

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS REGION

The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation seeks to provide support to communities in King and Pierce County communities through targeted grants in the Foundation's following focus area:

Affordable Housing and Shelter

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BACKGROUND

Weyerhaeuser's communities throughout the United States range from rural to metropolitan, with unique priorities and needs. The Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation (*the Foundation*) has established a Community Giving Framework that offers flexibility for a variety of giving to support these different communities. The focus areas within the Foundation's Community Giving Framework are described in detail in the Grant Guidelines section of the Foundation's website.

This giving framework supports our local giving philosophy: to cultivate growing minds and bodies, promote sustainable communities, and nurture our communities' quality of life.

For 2010, in the metropolitan Headquarters Region, the Foundation is specifically seeking grant applications in the following category:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SHELTER

FOCUS AREA: *Provide affordable housing for working families, enable homeless families to achieve permanent, stable housing, or effectively keep families in their homes and prevent them from becoming homeless.*

We believe a home is a safe refuge, a welcoming place for family, friends and community. Today's economy continues to put more families at risk of homelessness. A stable living environment is critical as families struggle to find or keep jobs, pursue education, and provide adequate care and attention to their families.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND GRANT SIZE: The Foundation seeks to fund a total of \$100,000 in one to four grants within this category. The final number of awards and grant amounts will be determined by the type, number and quality of proposals received.

ELIGIBILITY: Grant applicants must serve communities in King and Pierce counties. Priority will be given to programs close to Weyerhaeuser's headquarters location in Federal Way, Washington. Organizations must also meet the general eligibility requirements described in the Eligibility section of the Foundation's website.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The grant applicant's mission and intent must align closely with the intent of this focus area
- Applicants must be able to clearly demonstrate a track record of effective, proven strategies that reduce family homelessness by helping families achieve self-sufficiency and permanent, safe and stable housing.
- Priority will be given to organizations that demonstrate strong, established internal capacity to effectively address this focus area.
- The budget should reflect cost-effective use of the organization's resources in addressing this focus area, and the ability to leverage resources to serve multiple families.

APPLICATION: The foundation will accept online applications only. Select the appropriate application links within the section titled "Headquarters Area Grants" at

<http://www.weyerhaeuser.com/Sustainability/Foundation/HowToApply>

TIMELINE: Proposals should be electronically submitted no later than September 1, 2010. In fairness to all applicants, late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Grant awards are expected to be made mid to late Fall 2010.

QUESTIONS: Questions may be directed to Karen Veitenhans by e-mail at karen.veitenhans@weyerhaeuser.com