

# Better Living through Giving

## Request for Letter of Interest



March 3, 2017

Greetings,

**Better Living through Giving (BLTG)**, a charitable giving circle of the Jefferson Community Foundation, is soliciting **Letters of Interest (LoI)** from Jefferson County organizations that wish to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 to support a program with a **focus on youth services, leadership training, or vocational education**. Examples could include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Various aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)
- 2) Educational/vocational training
- 3) Innovative 'experiential' training programs
- 4) Maker spaces
- 5) Programs that provide opportunities in the social, community service or environmental areas

Collaborative projects between organizations, involving the above criteria, are encouraged. Multiple ideas are acceptable but submissions must be limited to one concept per LoI. Only submissions from organizations representing charitable purposes can be considered. Areas of funding will not include ongoing operational expense grants. Organizations must be willing and able to provide follow-up and reporting regarding the impact of a grant.

Previous grants awarded by BLTG were to the Port Townsend Library to start Girls Create! STEAM camps and the Northwest Watershed Institute to initiate the YES! (Youth Environmental Stewards) program. See <http://www.jccfgives.org/2016/05/better-living-through-giving-circle-awards-two-grants/>

If your organization may have a good match with the above areas of interest, please submit a one page (max) Letter of Interest (in *pdf* format) to [director@jccfgives.org](mailto:director@jccfgives.org) outlining the basic concept you would propose for funding. This letter must be received by April 3, 2017. Selected candidates will be invited to present and discuss their proposal with members of the BLTG giving circle. The winning organization will be asked to submit a short written proposal, including a budget. It is anticipated the award will be given in May or June, 2017.

Please direct any questions to me. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Dane".

Ken Dane

Interim Executive Director, Jefferson Community Foundation