



Technical Assistance & Professional Development Grants for Rural Libraries

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The Roundhouse Foundation is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for professional development and technical assistance opportunities that strengthen the skills, talents, and capacity of rural libraries. We understand that while opportunities for skill development and strategic investments are valuable, they can often be difficult to pay for. This 2025 pilot program is designed to gather insights and improve future offerings.

ALIGNED PROJECTS MIGHT INCLUDE:

- Paying for staff or board members to attend a conference or training
- Hiring a consultant to develop a strategic plan, succession plan or fundraising plan
- Purchasing a highly specialized piece of equipment or software specific to your work
- Other creative approaches that build capacity through training and development

ELIGIBILITY

Through this program, we will prioritize our 2024 grant partners. In addition, we are especially interested in supporting opportunities from organizations whose missions align with the following initiatives:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage, ***including rural libraries!***
- Journalism & Storytelling
- Rural Fire & Emergency Services
- Food Banks, Pantries, and other Partner Agencies
- *Organizations whose missions are aligned with the above initiatives do not have to be previous grant partners.*

All applications should align with Roundhouse Foundation's [mission](#), [eligibility](#) and serve rural and Indigenous communities in Oregon.

WHY RURAL LIBRARIES?

Rural libraries serve as vital community hubs, providing spaces for learning and connection, in addition to providing free access to books, internet, and educational resources that might otherwise be out of reach.

Libraries are safe, welcoming spaces for people of all ages to learn and grow. In many rural areas, a library is one of the few public places where people can gather, access services, or attend community events. Libraries also help preserve local history and culture through archives and storytelling programs.

Roundhouse seeks to support rural libraries working to enhance skills, provide further training, or assist with purchasing specialized equipment for their rural or remote districts.

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Visit www.RoundhouseFoundation.org/grants to learn more about our mission and grants. We value building a relationship with potential applicants and existing partners. Contact us ahead of applying for assistance with developing a strong proposal: grants@roundhousefoundation.org