



# EXCHANGE CLUB OF WALLA WALLA

## GRANT APPLICATION

### MISSION, HISTORY, AND PHILOSOPHY

Exchange, America's first Service Club, is people working together to make our communities better places to live through service programs in:

- Prevention of Child Abuse, our over-arching National project,
- Americanism,
- Community Service, and
- Youth Activities.

**History:** The Walla Walla Club was chartered in 1949 to provide veterans with a vehicle for serving their community and for expanding social and business contacts. Established in 1997, the Walla Walla Exchange Club Foundation manages the philanthropic activities of the Club. The Foundation provides grants to charitable organizations. Foundation funds are provided through the Club's fund raising activities, primarily the Community Bank Ducky Derby, individual gifts, and other events.

**Philosophy:** The National program of the Exchange Club is the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Locally, our focus is on the three underlying pillars of Americanism, Youth Programs, and Community Service. We seek proposals that will drive one of these three pillars within the Walla Walla Valley. We strive to fund proposals that will strengthen and promote healthy lives among the children in our local communities.

### GRANT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Grant applications will be accepted and considered from those whose programs are compatible with our mission and philosophy. One application per organization will be accepted. Applications from 501c3 organizations will receive special consideration. Over the years, the Exchange Club has provided small grants and support to local organizations, as well as larger contributions to organizations aimed at the prevention of child abuse including Friends and the 'Home Team' Parent Aid Program of Children's Home Society. This was a decided change from funding efforts to address the effects of "abuse and neglect," moving to prevention goals – an aspect of the Exchange National Program of Service. As our ability to fund increased, so did our opportunity to make an impact in the community.

We acknowledge that despite all our efforts, "abuse and neglect" still occur and that we need to continue to support the treatment of the effects. At the same time, we must strive to provide support to organizations and activities that work to break the cycle and prevent future "abuse and neglect" and to provide the Youth of our valley with the highest quality of life imaginable. The Walla Walla Valley includes Milton-Freewater, Dayton, and Touchet.

Grant recipients will:

- Publicly acknowledge support by the Walla Walla Exchange Club Foundation, such as public service announcements or general presentations.
- Offer one adult volunteer from their organization to assist during the Community Bank Ducky Derby in the Spring.
- Present to our regular club membership and coordinate with the program chair during the 2021–2022 year on the program funded and the impact of the grant.

Applications will not be considered from:

- Individuals.
- Organizations or programs located outside the Walla Walla Valley.
- For propagandizing or for influencing legislation and elections.
- Institutions whose policy or practice unfairly discriminates against race, ethnic origin, gender, creed, or religion.

### THE REVIEW PROCESS

Applications must be submitted by August 31, 2021 to be considered. Applicants should allow four to six weeks for review and response to applications. The recipients will be invited to our Award Presentation. Please make every effort to present your application in a concise, succinct manner while thoroughly covering your grant request.

### INQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS



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