



Capital City Marathon Endowment Fund

Grant Guidelines

GRANT OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Capital City Marathon Endowment Fund grant application. Please be sure to read the grant process and guidelines before applying.

The [Capital City Marathon Association](#) (CCMA) is a nonprofit organization that has been providing a quality, local, all-volunteer running event since 1982. CCMA is committed to giving back to the community. To that end, in 2014, they established the Capital City Marathon Endowment Fund, which grows each year with proceeds from their event. The Capital City Marathon Endowment Fund is a component fund of the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound.

Program Goals

Funding is available for projects in the Lewis, Mason, and Thurston County areas that will increase the understanding and practice of healthy living. To accomplish this goal, the grant supports projects that focus on one or more of the following:

- Personal health and fitness through the promotion of physical activity and exercise, such as running, group or individual sports, swimming, hiking, dancing, etc.
- Nutrition, which can include nutrition education or other positive health habits and attitudes.
- Personal growth through accomplishment, such as preparing for a competition.
- Accessibility through the expansion of participation opportunities in a sport or healthy living activities.

Grant Details and Deadline

- Grant amounts will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- We expect to make up to five grant awards in 2026.
- Applications must be received through our online grants platform by **11:59 pm on Friday, March 20, 2026.**

PROCESS AND GUIDELINES

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organizations, booster clubs, public schools and/or school districts, and tribal organizations are eligible to be considered for this grant. If your organization does not fall under an eligible category, you must secure a fiscal sponsor.

Each organization may submit one application per cycle. Applications are reviewed by Community Foundation staff—in consultation with the CCMA Board of Directors—with final approval by the Community Foundation Board of Directors.

We consider applications that:

- Are complete and in the requested format.
- Clearly describe proposed activities and plans.
- Demonstrate reasonable financial health and basic capacity.
- Demonstrate how programs will be created, improved, or expanded due to grant funding.
- Commit to documenting and submitting outcomes due to grant funding.
- Align with Capital City Marathon Endowment Fund program goals.
- Serve Lewis, Mason, and/or Thurston Counties.

Additional Note

- Grantees will be asked to share a photo with permission for use on CCMA's and the Community Foundation's website and social media.
- Grantees will be invited to table at Capital City Marathon's exposition event, the Run Fair, **May 16 & 17 of 2026**. CCMA offers this optional opportunity to further support, raise awareness, and promote grantees and their community work.

Online Grants Platform

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound uses an online platform, [Grants Lifecycle Manager](#) (GLM) for application submissions. The platform compiles information and support materials for all the Community Foundation's grant programs. If you are new to our online grants platform, you will need to create an account in our system.

For new users that need to create an account in GLM, you will be asked to enter the following information:

- A username that is an email address
- Your contact information
- Your organization's information, including the EIN/Tax ID number (required)
- Contact information for the organization's Executive Director or CEO

NEED HELP?

If you have any questions or accessibility concerns, need help with language translation, or have any trouble with the online grants platform, please contact Tami Mason Lathrop (she/her) for assistance at tami@thecommunityfoundation.com or by phone at 564.999.4835.