



# GRANT GUIDELINES

TAHOE TRUCKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## 2020 Community Grants Cycle

Monday, September 14-Sunday, October 11

### ***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 that allows nonprofits to apply only once for a consolidated grant cycle offering at least \$300,000 in available grant funds. Grant committee members from Open Competitive, Nature Fund, Queen of Hearts Women's Fund, and Tahoe Donner Giving Fund will then jointly review proposals and direct them to aligned funding sources for further consideration.

### ***COVID-19 Considerations...***

TTCF understands many, if not all, regional nonprofits have been adversely impacted by COVID-19 either through lost revenue and cancelled programming or an increased, urgent demand for services not anticipated, budgeted or with resources to address. While TTCF has tried to respond to this crisis in the moment as best as we can for the community, we recognize the effects can be far reaching and long lasting. Therefore, please use this application process to update us on how your organization plans to address the ongoing impact from the pandemic for the next calendar year, in hopes that we can best align our resources to help mitigate the economic impairment.

### ***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 Community Grant Cycle 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, even in consideration of COVID-19 concerns. 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/with 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 (generally mirroring TTUSD boundaries), sometimes including Incline Village when appropriate. While we may 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:

- Participation in activities by parental choice
- Field trips
- 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 may be submitted **starting Monday, September 14th** and are **due Sunday, October 11th**, 2020 by midnight and will only be accepted online [HERE](#). 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.