

**Originally founded by members of the Olympia Food Co-op,** our

organizations share these commitments in our mission statements:

- ecological balance
- economic and social justice
- development of local community-based resources.

**CSF awards funding to individuals & organizations within Thurston County.**

**CSF is sustained by:**

- voluntary 'round-ups' at Olympia Food Co-op
- support from local businesses and individuals
- fund-raising events

Community Sustaining Fund of Thurston County  
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# COMMUNITY SUSTAINING FUND OF THURSTON COUNTY

**Providing grant support for progressive, community-oriented projects in Thurston County for nearly 30 years.**



## About

The **Community Sustaining Fund** (CSF) provides micro-grants to individuals and groups that are engaged in fostering social justice, environmental education, and community activism through innovative means and creative collaborations.

## Leadership Group

CSF is a completely volunteer-run organization, committed to principles of consensus-based decision-making. The **Olympia Food Co-op** Board has designated a permanent CSF Liaison position. We are always seeking new board members who can bring their time, energy, and enthusiasm—contact us at our email: [thurstoncsf@comcast.net](mailto:thurstoncsf@comcast.net)

## Funding Sources

Most of CSF's funding comes from **Olympia Food Co-op** members who 'round up' when shopping. CSF is also supported by businesses and individuals through direct donations, 'shop for a cause' days, & local fundraising events.

*"The Community Sustaining Fund is an engine of creation!"*

Gail O'Sullivan, Fertile Ground Guesthouse (2013).

## Past Grant Recipients

For almost 30 years, CSF has awarded nearly \$125,000 total in small grant amounts to over 200 groups and individuals. Past recipients include **Pizza Klatch, HeartSparkle Players, Peace Scouts, South Sound Estuarium, Veterans for Peace, TedX, West Central Park, Westside Heronry, Arbutus Folk School and Mexicana Cultural Exchange.**

## Grant Applications

**Grants are disbursed in Fall & Spring**, and are based on the number of applicants, strength of applications, and available funding. Grant amounts usually range from \$100-600 (\$1,000 is the maximum that can be requested).

## Have an interesting project and need help getting started?

**IT'S NOT TOO DIFFICULT – START WITH OUR GRANT CRITERIA**

**(go to our website for details):**

- Reside in Thurston County (TC) & activities will occur in TC
- Operate in a responsive, democratic, non-discriminatory manner and actively pursues cultural diversity in group composition
- Actively work toward a more just, equitable world of ecological & economic balance, and personal and social responsibility
- Have a plan for sustaining this work beyond the grant

## Contact Us

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