students have finished high school in three years. Others have gone on to a pre-professional dance program. Others have continued their musical careers through college. The exposure to the arts benefits not just the school, but the wider community, including areas outside of Lincoln City. As mentioned above, 1/3 of students receive some type of financial assistance from the school. This helps make possible the art, drama, and music teaching positions which so benefit the school and wider Lincoln City community. St. James Santiago School proposes that the grant from the Lincoln City Community and Economic Development grant be used to fund not only the weekly art, drama, and music activities for those attending the school, but that these funds help facilitate two art, cultural, or music field trips for students, as well as two cultural presentations for the students, either in school or as field trips throughout the academic year. The funds will be used to help fund students in need of economic assistance, guest presenters, and field excursions for students. The proposed start date for this project is January 5, 2026 to end January 31, 2027.

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*

This is an ongoing and integral project for St. James Santiago School. Funding comes from a variety of sources. These sources include:

- Student Tuition: \$380,800 which is paid in full by the end of each school term in June. Collection of these funds is on going
- Fundraising (via Spring Auction): \$7,300 These monies are still to be realized in the spring of 2026
- Annual Fund Donation: \$15,000 These funds are currently being solicited via the End of the Year
- The \$10,000 requested from the Community and Economic Development Grant will be applied to the materials and office fees where the materials and costs for student participation in art, drama, and cultural activities comes from . Saint James Santiago School is requesting \$10,000 from the Siletz Charitable Contribution Fund for the other half of the \$20,000. When received, this funding will assist underserved families in the school community to participate and attend the art, drama, and cultural events, while allowing the \$20,000 freed up in the budget to allow other families assistance with school tuition.

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*

St. James Santiago School collaborates closely with St. James Santiago Episcopal Church. While the school is secular, it shares space with the church. The church collaborates by providing the space that the school uses in the church building rent free. The rector of the church also teaches Spanish classes two times a week to K-4th graders. This collaboration mutually benefits the school and the church, for on going art, drama, and culture exposure to the students.

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

Viability*

The Success of this project will be judged based on the following:

Students will create art, theater, and music through in class instruction; Students participate in regular weekly art, music and drama classes as a means to expose students to practical and experiential forms of art, music and theater

Students will appreciate art and theater through exposure on an experiential level level; Students attend special presentations of art exhibits, music, and theater events along the western coast of Oregon

Students will enjoy different cultural experiences through practical, hands on, and educational sessions; Students learn globally through special in person presentations on different cultures through invited guests

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?

Desired Start Date*

3/31/2026

Desired End Date*

3/31/2027

Budget Documents*

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Please submit as a PDF file

Letter(s) of Support

No file chosen

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

Name of Chief Executive*

Rev. Katie Hudak

Title*

Rector

Chief Executive Email*

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Tax ID Number*

93-0386824

Type of Applicant Organization*

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

St. James Santiago School
Budget for 2025-2026
July-June

Income:

Tuition	455,000
Financial Assistance	-74,200
Available Tuition	380,800
Annual Fund Donations	20,000
Fundraising (Auction etc.)	15,000
Grants	7,300
Total	422,300

Expense:

Payroll +payroll tax (school)	375,000
Payroll+payroll tax	36,000
Building l(cleaning, utilities)	10,000
School Supplies/Office/Fees	20,000
Total Expense	441,000