

**THE
FOURWAY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**
P.O. BOX 652 Grants Pass, Oregon 97528

GRANT APPLICATION

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION GUIDELINES IN PREPARING THIS APPLICATION

Organization Name: Three Rivers School District

Application Date: March 18, 2013

Mailing Address: PO Box 160 **City/State/Zip:** Murphy, OR 97538 **Telephones:** 541-592-2116 (IVHS) and 541-592-2163 (LBMS)

Contact Names: Casey Alderson (IVHS) Rachael Huish (LBMS) **Titles:** Principals of Illinois Valley High School/ Lorna Byrne Middle School

Signature of Contact Person:  **Telephone:** 541-592-2116 (IVHS)

The following questions are details about your organization that may already be included in your accompanying documents, but will also need to be completely answered below. The Contact Person listed above certifies the truth and accuracy of all information submitted in connection with this application.

1. **Date Organization was established:** 1945 **Total number of paid employees:** 597 **Volunteers:** 200+
2. **Area served by organization:** Illinois Valley **Eligible Population:** 600 students in IVHS/LBMS **Total Served:** 78 enrolled in band
3. **Current Annual Budget:** \$40,244,016 List revenue sources, amounts and percent of total budget below:

Source: State of Oregon	Amount: \$23,989,447	Percent of Budget: 60%
All tax supported funds: X	Amount: \$13,267,411	Percent of Budget: 33%
All other sources: X	Amount: \$2,987,158	Percent of Budget: 7%

Comments: The financial figures shown above are for Three Rivers School District in its entirety. This grant application is in support of the music department, specifically the band programs, of Illinois Valley High School and Lorna Byrne Middle School. In 2011-2012, the total budget for supplies and equipment for music (vocal and instrumental) at both schools combined was \$2,115. In 2012-2013, the total budget for supplies and equipment for music (vocal and instrumental) at both schools combined was \$2,750. There are currently 29 band students at IVHS and 49 band students at LBMS. In vocal music, there are 50+ students enrolled at IVHS. There is no vocal music offered at LBMS.

4. List previous Grant Applications with **The Four Way Community Foundation** (not more than three):

Date: _____ Purpose: _____ Requested: \$ _____ Received: \$ _____

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5. **Project Description:** Purchase selected brass and woodwind equipment to replace extremely old and almost unusable school owned equipment: One ¾ size Concert Tuba: Vento Model 5200; two Three Valve Euphoniums (Baritones): King Diplomat 625; and one Baritone Saxophone: Vento.

Capital Expenditure: One Tuba @ \$1700, Two Euphoniums/Baritones @ \$1600 each = \$3200, and One Baritone Saxophone @ \$1500. Total request = \$6400.

Project Budget: \$6400 **Funding Request:** \$6400 **Anticipated completion date:** Instruments will be purchased immediately upon receiving funding.

Other Source: We will apply to Cow Creek, Carpenter and Gordon Ellwood for support to acquire additional instruments that are needed to allow all interested students to have the opportunity to participate in band.

All other sources: _____ Amount requested: \$ _____ Application Status: _____

6. **Homeland Security Declaration.** The applicant organization certifies that it is in compliance with state and federal laws regarding the use and distribution of its funds or resources, including the USA Patriot Act.

Comments: The music department at both schools holds dessert sales in conjunction with concerts as fundraisers. These funds have been dedicated toward field trips for students to participate in local music events.

Attachments

B. The Project Budget

One ¼ size Concert Tuba: Vento Model 5200	\$1700
Two Three Valve Euphoniums/Baritones @\$1600 each....	\$3200
One Baritone Saxophone.....	\$1500
Total.....	\$6400

C and D. District Financial Statement and Budget

- 1) Budget message from Dan Huber-Kantola, Three Rivers School District Superintendent
- 2) Financial Summary
- 3) Resolution to Adopt the Budget
- 4) Historical enrollment in the district
- 5) Budget analysis by category
- 6) Summary of music budget for LBMS and IVHS

E. Board Members and Budget Committee Members

F. Exempt from taxes as a public education entity

Note: The entire budget document for TRSD is available upon request.

Community Letters of Support

- 1) Letter from Scott Taylor, owner of Taylor Sausage, Inc.
- 2) Letter from Jeff and Karen Stiles, Owners of Oregon Caves Chevron

March 18, 2013

The FourWay Community Foundation
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Dear FourWay Community Foundation Board Members:

It is with pleasure we submit this grant request for the acquisition of four bass instruments to support the band programs at Illinois Valley High School and Lorna Byrne Middle School. We are requesting funding to purchase one $\frac{3}{4}$ size Concert Tuba: Vento Model 5200, two Three Valve Euphoniums (Baritones): King Diplomat 625 and one Baritone Saxophone: Vento. The Tuba is \$1700, each Euphonium is \$1600, and the Baritone Saxophone is \$1500. The total grant request is \$6400.

