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Explore Lincoln City Awards \$57,865 in Grants to Fund Community Partnership Projects

Lincoln City, Ore. (June 3, 2026) - [Explore Lincoln City](#) is delighted to announce that \$57,865 was awarded to seven Community Partnership Fund recipients during the 2025 - 2026 fiscal year with several pending applications. This grant cycle prioritized applicants with tourism-facing projects that emphasized stewardship, accessibility and inclusion.

Since 2009, Explore Lincoln City has delivered \$1,427,865 in grants and community partnership funding to support hundreds of meaningful projects and events in Lincoln City. These funds reinvest transient lodging taxes (TLT) collected from visitors into the community and leverage economic development through tourism attraction development and community stewardship. "As the face of tourism in Lincoln City, it is important to Explore Lincoln City that we support our community partners in providing forward-thinking, innovative experiences and attractions for visitors," said Kim Cooper Findling, Explore Lincoln City Director. "These fund awards amplify the great work being done by many organizations on meaningful projects with co-benefits to community and visitors alike."

This year's recipients include:

Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative received \$19,515 to build upon the success of last year's events. The 2026 series of events emphasize stewardship and natural history education around Oregon's only Biosphere Region. Family friendly, educational and impactful events included Natural Arts and Sciences on Tap, Estuary Boat Excursions, Tidepool Ambassador program, a Sand Art Contest, Sunset Kayaking and Welcoming the Salmon Home estuary tours.

Foamie Frenzie Surf Competition received \$5,000 for a surf competition. This competition is built on an inclusive culture with a philosophy of protecting and learning about the ocean and how to preserve it. While hoping to draw people to Lincoln City for the competition, this annual event also includes a great stewardship practice: a beach cleanup is planned after the event.

Out in L.C. through the Lincoln City Cultural Center received \$2,000 towards main stage performances for the 2026 Lincoln City Pride celebration. This event will highlight Lincoln City's creativity, accessibility, and diversity by centering queer experiences at Schooner Creek Discovery Park.

Gaden Shartse Thubten Dhargye Ling received \$5,000 for a Peace Tour event, the creation of a sand mandala, cultural performances, ceremonies, workshops, and more from Tibetan monks at Lincoln City Cultural Center.

Siletz Bay Music Festival received \$5,000 to host the world premiere of the Hold Fast to Dreams: The Poetry of Langston Hughes with a jazz quintet. A performance described as a celebration of language, humor, love, rage, and wisdom in community.

Shifting Tides received \$5,000 to host Winter Waters, a two day local seafood event highlighting culinary experiences with chefs, restaurants and shops, art and education from local fishermen.

Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce received \$10,000 to replace the current welcome sign with a dark skies friendly electronic sign which will create real-time messaging for both residents and visitors coming through Lincoln City.

Seven Capes Bird Alliance received \$1,350 towards funding Lincoln City Osprey Days. This year's festival has been extended to two days and will include a concert, presentation on living with ospreys as well as showcasing live raptors by Chintimini Wildlife Center.

The 2026-2027 Community Partnership Fund cycle begins July 1, 2025, and will repeat the theme of prioritizing projects that emphasize stewardship, accessibility and inclusion. For more information see explorelincolncity.com/industry.

About Lincoln City

Home to countless treasured experiences, including the world-famous Finders Keepers glass float program, two internationally recognized kite festivals, and Oregon's only UNESCO Biosphere Region, Lincoln City boasts seven miles of public beaches, a prolific arts scene, and a laid-back beach town vibe. Flanked by the Pacific Ocean to the west and lush forests to the east, Lincoln City is the Oregon Coast's destination of choice for sustainability-minded travelers. From ocean-to-table cuisine and ideal stargazing conditions, to postcard-worthy summer beach getaways and moody winter storm watching, every season brings something different. And it's all barely an hour from the Willamette Valley. Follow along [@lincolncityor](https://twitter.com/lincolncityor) for inspiration or begin planning a visit at explorelincolncity.com.

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