

**Deschutes County
Board of County Commissioners
Discretionary Grant Program**

Note: In mid-April, Stephanie Alvstad of J Bar J Youth Services contacted each of the Commissioners requesting a waiver for site plan review fees required to add a multi-purpose room to the boys' ranch building for cold-weather activities. As the Board does not waive building/land use fees, Ms. Alvstad was encouraged to pursue a discretionary grant to offset the cost as an alternative.

Board Meeting Date: May 11, 2016

Organization: J Bar J Youth Services

Project Name: Ranch Addition

Project Period: May 23, 2016 – August 31, 2016

Amount of Request: \$2,285

Previous Grants:

7/1/1999	\$ 2,000.00	Michelob Classic sponsorship
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7/18/2001	\$ 1,000.00	Oregon High Desert Classic
6/14/2002	\$ 350.00	Table for fundraiser
9/28/2004	\$ 2,000.00	Homeless program
12/19/2006	\$ 2,900.00	Installation of Electricity and Water to add 70 horse stalls

Approved: _____

Declined: _____



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DESCHUTES COUNTY DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Today's Date:	5/3/16	Project Name:	J Bar J Boy's Ranch Addition
Project Beginning Date:	5/23/16	Project End Date:	8/31/16
Amount Requested:	\$2285	Date Funds Needed:	5/23/16
Name of Applicant Organization:	J Bar J Youth Services		
Address:	62895 Hamby Rd		
City & Zip Code:	Bend OR 97701	Tax ID #:	93-0677650
Contact Name(s):	Stephanie Alvstad	Telephone #:	541 389 1409
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On a separate sheet(s), please briefly answer the following questions:

1. Describe the applicant organization, including its purpose, leadership structure, and activities.
2. Describe the proposed project or activity.
3. Provide a timeline for completing the proposed project or activity.
4. Explain how the proposed project or activity will positively impact the community.
5. Identify the specific communities or groups that will benefit.
6. Describe how grant funds will be used and include the source and amounts of matching funds or in-kind contributions, if any. Itemize anticipated expenditures*.
7. If the grant will support an ongoing activity, explain how it will be funded in the future.

Attach:

Proof of the applicant organization's non-profit status.

* Applicant may be contacted during the review process and asked to provide a complete line item budget.

1. The mission of J Bar J Youth Services is to provide innovative options for at-risk children, youth and their families toward self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. J Bar J facilitates positive change for at-risk youth with six distinct programs: the J Bar J Boys Ranch, Academy at Sisters, Cascade Youth and Family Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon, the Learning Center, and Safe Families for Children of Central Oregon. J Bar J Youth Services is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors of currently 8 community professionals. Some significant activities over the last 2 years:

- a. In 2014, we partnered with a coalition of churches to establish Safe Families for Children of Central Oregon, an affiliate of a national program that provides support and mentoring for families. The target audience for this program is families that are temporarily not able to care for their children; they can place them with a host family voluntarily for a limited period of time. The goal is to reduce the demand for child welfare services and to preserve and empower families.
 - b. The J Bar J Boys Ranch increased their capacity to serve more youth in the fall of 2015. We received a new state contract and license to lease the Deschutes County Juvenile Pod 300 for 12 boys. This is a highly respected contracted program for Oregon Youth Authority placements. The additional beds will increase access to our programs.
 - c. Cascade Youth & Family Center established a social venture called Tag It Forward-a mobile coffee van to provide employment training and experience for homeless youth. We also added the Independent Living Program, serving current and former foster youth on their journey towards independence.
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2. Our request is for \$2,285 to cover the cost of site plan review. J Bar J Boy's Ranch is adding a multi-purpose room for the adolescent boys at the ranch. Our boys currently have a dining room, but no living room, or multi-purpose room to do some indoor activities when the weather gets cold. We have a concrete slab at the front of the boys ranch building and plan to turn that into the multipurpose room. We have a contractor who has donated some time, an architect that has donated some time (\$4,000 so far), and we had a small budget (\$45,000) to add the room. However, we later discovered through the architect that we would need to increase the budget by 25% for accessibility issues (state and local rules), thus we had to add approximately \$15,000 to our budget. We are trying to secure donations beyond the architect's donation (and some labor to be donated by the contractor (\$2,000), to be able to complete the project.

3. The site plan is ready to be turned in to the Deschutes County planning department for review. We hope to turn it in this month by May 23. The review process takes 8-10 weeks so it should be completed by July 31st. Once the site plan review is approved we can start the work on the addition of the room in August, completing it by September, ready for the cold months so the boys have additional living space.

4. The Deschutes County Discretionary funding for this project will allow J Bar J Youth Services to continue providing services to hundreds of local youth through our 6 programs listed above.

5. The specific group that will primarily be affected will be the boys at the J Bar J Boys ranch. Approximately 1/3 of the youth at the ranch are local. The additional space will allow for better separation of youth and increased room for indoor activities, creating a more stable living environment. With less conflict, we anticipate positive impacts for the surrounding neighborhood and community – fewer referrals to law enforcement and fewer youth running away from the program.

6. Grant funding will be used to pay the Deschutes County Site Plan review fee of \$2,285 for our addition of a multipurpose room. Donations thus far include the architect donation of \$4,000, and the contractor labor donation of \$2,000. The rest will be paid for by donations from our fundraiser the Oregon High Desert Horse Show.

7. This is a one-time request. It is not an ongoing activity.

Thank you for your consideration!