The existing tubas, euphoniums and baritone saxophones are owned by the school are almost 30 years old and are in poor condition. They have been repaired many times and becoming un-repairable. These are instruments that are not owned or rented by students due to their high cost. Yet these instruments are essential to a band, providing the bass foundation that is necessary for ensemble sound and balance. Without these instruments, the band would have a very difficult time performing. In addition, having these instruments available provides an opportunity for students who would otherwise not be able to participate in band.

Under Mr. Sean McKee, the music teacher at both IVHS and LBMS for the past six years, the music programs in the Illinois Valley are flourishing. Mr. McKee came in to a music program that had dwindled almost to the point of non-existence, i.e. there were 9 students in the high school band. Through his dedication and talent, both the bands and the choirs experienced not only a rapid increase in quantity of students participating, but in the quality of the music the students are producing. A recent band and choir concert at IVHS packed the cafeteria with appreciative parents and community members. It was a wonderful evening of celebration of students' success and of community support. Letters of appreciation for the music program from two community leaders are enclosed.

Both LBMS and IVHS are federally designated Provision Two schools. This means the poverty level has been so high for such an extended period of time that the schools have been designated as 100% free lunch schools. Given the pervasive poverty level, it is challenging for many parents to purchase or rent any musical instrument for their child and purchasing or renting the large instruments in this grant request is impossible.

Three Rivers School District (TRSD) has faced tremendous budget difficulties over the past seven years. The budget challenges are not due in any way to poor financial management; rather TRSD is a model of how to provide a quality education on a shoestring budget. Three Rivers financial difficulties begin with a district that is geographically huge, spanning the entire county with the exception of the city of Grants Pass. While the state reimburses part of the cost of busing, the non-reimbursed portion annually costs TRSD in excess of \$1M when compared to Grants Pass District #7. Due to the vast geography of the district, TRSD must operate a variety of smaller schools, rather than more cost effective larger schools. Nonetheless and despite increased busing time for students, consolidation of schools has already occurred with the closure of three elementary schools (Selma, Merlin and Wolf Creek) and the closure of Jerome Prairie Elementary School is currently being reviewed. Finally, Three Rivers has been faced with declining enrollment in the district. Incoming kindergarten

classes are considerably smaller than outgoing senior classes. This enrollment decline has been as dramatic as 200 students per year but is now slowing to about 50 students per year. With state funding based on a per child basis, each year Three Rivers receives substantially less in funding and must reduce its budget. To balance the budget, Three Rivers has had to resort to closing schools for up to 10 days and furloughing all staff.

Opportunities for elective classes for students in the Illinois Valley are limited due to budget reductions. The long-time FFA/agricultural program at Illinois Valley High School was ended as was the vocal music program at Lorna Byrne Middle School. Drama programs at both schools no longer exist. It should be noted that unlike Grants Pass School District #7, Three Rivers does not have elementary or middle school vocal music teachers, nor does it offer strings instruction beginning at 4th grade (or any strings instruction) or band instruction beginning at 5th grade.

The total budget for band equipment and supplies for the combined vocal and instrumental music programs at IVHS and LBMS was \$2,115 in 2011-2012 and \$2,750 in 2012-2013. This funding goes toward purchasing everything from sheet music to music stands and clearly cannot be dedicated toward purchasing the large bass instruments the bands so desperately need. Obtaining these instruments will allow the bands to continue to grow and flourish and will also be a much needed "morale" boost to both schools.

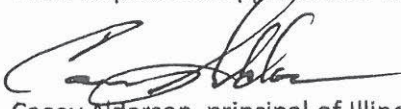
The success of the project will be measured by the continued increase in the number of students who participate in the band program and the community support that is evident by attendance at the concerts.

The need for this project was determined through consultation with Mr. Sean McKee. Based on the huge turnout for the recent concert, clearly the community strongly supports the music programs in the Illinois Valley.

The music department of IVHS and LBMS strives to instill in students a lifelong appreciation for music. Mr. McKee teaches a wide range of musical genres and, as was evidenced by the most recent concert, truly stretches his students to reach their full potential as musicians. Several of the pieces performed by the band were college level pieces and the students performed admirably.

It must also be noted just how difficult it is to fund raise in the Illinois Valley. The sports teams at both schools are not fully funded – or funded at all – by the district. The many non-profits that do great work in the Illinois Valley are also continually in need. The small business base of the Illinois Valley simply cannot provide for all the needs that exist. Our hope is that FourWay will support this request so that instrumental music will continue to thrive for many, many years in the Illinois Valley schools. These instruments will be cared for with a maximum of TLC and will provide countless students the opportunity to experience the joy of performing as part of a band through the decades to come.

With respect and appreciation for the work you do,



Casey Alderson, principal of Illinois Valley High School



Rachael Huish, principal of Lorna Byrne Middle School