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**FY 2026/2027 Storey County Nonprofit Application for Operation Support Funds
Must Be Received No Later Than 4:00 pm, December 19, 2025**

Storey County grants funding to 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 Nonprofit Organizations registered and located in Storey County.

This funding is granted on a fiscal year basis to nonprofits who are:

1. Located in and have a primary mission statement for the restoration of a Storey County owned historic building or
2. A primary mission statement to significantly benefit the residents of Storey County.

This is a competitive grant that will be awarded based on a scoring mechanism outlined in the following pages. For this grant cycle, Storey County will grant an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000. Grants will be awarded based on the scoring total of each request, the total amount of all requests, and the amount of funds available.

Things to Consider Before Applying for Funding

Nonprofits must have a diverse funding plan in place to ensure financial stability and resilience. Relying heavily on a single funding source, such as government grants, corporate sponsorships, or individual donations, can leave an organization vulnerable to financial instability if that source declines or is eliminated. By diversifying revenue streams, through a mix of grants, fundraising events, membership programs, corporate partnerships, and revenue, nonprofits can create a more sustainable financial foundation. A well-rounded funding strategy not only reduces financial risk but also allows organizations to be more adaptable and better positioned to fulfill their mission.

Nonprofits exist to raise funds that enable them to fulfill their missions and serve their communities. At their core, these organizations are driven by the need to secure financial resources to support their programs, operations, and long-term sustainability. Without consistent funding, a nonprofit cannot effectively achieve its goals or make a meaningful impact. Fundraising is not just an activity for nonprofits, it is a fundamental purpose that allows them to function and grow. Whether through donations, grants, or sponsorships, their ability to exist and thrive depends on their success in generating financial support from a variety of sources.

Although Storey County may provide limited financial support to nonprofits, it is not appropriate for any nonprofit to rely on the County as its primary source of funding.

The County's funding is intended to supplement an organization's budget, not to serve as a primary financial resource. This approach helps nonprofits remain resilient and adaptable while ensuring that County resources are distributed fairly and responsibly across multiple community needs.

The County will not provide funding that equals or exceeds 50 percent of an organization's total expenses. **This policy is not intended to suggest that nonprofit organizations should apply for up to 50 percent of their expenses.**

Each applicant must justify their funding request with a combination of data and narrative to demonstrate the need for support and the potential impact of the funds. Providing clear, quantifiable data can help show how the requested funding will be used effectively. Alongside data, a compelling narrative is essential to contextualize the numbers and illustrate the nonprofit's mission, goals, and the specific challenges it aims to address.

Funds cannot be re-granted or sub-awarded to another person or organization. All funds must be utilized by the organization applying.

Funds will only be awarded if all questions and required documents are included in your application.

Please provide the following with your application:

1. Name of organization
2. Physical and mailing addresses
3. Contact person (Director or lead person)
4. Current list of Board of Directors or Officers
5. A brief history of your organization and its mission (first time applicants only)
6. Population served
7. Amount requested and a detailed budget and summary of how the funds will be applied
8. Total amount of actual expenses as reported in your most recent 990 or equivalent. If your budget is below the 990 or equivalent, please provide a detailed income and expense statement
9. If you have received funds in the past, provide a detailed account of how the funds were applied in the previous year and how the funds helped your organization accomplish its mission
10. Your strategic plan or a summary of how you will maintain financial stability in the future
11. List and describe other funding sources, i.e., fundraising events, etc.

Required Documents:

1. Most Current 990, 990 EZ or 990-N (E-Postcard)
2. Federal Tax-Exemption Letter (Organizations must be a 501(c)3 and 501(c)19 nonprofit)
3. Nevada Nonprofit Letter or State of Nevada Department of Taxation Letter
4. Articles of Incorporation or other document demonstrating compliance with NRS 372.3261
5. If located in a County owned building or property, proof of liability insurance.
6. A Board Resolution from your organization approving the amount requested, a copy of your board meeting minutes with board approval, or a letter of acknowledgement of the request from your board President

The award of grant funds must be by the adoption of a resolution of the Storey County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to NRS 244.1505. You will be notified of the date of the Board of County Commissioners' meeting and are encouraged to attend.

Grant funds are awarded at the discretion of Storey County. If the grant is awarded to your organization, funds will be disbursed quarterly, beginning July 2026. By submitting this application, you agree to provide additional documentation to the County if requested.

All applicants must follow all local, state, and federal laws in addition to best practices and professional standards appropriate to your organization.

Your application and supporting documents must be delivered to the Storey County Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 26 South B Street, Second Floor, Virginia City, no later than 4:00 pm, December 19, 2025.

