



## Tahoe Donner Giving Fund

Board of Directors Meeting

September 24, 2020

### Action Item.

The Giving Fund is on schedule to disburse member donation totaling \$85,000 in grants (Fall 2020) and scholarships (Spring 2021), plus \$200,000 in IMPACT scholarships. Using a 55:45 percent ratio, the \$85,000 is divided \$46,750 (rounded up to \$47,000) for grants and \$38,250 (rounded down to \$38,000) for scholarships. **We are asking the Board to approve a maximum of \$50,000 (\$47,000 plus a modest leeway of \$3,000) for grants to non-profits during the Fall 2021 grant-making cycle.**

If you remember, the timeline for the grant application and selection process is quite concentrated. Having Board approval of funds going into the process enables us to proceed in a smooth manner. We will come back to you with the names and amounts awarded once the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) Board approves all the grants. Until that time the applications and selections are confidential.

As a refresher, attached is copy of the grant-making process.

This year the Giving Fund committee members comprising the grants sub-committee are Cathy Pellegrini (lead), Fred Hertlein and Carla Brown who will be reading, evaluating, and making choices to bring to the TTCF Grants Committee for consideration. There are currently fifty-three applications to be evaluated.

The following chart shows the amounts awarded via grants since the inception of the Giving Fund in late 2014. We thank the Board for your support and the Tahoe Donner members who contribute to the Giving Fund as well as always encourage more members to join us in assisting the much needed good and necessary work of the non-profits in the greater Truckee area.

Year	Amount Awarded	Running Total	Annual Gain/Loss	Increase from Inception
2014	0			
2015	\$ 11,090	\$ 11,090		
2016	\$ 14,000	\$ 25,090	26%	26%
2017	\$ 24,000	\$ 49,090	71%	116%
2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 89,090	67%	261%
2019	\$ 50,000	\$ 139,090	25%	351%
2020	\$ 45,250	\$ 184,340	-10%	308%
2021	\$ 46,750	\$ 231,090	3%	322%

## Awarding Grants to Non-Profits through the TTCF Open Competitive Grant Process

The Giving Fund (GF) grants sub-committee consists of three members. The lead member will have participated on the sub-committee in previous years and represents the GF on TTCF's Grant Making Committee.

The Giving Fund prioritizes grants which provide direct aid and benefit to individuals and organizations in the greater Truckee Area. These organizations fall into four categories: Health and Human Services, Environment, Conservation & Animal Welfare, Education and Youth Development, Arts and Culture. The GF does not usually award grants to organizations that are funded through other support groups, that is, those supported by tuition paid by parents or those who are in planning stages. We do support some capacity building requests on a limited basis.

On an annual basis, usually at the conclusion of the summer fundraising campaign, the GF Treasurer and Chair make prudent decisions as to the total amount of funds available for disbursement to grants (Fall of current year) and scholarships (Spring of next year) and then calculate the percentage of those funds for grants and for scholarships. The Chair takes these figures to the Tahoe Donner Board for approval before or in conjunction with the grant application process. Once there is Board approval, the total amount available is communicated to TTCF.

*Note: There is no mention of the actual grant recipients until after the TTCF Board of Directors gives its approval of the awards and the awardees are notified by TTCF.*

Following the closing of the application (early September), the process has a short timeline for reading, making decisions, and awarding (end of October). The process proceeds according to the following steps.

1. The grant application process is administered by TTCF (eligibility criteria, applications, vetting, and facilitated selection process).
2. The three members of the GF grants sub-committee individually read, evaluate, and rank order each of the applications for general worthiness of awarding and more specifically, suitability for awards from the Giving Fund keeping in mind the criteria above.
3. Once all sub-committee members have read all applications, they meet in order to discuss the suitability of each on their rank order lists and assign a dollar amount to each in order to establish a composite list for the sub-committee lead to use at TTCF's grant-making roundtable.
4. TTCF convenes a gathering of all funders of grants for a collaborative discussion and funding decision making. Together with all the other funders, all grant applications are reviewed and assigned funding amounts and sources. This is where actual who to fund for how many dollars is made. The grants sub-committee lead is Giving Fund's representative at this table.
5. The sub-committee lead prepares a document showing the awardee, amount of award and a brief synopsis of how the grantee will use the funds (sample attached).
6. Since the TD Board has already approved the expenditure, there is no need to go to them again until after the TTCF Boards gives its approval. At that time the grantee information is shared with the TD Board.
7. TTCF notifies the grant recipients of their awards. The Giving Fund encloses its own letter (on letterhead) of congratulations with this notification, thus reinforcing the source of the funds and providing visibility to the GF. *Until this time the names of the awardees are confidential.*
8. At its next regular scheduled meeting the GF grants sub-committee shares information with the full committee and responds to any questions regarding funding decisions.
9. A poster is prepared for the GF bulletin board near the TD Clubhouse entrance. The manager of TD communications can help with this.



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5,000	Aim High for High School	Youth Development	Partial funding (1/2) to run a five-week educational and enrichment program, either in-person or virtually, blending math, science and humanities coursework, social-emotional development, college and career awareness along with health and wellness issues, and environmental education for low income middle school students.
5,000	Arts for the Schools	Arts and Culture	Partial funding (1/2) to provide performing arts (music, visual arts, and career training) as well as 14-week course to elementary students, either in-person or online. Provides art supplies delivered to students' homes (for online version) as well as a virtual Art Show at the end of the academic term. Meets key California career and arts content standards.
2,500	Boys and Girls Club	Youth Development	Partial funding (1/4) for now virtual support for youth and their families plus distribution of take-home meals and packets of supplies for STEM activities. Kings Beach and Truckee Elementary sites are open all day for students who do not have distance learning technology tools at home.
5,000	Emergency Warming Center	Health and Human Services	Partial funding to provide our under-sheltered neighbors a safe, warm, dry place to stay on the most severe weather nights as well as a daytime navigation center to help create longer-term support systems as they move toward greater stability.
5,000	Give Back Tahoe		Funding for Challenge Grants.
5,000	Sierra Senior Services	Health and Human Services	Partial funding (1/4) for the Meals on Wheels program. Sierra Senior Services now serves approximately 950 meals each week to those who are unable to shop for or prepare their own meal and/or any senior over age 60 who is sheltering in place. By providing this service to isolated seniors they receive nutrition, human interaction, and a wellness check.
3,550	Tahoe-Pyramid Trail	Environment /Conservation/ Animal Welfare	Partial funding (1/2) for the hardening of 300 feet of loose trail thread (gravel) near Farad in order that less-expert cyclists can ride this section of the trail safely. Because this work involves heavy equipment, it is not a job for volunteers.
5,200	Tahoe Food Hub	Health and Human Services	Full funding to cover Giving Boxes of fresh, seasonal, sustainably grown food for community members facing food insecurity, especially those out of work because of Covid. To date the Food Hub has provided 60-100 boxes to locals in this situation.
5,000	Truckee Donner Land Trust	Environment /Conservation/ Animal Welfare	Partial funding connected to the new 26-acre downtown riverfront park (Truckee Springs). This project opens riverfront land heretofore landlocked as well as allowing for a vital link to the Legacy Trail.
4,000	Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe	Environment /Conservation/ Animal Welfare	Partial funding (4/5) for the Pet Pantry (free pet food) program in recognition of the many health benefits of owning a pet, especially in these stressful times.

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