

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 River Experience

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. To date, the GCCF has distributed approximately \$1 million to qualified groups.

Focus and Priorities

Primarily, the GCCF supports 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 a particular emphasis on the Colorado River corridor, or 2) providing assistance for those with physical disabilities or socioeconomic impediments who seek and may substantially benefit from the Grand Canyon river experience.

The GCCF encourages the submission of proposals involving all Grand Canyon related matters, however, if a potential applicant feels there is compelling justification for such efforts. For example, funding may be available to support scientific research directed toward key Grand Canyon conservation questions. Applicants for such research support must be affiliated with a non-profit organization.

Funding Levels Available

GCCF grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The GCCF is naturally interested in supporting groups and 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

The application deadline is October 1st each year. To apply, non-profit public interest groups may submit a comprehensive written proposal containing the information described below. Grant applications should be both concise and thorough. All proposals must open with a one or two-page executive summary that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its purpose, the grant amount requested, and information about the applicant. If the applicant is a past recipient of a GCCF grant, its history of receiving prior GCCF grants should be noted in the executive summary.

Additionally, each application should include the more detailed information necessary to fully describe the proposal and how the applicant will achieve its successful implementation. Finally, the applicant should provide general information about its mission, basic organizational structure and how it operates. Because the GCCF awards grants only to non-profit public interest organizations, each applicant must provide proof of its federal tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Groups applying for successive grants should provide information about prior GCCF-funded activities. In an ongoing effort to ensure that GCCF monies are put to the best possible use, the GCCF will pay particular attention to how well groups have used prior GCCF grants to achieve stated goals. Groups that provide convincing indication that prior GCCF awards have been used effectively for the intended purpose will receive priority consideration for the distribution of additional GCCF monies.

IMPORTANT: Proposals for projects or work to take place within Grand Canyon National Park must include a letter from the National Park Service authorizing the project should funding be received. Applications lacking such official National Park Service documentation will not be considered.

Submit your proposal by the October 1st deadline to:

Alex Thevenin, Co-Chair
Grand Canyon Conservation Fund
4050 E. Huntington Drive
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Each grant application must include a computer disk containing an electronic copy of all materials that comprise the application in the Adobe Acrobat portable document file (.pdf) format.

Member Outfitters

The following Grand Canyon river concessioners participate in the GCCF program:

Arizona Raft Adventures	Arizona River Runners
Canyon Expeditions	Canyon Explorations
Canyoneers	Diamond River Adventures
Grand Canyon Expeditions	Grand Canyon Discovery
Hatch River Expeditions	O.A.R.S., Grand Canyon
Outdoors Unlimited	Tour West
Western River Expeditions	Wilderness River Adventures

Additional Information

If you have questions about the Grand Canyon Conservation Fund or the grant submittal and evaluation process, please call Alex Thevenin at (928) 526-8200.

The GCCF is managed on a voluntary basis with no administrative overhead. Funds are held and distributed on its behalf by The Colorado River Fund, an Arizona non-profit public charity.