

Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund

Business Grant Program Press Release

(May 31, 2022) - It is with great enthusiasm that the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund (SCWRF) announces our Business Grant Program is now open to receive applications. The SCWRF Advisory Committee created this grant program for small businesses owned and operated within the Santiam Canyon that were impacted by the 2020 Beachie Creek Fire. The Business Grant Program will assist fire-impacted Santiam Canyon small businesses with reopening and continuing business operations.

The parameters of the SCWRF Business Grant Program are:

- Grant opens June 1, 2022, and closes July 29, 2022.
- Grant is open to Oregon small businesses operating within the geographical areas of Detroit, Idanha, Gates, Mill City, Breitenbush, Mehama, and Lyons, i.e., Santiam Canyon.
- For the purpose of this grant, “small business” refers to a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other business employing persons.
- Grant applicant must be an owner of the business requesting assistance.
- The maximum grant award amount is \$10,000. The actual grant award amounts will be determined based on the number of applications and the availability of funds.
- Grants are available for such things as materials/business supplies, signage, furnishings, related unforeseen/out-of-ordinary expenses, improvements, and loss of income as a result of the Beachie Creek Fire.
- Awarded grant funds may not be used to pay personal expenses.

If you believe you qualify for the Business Grant, please download the application from the SCWRF website at <https://santiamcanyonwildfirerelieffund.org/apply-for-recovery-grants/> .

SCWRF continues its ongoing support by funding the relief and recovery needs of households and individuals via Santiam Disaster Services also known as S.I.T. located in Sublimity at Anthony Hall. If you have been impacted by the Beachie Creek wildfire and live in the Santiam Canyon, please contact Santiam Disaster Services at 503-769-9319 or email scwrf@santiamhospital.org.

Santiam Disaster Services can access SCWRF to help with numerous wildfire relief and recovery needs for households, such as:

- Securing Housing Needs
- Assisting with FEMA Applications and Appeals
- Navigating Insurance Claims
- Securing Food, Clothing, and Medical Supplies
- Accessing the Disaster Resource Center in Sublimity

- Connecting survivors to volunteer groups to aid in property clean-up.

How to apply for the SCWRF Business Recovery Grant

Step 1: Visit <https://santiamcanyonwildfirerelieffund.org/apply-for-recovery-grants/>

Step 2: Download the Business Grant Application

Step 3: Complete the application and follow the instructions for submission.

For inquiries regarding SCWRF Business Grants, please call the SCWRF Grant Helpline: 503 897-0379 or email scwrf@santiamhospital.org.

How to Donate to SCWRF

Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund is a 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible. Monetary donations can be made online at <http://SCWRF.org>. In-kind donations of goods and services are also needed. For information, visit <http://SCWRF.org>.

The distribution of funds is overseen by the SCWRF Advisory Committee and 100% of contributions are distributed to Santiam Canyon residents impacted by the 2020 Beachie Creek fires until the fund is exhausted.

SCWRF Mission Statement

The Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund was established in 2020 to support residents living in the Santiam Canyon who are affected by the September 2020 Lionshead and Beachie Creek wildfires by raising funds to provide relief, support the recovery and clean up, and assist the rebuild of our communities of Idanha, Breitenbush, Niagara, Detroit, Gates, Mill City, Lyons, and Mehama, Oregon.