

Tahoe Donner Giving Fund 2017 Grant Selections

- \$ 4,000** **Aim High for High School**
Free multi-year academic summer learning and enrichment program serving middle school students in communities with limited options. This is a partial grant, with TTCF contributing an additional \$1000, which supports efforts to narrow the achievement and opportunity gaps for 140 low-income Tahoe-Truckee students so that they make a smooth transition to high school, and thus be more likely to graduate on time – ready and eligible for college.
- \$ 2,500** **Choices Transitional Services**
Specialized programs for adults with developmental disabilities, which promote independence, personal development and self-sufficiency. This is a partial grant with TTCF contributing a like amount. This grant funds a series of workshops conducted with established artists that will teach various forms of art to program participants, as well as Truckee community members culminating in a public art show.
- \$ 2,500** **Church of the Mountains**
Emergency Warming Center provides a warm, dry space for homeless neighbors in need on the most severe weather nights of the year. As relationships are built, they strive to connect clients with services to help in the longer term. This is a partial grant with TTCF contributing a like amount. This grant helps support stipends for key roles to supplement volunteers, including the coordinator position which continues to be a mainstay to making this program a success.
- \$ 3,000** **North Tahoe Arts**
Operates the North Tahoe Arts Center in Tahoe City and strives to: support regional artists, and offer community members a comprehensive array of visual art programs as well as engage visitors who want to explore local artists and cultural events. With additional \$2,000 funding by TTCF, this grant supports their Children’s Art Programs – Kids Art Saturdays and Kids Art Camp (week long summer camp).
- \$ 2,500** **Sierra Senior Services**
Bringing vital services to home bound seniors in Truckee/North Lake Tahoe, such as Meals on Wheels, human connections, health and kinesthetic classes, and welfare checks. This is a partial grant with TTCF contributing a like amount. This is a capacity building grant to help the organization build better awareness of their services and design a reusable template for their first ever annual report.
- \$ 2,500** **Sugar Pine Foundation**
This forest restoration program supplies sugar and white pines for volunteers to plant in the Tahoe basin including Tahoe Donner as well as educational events for students, community members and visitors. This is a partial grant with The Nature Fund contributing a like amount. Goals for this year are planting 5000 sugar pine seedlings, helping to restore diversity in 80 acres of forest, and involving 300 children and adults in planting while teaching them about forest health and fire ecology.
- \$ 5,000** **Truckee Community Theater**
Supporting theatrical performances at their Church Street location and at the Regional Park, training to residents of all ages through plays, workshops, camps and classes. Full funding for a specific need, a portable digital sound board.

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Truckee Trails Foundation

Trail planning, building, and general advocacy for hiking and biking trails as well as maintenance to keep them in safe and sustainable condition. This is a partial grant with the Nature and Martis funds contributing the bulk of the funds. This grant funds the “legalizing” Coldstream trails. As the only non-profit trail group in the area with a Cooperating Agreement with the USFS Truckee Ranger District, they are uniquely qualified to undertake this effort.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund:

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