Any questions, please contact:

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Pursuant to NRS 244.1505, a Board of County Commissioners is authorized to provide money to non-profit organizations created for religious, charitable, or educational purposes. The organizations requesting grant funds must meet the requirements set forth below.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS

In order to qualify as a religious, charitable or educational organization authorized to receive moneys from the boards of County commissioners, the organization must meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) No part of the net earnings of any such organization inures to the benefit of a private shareholder, individual or entity;
- (b) The business of the organization is not conducted for profit;
- (c) No substantial part of the business of the organization is devoted to the advocacy of any political principle or the defeat or passage of any state or federal legislation;
- (d) The organization does not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office; and
- (e) Any property sold to the organization for which an exemption is claimed is used by the organization in this State in furtherance of the religious, charitable or educational purposes of the organization. See NRS 372.3261(5).

2. CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

A qualifying **charitable** organization is one for which:

- (a) The sole or primary purpose of the organization is to:
 - (1) Advance a public purpose, donate or render gratuitously or at a reduced rate a substantial portion of its services to the persons who are the subjects of its charitable services, and benefit a substantial and indefinite class of persons who are the legitimate subjects of charity;
 - (2) Provide services that are otherwise required to be provided by a local government, this State or the Federal Government; or
 - (3) Operate a hospital or medical facility licensed pursuant to chapter 449 or 450 of NRS; and
- (c) The organization is operating in this State.

3. EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

A qualifying **educational** organization is one for which:

- (a) The sole or primary purpose of the organization is to:
 - (1) Provide athletic, cultural or social activities for children;
 - (2) Provide displays or performances of the visual or performing arts to members of the general public;
 - (3) Provide instruction and disseminate information on subjects beneficial to the community;
 - (4) Operate a school, college or university located in this State that conducts regular classes and provides courses of study required for accreditation or licensing by the State Board of Education or the Commission on Postsecondary Education, or for membership in the Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities;
 - (5) Serve as a local or state apprenticeship committee to advance programs of apprenticeship in this State; or
 - (6) Sponsor programs of apprenticeship in this State through a trust created pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 186.

4. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

A qualifying **religious** organization is one for which:

- (a) The sole or primary purpose of the organization is the operation of a church, synagogue, or other place of religious worship at which nonprofit religious services and activities are regularly conducted. Such an organization includes, without limitation, an integrated auxiliary or affiliate of the organization, men's, women's or youth groups established by the organization, a school or mission society operated by the organization, an organization of local units of a church and a convention or association of churches.

Storey County Nonprofit Operations Funding Request Scoring

- 3 — Exemplary:** Well-defined, thoughtfully researched, or prepared, potential for significant results.
- 2 — Adequate:** Response is satisfactory, sufficiently detailed, comprehensible, and achievable.
- 1 — Needs Improvement:** Response is minimal, vague, or underdeveloped.
- 0 — Absent or Insufficient:** Response is inappropriate, non-existent, or not understandable.

Competitive applications will offer evidence that program activities and outcomes significantly contribute to your organization’s ability to:

1. Apply for Federal, State, and private foundation grant funding, and manage fundraising events that provide for the restoration and maintenance of a Storey County owned historic building
2. Significantly benefit the residents of Storey County

Criterion	Score				Comments
All required documents have been provided.	3	2	1	0	
The proposal provides a defined benefit to residents of Storey County or to a historic building owned by the County.	3	2	1	0	
The proposal is well-organized, complete, and clearly communicates its goals and methods.	3	2	1	0	
The proposed activities are clearly aligned with the intended outcomes, supported by a timeline or evaluation plan.	3	2	1	0	
The proposal corresponds to the organization’s mission statement.	3	2	1	0	
Budget is detailed and accounts for realistic costs.	3	2	1	0	
Planned expenditures are relevant and justified.	3	2	1	0	
Detailed description of other funding sources.	3	2	1	0	

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Check List

Please use this checklist to ensure all required information is included in your application.

Requirement	Included
Name of Organization	
Physical and Mailing Addresses	
Contact Person	
Current List of Board Members or Officers	
History and Mission (first time applicants)	
Population Served	
Amount Requested	
Total Organization Actual Expenses	
Account of Previously Received Funds	
Strategic Financial Plan	
Other Funding Sources	
Most Current 990, 990 EZ or 990-N, or Profit and Loss Statement	
Federal Tax-Exempt Letter	
Nevada Nonprofit Letter or State of Nevada Department of Taxation Letter	
Articles of Incorporation	
Proof of Liability Insurance	
Your Organization's Board Resolution or Acknowledgement of Request	