



Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation Consolidated Grant Guidelines 2016

Our Mission...

Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation connects people and opportunities, generating resources to build a more caring, creative, and effective community.

New this Year...

This year TTCF is introducing a simplified and streamlined granting process. Nonprofits need only apply once for a consolidated grant cycle offering over \$370,000 in available to grant funds. Nonprofit organizations are required to fill out only one Common Application that will be used for all funding and grantmaking sources. Grant committee members from Queen of Hearts Women's Fund, Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, Open Competitive and Nature Fund will then jointly review proposals. Grants may be awarded from one unique funding source or through aligned funding sources (i.e. two separate funds with similar missions or objectives).

Before You Apply...

TTCF strongly recommends that you thoroughly read and understand the new consolidated grants process before beginning your common application. TTCF also strongly recommends, but does not require, that any nonprofit applying to the consolidated grants process attends an educational training session before beginning the common application.

Areas of Interest ...

The Foundation is broad based in its funding interests. We fund in the following areas of interest.

- Animal Welfare
- Arts and Culture
- Community Improvement
- Education
- Environment, Conservation, Recreation
- Health and Human Services
- Youth Development

All proposals for our Consolidated Grant Process must...

- show community benefit and/or support.
- not supplant funds or duplicate services.
- if applicable, have a plan to support the proposal after the grant term.

Types of Grants...

TTCF awards various types of grants and works in collaboration with our own and affiliate funds.

- **Mission Driven** grants: unrestricted, trust-based grants to further nonprofit missions. This new style of grantmaking allows TTCF and our affiliate funds to invest in the mission and people behind a nonprofit organization outside of specific programs and projects. Funding can be used

however the recipient's executive director(s) and board of directors elect. To apply for Mission Driven grants, it is *not* required to include a specific program/project or capacity building need.

- **Capacity Building** grants: these grants are awarded with the intention of strengthening a nonprofit organization's ability to fulfill its mission or increase its impact. Funding could be used for the following purposes: strategic planning, board development and governance, marketing and communication, fundraising, financial reporting, evaluation, and more. While it is not required to include a specific capacity building need in order to be eligible to receive these grants, completing this section with an uploaded budget in the common application may increase your ability for larger grants through individual funds or aligned funding sources.
- **Program/Project** grants: our traditional grants generally go toward hard costs or staffing costs to support, launch, expand, or advance the measurable impact of specific projects or programs. While it is not required to include a specific program/project in order to be eligible to receive these grants, completing this section with an uploaded budget in the common application may increase your eligibility for larger grants through individual funds or aligned funding sources.
- **Nature** grants: Environmental program/project grants are subject to additional eligibility requirements. Please see the specific criteria below.

(Note that if a proposal includes working in local classrooms or conducting field trips, a letter of support from the office of the TTUSD Superintendent must be included with the application.)

Further Requirements for Nature Grants...

Nature grants are made possible by TTCF's Nature Fund and Martis Fund. Nature Grants will support organizations that conserve wildlife, land, water and air quality in the Truckee, North Tahoe and Donner Summit regions while enhancing opportunities for enjoyment of the outdoors. Martis Fund resources will be distributed to those organizations that are committed to managing and restoring habitat and forest lands *specifically* in Martis Valley or the greater Eastern Placer County region. Organizations are also encouraged to share their capacity building needs and will be considered for Martis Fund resources for such needs if they have prior, ongoing or upcoming projects in this region. By investing in the business aspects of missions, we believe we can strengthen those efforts and ultimately support a greater impact in the region.

TTCF's Nature Fund resources support organizations that help advance the following desired outcomes:

- Healthy land, water and air
- Vibrant fish and wildlife populations
- Accessible open space
- Educated, aware and appreciative community members

Martis Fund resources support organizations that help advance the following desired outcomes:

- Restoration of forest and habitat lands
- Land management for optimal conservation values
- Leveraging existing institutional capacity and other funding sources

Limitations...

Geographic - Grants are awarded to organizations located in or directly serving the geographic areas of Donner Summit, Truckee, Squaw Valley, and the west and north shores of Lake Tahoe including Incline Village. While we will fund organizations out of this area, we primarily look for services utilized by the residents of our region.

TTCF does **not** make grants for the following:

- Direct religious activities.
- Political activism, lobbying, legislative activities or legal action.
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, color, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation or national origin.

Usually TTCF does not fund:

- Field trips and participation in activities by parental choice
- Capital Campaigns
- Activities that have already occurred
- School based activities, unless they impact students district wide or impact the broader community
- Organizations more than one time in a calendar year

Review Process...

Applications are due Wednesday, August 31, 2016 by 5 pm and will only be accepted online. Foundation staff will review applications to determine that the request is complete and conforms to TTCF's basic policies, goals, objectives, and areas of focus. Staff and members of the Grants Committee may research your request through Guidestar and internet searches, telephone inquiries, meetings, and/or site visits. The Board of Directors makes all funding decisions based on recommendations by the Grants Committee. Applicants will receive a response to grant requests within 6-8 weeks, with grant checks processed by year end. Program and Capacity Building Grant recipients are required to return a completed Grant Agreement and at the end of the grant year submit an online report describing how the money was spent and the results achieved.

Give Back Tahoe Giving Guide...

As part of our goal to streamline the requested activities of nonprofits, we have embedded the registration and content needs for our end-of-year Give Back Tahoe Giving Guide campaign. Eligible nonprofits who would like to participate in the 2016 Giving Guide can opt in through the common application of the consolidated grants process. After submitting your common application, you will receive an online packet to complete your registration. By October, you will receive a link sent to your contact email to approve, edit, or add any information to your profile on www.givebacktahoe.org. You will have one opportunity to change your profile before the printed directory is published. *Note: It is not required to participate in the Giving Guide, this is optional and will not affect the your eligibility for other funding sources.*