

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.

Since 2000, over
\$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
- Recreational facility
- Youth services center
- Family life center
- Dependency treatment center

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: www.ocfl.net/PermitsLicenses/PermittingAndConstructionForms.aspx 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.