

GRAND CANYON CONSERVATION FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

TO: Non-profit public interest groups interested in:

- (a) Protecting the Grand Canyon's Natural and Cultural Resources
- (b) Enhancing Access to the Grand Canyon for Persons with Disabilities

FROM: The Grand Canyon Conservation Fund

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Created in 1988 and managed on a volunteer basis by a group of Grand Canyon National Park's licensed river concessioners, the Grand Canyon Conservation Fund (GCCF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity which collects donations made primarily by the outfitted public who visit the Grand Canyon via professionally outfitted river trips. Donations are then disbursed annually in the form of grants to qualified non-profit public interest organizations actively involved in one of two areas: 1) the protection and/or conservation of the natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources of the Grand Canyon with an emphasis on the Colorado River corridor, or 2) the provision of assistance to persons with physical disabilities or socioeconomic impediments who seek to complete a Grand Canyon river experience.

Focus and Priorities

The GCCF has long been and remains interested in the operations of Glen Canyon Dam and in particular the work of the Adaptive Management Work Group. The GCCF also remains concerned with federal and regional water policy and with efforts to accommodate and provide access to the Grand Canyon river experience for persons with diverse physical abilities and socioeconomic backgrounds. In the past, the GCCF has supported projects involving resource stabilization, visitor impact mitigation, water quality and other scientific research, and the protection of the canyon's seeps and springs, air quality, and visibility.

The GCCF also encourages the submission of proposals involving other matters related to the Grand Canyon if potential applicants feel there is compelling importance and justification for such efforts. Funding may be available to support scientific research directed toward key Grand Canyon conservation questions. Applicants for such research support must be affiliated with an established non-profit organization.

Funding Levels Available

In the past, grants in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 have been awarded. The GCCF is naturally interested in supporting projects that make effective and efficient use of the monies provided. If proposals fall short of demonstrating a high probability of attaining effective and appropriate use of funds, the GCCF reserves the right to retain all funds until acceptable proposals are received.

How to Apply for a Grant

Each year, interested organizations are invited to submit a written grant proposal according to the following timetable:

September 1st	Proposals Due
October – January	Review Period
February	Grant Disbursement

Submit your proposal to:

Grand Canyon Conservation Fund
P.O. Box 22189
Flagstaff, AZ 86002

Applications should be both concise and thorough. All proposals should open with a one-page summary to include a purpose statement, amount requested, a brief description of the proposal, and information about the applicant. If there is a history of past receipt of GCCF monies, the application should contain elsewhere a listing of all previous GCCF grants and a short description of the previous projects.

Written grant applications must include a computer disk or CD containing an electronic copy of all materials that comprise the grant application, in either Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat portable document file (PDF) file formats.

Your application must include information about your group's mission and how your organization is structured, a copy of its most recent annual financial statement, and proof of federal tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Grants will be awarded only to non-profit public interest organizations. No grants will be made to individuals or for-profit corporations.

Member Outfitters

Contributing GCCF members include the following Grand Canyon river concessioners:

<i>Arizona Raft Adventures</i>	<i>Arizona River Runners</i>
<i>Canyon Expeditions</i>	<i>Canyon Explorations</i>
<i>Diamond River Adventures</i>	<i>Grand Canyon Dories</i>
<i>Grand Canyon Expeditions</i>	<i>High Desert Adventures</i>
<i>Moki Mac River Expeditions</i>	<i>O.A.R.S.</i>
<i>Outdoors Unlimited</i>	<i>Tour West</i>
<i>Western River Expeditions</i>	<i>Wilderness River Adventures</i>

Additional Information

If you have questions about the Grand Canyon Conservation Fund or the grant submittal and evaluation process, please call Kristen Ross at (928) 556-3096.