



HIGH DESERT PARTNERSHIP

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The Ford Family Foundation Grants \$300,000 to High Desert Partnership for community building in Harney County Oregon.

February 4, 2019 – Collaboration is the established way of doing business and building community in Harney County and The Ford Family Foundation is supporting this culture through a 3 year, \$300,000 community building grant awarded to High Desert Partnership.

The High Desert Partnership, a community-based organization committed to strengthening the communities of Harney County through collaboration will use this funding to continue to support several collaborative efforts in Harney County. “This grant award reflects years of hard work by a diverse group of folks that work tirelessly to solve complex social, economic and ecological issues facing Harney County. We’re incredibly thankful to The Ford Family Foundation for their support of Harney County’s brand of collaboration to continue building a strong, resilient community,” said Brenda Smith, High Desert Partnership Executive Director.

This grant will enable High Desert Partnership to continue to effectively support several collaborative efforts: the Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative, the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, the Harney County Restoration Collaborative, the Harney County Wildfire Collaborative, a business development initiative: BizHarney and a youth initiative: Youth Changing The Community. These collaborative groups all have a track record and experienced success in community-wide involvement and in solving difficult issues in Harney County.

High Desert Partnership has a community-centered approach to improving the lives of Harney County residents using and supporting collaboration for youth empowerment, economic opportunities and ecological improvements. This approach directly aligns with The Ford Family Foundation’s mission for developing successful citizens and building vital rural communities.

About [The Ford Family Foundation](#)

The Ford Family Foundation was established in 1957 by Kenneth W. and Hallie E. Ford. Its mission is “successful citizens and vital rural communities” in Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. The Foundation is located in Roseburg, Oregon, with a Scholarship office in Eugene. Tfff.org

About [The High Desert Partnership](#)

The High Desert Partnership exists to cultivate collaboration to support diverse partners engaged in solving complex issues to advance healthy ecosystems, economic well-being and social vitality to ensure a thriving and resilient Harney County.