



News Release

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Applications Being Accepted for 2017 Fresh Hop Ale Festival Grants

The Fresh Hop Group, the non-profit organization that produces the annual Fresh Hop Ale Festival in Yakima, has announced that applications for its grant program designed to assist non-profit organizations in Yakima County are now being accepted.

The grant program, which is in its third year, benefits Yakima County non-profit organizations with projects or programs that focus on arts and science. Organizations are specifically encouraged to submit applications for projects that allow the residents of Yakima County to have access to the arts, music and science-based activities.

To receive a simple, two-page grant application, email yakimafreshhop@gmail.com. Completed applications must be submitted by Wednesday, December 6th. Grant awards will be made in early February 2018.

Last year, the Fresh Hop Group awarded \$102,950 in grants to the Yakima Valley Museum, The Seasons Performance Hall, Yakima Maker Space, the Yakima-Morelia Sister City Association, the Latino Professional Association, the Yakima Folklife Association, the Larson Gallery, the Sagebrush Film Festival, Roosevelt Elementary School, Wenas Mammoth Foundation, the Yakima Symphony Orchestra and the Capitol Theatre. Funding for the grants came from proceeds of the annual Fresh Hop Ale Festival, which has been named one of the top 10 beer festivals in the nation by Americas Best Online, Suds Magazine, Seattle Beer News, and other industry publications.

"We're very excited to host one of the best beer festivals in the country and to use the proceeds from the festival to open up opportunities for arts, music, and science organizations in Yakima County," said Fresh Hop Group president Joe Nation. "It took 600 volunteers to create this year's festival," said Nation. "We couldn't pull off the festival nor generate funding for the grant program without them."

For more information on the Fresh Hop Group, contact the organization via email at yakimafreshhop@gmail.com.