

Fall Open Competitive Grant Cycle Recipients

Adventure Risk Challenge (ARC) received a \$5,000 grant to support its process of becoming an independent 501(c) 3 and to no longer operate under the auspices of UC Berkeley. The funding will help pay for the ARC leadership team to attend a series of trainings and conferences including Executive Directors Training, Senior Level Nonprofit Manager Training, and Wilderness First Responders certifications.

Aim High was awarded a \$5,000 grant to support its 2015 summer program to decrease summer learning loss. The free, month-long summer school program focuses on social and academic development for 140 low-income middle school students.

Art for the Schools was funded \$3,000 in capacity building funds. The money will send two staff members to the Western Arts Alliance Conference where they will learn best practices from industry leaders, garnering information that will help enhance knowledge and skills needed to effectively deliver art education to regional children.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County and North Lake Tahoe was awarded \$5,000 for its Truckee-Kings Beach mentoring program. This grant will underwrite a Spanish-qualified staff person for 7.5 hours a week to support a more strategic approach to the program's bilingual matching process.

Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe received \$5,000 to upgrade its technological database and software system for live-tracking memberships, attendance, participation, and various other measurement outcomes. This system is especially important to ensure student safety now as BGCLNT plans a remote Truckee location in expansion of its successful afterschool programs.

Community of Writers at Squaw Valley was granted \$3,000 to improve their virtual marketing and communications platforms as part of an effort to raise the visibility of their summer Literary Events in Olympic Valley. A unique program to this area, the new website will expand their reach to draw visitors and serve locals.

Family Resource Center of Truckee was awarded \$5,000 to support their MLA program. The program provides free clinic-based legal consultations and mediation services in Spanish and English for clients in: landlord/tenant law, wage and employment claims, small claims assistance with consumer issues, etc. Funding requested will support a part-time Legal Advocate/Assistant position to assist with the growing work of the MLA.

Girls on the Run was awarded \$4,500 to fund half of the host site fee for an AmeriCorps member to work with the organization. This member will serve a minimum of 1700 hours, helping to increase operating capacity and strengthen programs.

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival was granted \$5,000 to update technologies in their sound systems and stage lighting in order to continue offering the highest level of professional performances at LTSF.

Learning Bridge of the Sierra was funded \$5,000 to support their Life After High School Program. The program provides access to higher education opportunities as a pathway to a better life by ensuring that students get the support they need in the college application process. Learning Bridge gives students who have demonstrated need the opportunity to enroll in the program at little to no cost.

North Tahoe Arts' mission to enrich the lives of residents and visitors alike by providing quality classes and hosting exhibits that showcase local talent inspired \$8,000 in funding. The grant will fund two programs: the Community Art Workshop Series, which provides free visual art workshops taught by selected art instructors, and a project of the Tahoe Public Art partners', whose objective is to create and install meaningful public art in Kings Beach and Tahoe City locations.

North Tahoe Family Resource Center was granted \$5,000 to add an eight week-workshop series to their already successful and progressive Latin Leadership program. Targeting teen leadership and development, the workshops will focus on the following core areas: self-leadership for teens, teen couples leadership, and teen parenting (if applicable).

Sierra State Parks Foundation received \$5,000 for the Donner State Park Outreach Program to create initial support and educational materials in anticipation for the March 2015 opening of the new Sierra Crossing Museum at Donner State Park.

Tahoe Regional Arts Foundation was awarded \$5,000 to produce marketing materials to assist in the launch of their fundraising campaign. Their goal is to create an outdoor theater venue, The Stages at Northstar, where local nonprofits as well as touring artists can perform.

Tahoe Food Hub's Veggie Box Program was funded \$5,000 to increase consumption of, and access to, regionally produced agricultural products by at-risk populations. They will do this by distributing veggie boxes to community partners (such as Project MANA) on a bi-monthly basis.

Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue received \$5,000 to uniformly outfit their "A" teams with critical search equipment: a set of high-quality winter jackets to replace the need for volunteer searchers to use personally owned jackets. This readily identify the team during rescue missions.

Tahoe Transportation District's project grant was fully funded at \$5,556. In response to a significant unmet need, a collaborative one year pilot program to provide inter-regional and out of area transportation was funded by Area 4 Agency on Aging as long as a local match was secured. The local grant ensures program continuity and sustainability,

and provides two years of service to the area in hopes to improve lives of residents and, especially, elders.

Tahoe Youth Ballet received \$5,000 to pay for visiting professional artists and choreographers to produce a series of performances throughout the calendar year. The visiting artists also teach TYB students and act as youth mentors.

TTUSD Sustainability and Energy Conservation Program received \$4,500 for the pilot Milk Dispenser Program. The grant will install a milk dispenser at Truckee High School to eliminate waste from individual use milk containers, reduce food waste from unused milk, and contribute to education on sustainability. If successful, the program will be carried on to other schools.

TTUSD was fully funded \$5,000 towards the *Sierra Teen Education and Parenting Program* to upgrade the facilities of their infant and toddler care center. The funding will buy plexi-glass "create a space" panel dividers, which will allow them to separate room space to create learning pods to continue to offer exceptional care for children.

Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway was awarded \$5,000 to initiate the planning efforts for the final four-mile stretch of the bike path between Truckee and Reno. These planning efforts include: detailed topographic mapping, developing auto-cad maps, developing preliminary design sketches, and running cost analysis models. This grant money will translate to the organization's credible application for the \$2-3 million construction funding and Caltrans permits.

Truckee Trails Foundation received \$4,500 for a capacity building grant to hire a temporary consultant to assist staff in developing marketing campaigns and strategies, while also creating a long-term communications and marketing plan.

Truckee Wolverine Boosters Club was granted \$2,500 for renovations and improvements on the Truckee High School softball field which is currently not at acceptable regulations for hosting games. This funding will re-do the infield which desperately needs the attention in time for spring season play.