



## Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation Consolidated Grant Guidelines 2017

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

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

### ***Our Process...***

TTCF utilizes a simplified and streamlined granting process. Nonprofits need only apply once for a consolidated grant cycle offering \$300,000 in available to grant funds. Grant committee members from Queen of Hearts Women's Fund, Tahoe Donner Giving Fund, Open Competitive and Nature Fund will then jointly review proposals and direct them to aligned funding sources for further consideration.

### ***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 will still be awarding various types of grants. The first is our more typical **Program/Project** grant. These grants generally go toward either hard costs or staffing costs to support, launch, expand or advance the measurable impact of specific projects or programs. Environmental program/project grants are subject to additional eligibility requirements.

Please see the specific criteria for these **Nature** grants below. We will also be awarding **Capacity Building** grants (for example, funding for strategic planning, board development and governance, marketing and communication, fundraising, financial reporting, evaluation and more) and **Mission Driven** grants (an unrestricted, trust based grant to further a nonprofit mission).

*(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
- Indirect costs/administration costs/fiscal sponsorship fees of more than 5-10% of a total grant award to be paid to out of region organizations/fiscal sponsors unless otherwise negotiated.

***Review Process...***

Applications are due Thursday, August 31, 2017 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.