

# Environmental grants are awarded by Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation

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TAHOE/TRUCKEE – Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation's Board of Directors approved \$115,000 in environmental grants at its Feb. 10 meeting. Grants were awarded by the Nature Fund and the Martis Fund. TTCF's Nature Fund is a dedicated endowment that provides funding to environment/conservation activities and environmental education programs that encourage good stewardship of this region. Established in 2006, the Martis Fund supports programs to conserve open space; manage and restore habitat and forest lands; and promote opportunities for workforce housing and related community purposes in the Martis Valley Region.

## **Organizations to receive funding include:**

BEAR League: \$5,000 for paintball guns and non-lethal ammunition to provide aversive conditioning to retrain bears to avoid humans.

California Trout: \$9,500 to facilitate a Fisheries Consortium that works to ensure restoration benefits to trout fisheries are optimized in conservation efforts.

KidZone Museum: \$5,000 to create a Sierra Nature Center where children can learn the importance and fragility of the natural environment.

Mountain Area Preservation Foundation (MAPF): \$8,000 for connecting the Landscape - Martis Valley to Mt. Rose.

Sierra Watershed Education Partnership: \$10,000 to create a regional environmental youth leadership program.

Sugar Pine Foundation: \$8,000 to restore 50 acres of Martis Valley and Alder Creek by planting 2,500 healthy seedlings with the help of more than 200 students and volunteers.

Tahoe Rim Trail Association: \$2,500 to provide appropriate tools and safety equipment for volunteers on the trail.

Truckee River Watershed Council: \$67,000 in collaboration with the Truckee Donner Land Trust, this project addresses goals of acquisition and restoration in the Martis Valley.