

# Impact Fee Grants for Non-Profit Organizations



## A helping hand ...

Orange County recognizes and encourages the contributions that non-profit organizations provide to our residents and our community.

To help such organizations, the Board of County Commissioners created this *Non-Profit Impact Fee Grant Program* to help with the costs of constructing facilities to provide community services.

Grants of up to **\$10,000** 

are available toward the costs of road, sheriff, and fire impact fees, which are charged for construction of facilities in unincorporated Orange County. \$250,000

in assistance has been granted to qualified non-profit organizations to provide community and social services to Orange County residents.

# Who is eligible for this grant?

To be eligible for an impact fee grant, your organization must:

- Be a non-profit organization, exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code.
- Provide services to Orange County residents, including (but not limited to) criminal justice diversion, substance abuse treatment, after-school programs, homeless shelters, or healthcare counseling.
- Allow Orange County residents equal opportunity to benefit from your organization's services.

# What kinds of facilities have been built using this program?

### **Examples of previously approved projects include:**

- Daycare/classroom facility
- Family life center

- Recreational facility
- Dependency treatment center
- Youth services center



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## When should I apply?

- The application window is open year-round. You may apply once you have filed a building permit application with the County's Building Safety Division (the building permit application number will be required for the grant application).
- It is important to file your impact fee grant application and allow it to be processed before your building permit has been issued and before you have paid your impact fees, because grants cannot be used to refund fees that your organization already has paid. It takes about 45 to 60 days to process a grant application.

## How do I apply?

The application form is available on our website: <a href="www.ocfl.net/PermitsLicenses/">www.ocfl.net/PermitsLicenses/</a> <a href="PermittingAndConstructionForms.aspx">PermittingAndConstructionForms.aspx</a> under Impact Fees.

## The application requests the following:

#### Information about your organization

- A description of your organization's mission, history, services, and clientele
- An organization budget for the current fiscal year
- Proof of your tax-exempt status.

### Information about your construction project

- The purpose and size of your project, as well as a project budget
- Whether fees will be charged for the services you will provide in your new facility;
- The building permit application number for your project
- The estimated impact fees for your project

For more information, please feel free to contact us at (407) 836-5691 or concurrency@ocfl.net.