

# Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation Open Competitive Grant Guidelines 2012

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## ***Our Mission...***

The Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation matches philanthropic interests with charitable needs to enhance the quality of life in the Truckee-North Tahoe community.

## ***Areas of Interest ...***

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

- Arts, Culture and Public Benefit
- Education and Youth Development
- Environment, Conservation, & Animal Welfare
- Health and Human Services

## ***Types of Grants...***

The Open Competitive Fund will accept two kinds of grants. The first is our more typical Program/Equipment grant. These grants generally go towards either hard costs or staffing costs for specific projects, or towards equipment purchases like phones or computers. This year we will also be accepting applications for Core Operating Funds (for example salaries, rent, utilities.) Please read the application guidelines carefully for core operating proposals. Both types of Open Competitive grants have an average grant size of \$5,000.

## ***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 from its unrestricted funds 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.

## ***All proposals must...***

- show community support.
- not supplant funds or duplicate services.
- If applicable, have a plan for sustainability.

***Review Process...***

Applications are due April 2nd and September 28th, 2012 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 will research your request through telephone inquiries, meetings, and/or site visits. The Board of Directors makes all funding decisions based on recommendations by the Grants Committee. Applicants will usually receive an answer on grant requests within 12 weeks. Grant recipients are required to return a completed Grant Agreement and at the end of the grant year submit a report describing how the money was spent and the results achieved.