

2016 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2016, the Foundation funded the priority areas of interest to its Board of Directors: Turtle Bay Exploration Park; Children, Youth & Education; Scholarships; The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation; the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program; public trail construction; the annual City of Redding fireworks show; and to programs in the countries of Nepal and Laos.

The Foundation offered complimentary use of its meeting rooms to nonprofit organizations, collaborations, government agencies, and public schools. Meeting space allows groups to get away from their daily work environment, and enjoy a tranquil setting to focus on their organization's goals. In 2016, 111 meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house. These meetings hosted 3,348 people. A sample of groups that met at the Foundation are: the American Cancer Society, Shasta County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, Shasta Historical Society, UC Davis Cooperative Extension, National Park Service, First 5 Shasta, Enterprise Elementary School District, Anderson Union High School District, California Rural Water Association, and Chrysalis Charter School.

Public use of the Foundation's trails and open space provided recreational opportunities for walking, hiking, and biking. In addition, the open space offered viewshed and watershed protection. In 2016, the Foundation made available land for local ranchers and bee keepers to utilize, enhancing local agriculture. Once again, the annual partnership with Shasta College to hire interns who assist the Foundation on land restoration and grazing management projects was successful.

For the sixth year, the Foundation made available its 400-acre Condiotti property off Shasta View Drive in Redding to the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service brings its mules to winter on the property in November, and then trucks them back to Trinity County in May. The mules pack supplies for California Conservation Corps crews and firefighting crews into rugged backcountry areas such as the Trinity Alps and the Yolla Bolla Wilderness.

Annually, the Foundation's board members and staff voluntarily embrace opportunities to share their time and resources on projects and events that contribute to the quality of life in Redding and beyond.

GRANTS APPROVED IN 2016 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Acorn Community Enterprises

In-Kind Donation of two Dell Latitude laptops
\$700

Center for Lao Studies

2017 Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL) McConnell Foundation Fellowship
\$32,000

City of Redding

Continuum of Care Coordinator/Point-in-Time Contract
\$16,000

City of Redding

Kids Kingdom 2 Playground
\$50,000

City of Redding

Support for Volunteer Appreciation event
\$2,360

City of Redding

Sponsorship of Redding Regional Science Bowl
\$6,000

City of Redding

2017 4th of July Fireworks
\$82,500

Forward Redding Foundation

Nonprofit of the Year Award (Recipient: Compass ShiningCare)
\$2,500

Friends of Whiskeytown

Support for Symphony on the Beach event
\$4,000

Lassen Park Foundation

Sponsorship of Peak Experience Auction
\$2,500

Local Indians For Education

Support for Community Graduation Celebrations
\$2,500

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development Program - Phase V
\$750,000

McConnell Scholars Scholarship Program

2017 Scholarship Program

\$753,000

Mercy Foundation North

Support for screening of documentary film "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls"

\$5,000

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Project: Global Platform

\$150,000

NatureBridge 2018

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program, a week-long residential field science and environmental education program held in Yosemite National Park.

\$136,513

Recreation Trail Support

\$20,000

Redding Trail Alliance, Inc.

Trail Projects and Support

\$50,000

Secret Witness of Trinity County

Reward Funds for Stacey Smart Missing Person Case

\$10,000

Shasta College Foundation

North State Together - North State Collective Impact Partnership

\$2,535,000

Shasta Community Health Center

Support for Heart of our Home(less) event

\$1,700

Shasta County Arts Council

True Northern California Plein Air Painting Festival & Competition

\$30,000

Shasta County Chemical People as fiscal agent for Shasta Coalition of African Americans for Community Health, Education, and Empowerment (SCOACHE)
Support for Community Graduation Celebrations
\$2,500

Shasta County Mien Community
Support for Community Graduation Celebrations
\$2,000

Shasta Family YMCA
In-Kind Donation of flat screen television
\$350

Shasta Historical Society
Support for "A Taste of History" Event
\$1,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation
The McConnell Fund 2017
\$742,500

Shasta Regional Community Foundation
Operating Support 2017-2021
\$901,917

Shasta Women's Refuge dba One SAFE Place
Sponsorship of Whole Earth and Watershed Festival
\$500

Shasta County
Continuum of Care Coordinator/Point-in-Time Contract
\$16,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Support for Makers Faire Event
\$2,500

Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Operating Support for Calendar Year 2017
\$1,500,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park
Sustainability Gardens - 2017 Site Maintenance
\$70,000

U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
Shasta Trails Kickoff Celebration
\$3,000

OTHER GIVING

Board & Staff Matching Gifts

The McConnell Foundation has a generous matching gift program that allows board members and staff to make donations individually to eligible organizations of their choice. Individual donations are matched by the Foundation.
\$140,473

Qualifying Memberships

\$22,100

Lema Ranch Persimmons

Persimmons grown and harvested on Lema Ranch were donated to Shasta Senior Nutrition Program, Great Northern Corporation, Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, Lifeboat Mt. Shasta, and the community at large.

4-H/FFA Jr. Livestock Auctions

The McConnell Foundation supports local 4-H and FFA clubs by purchasing animals at livestock auctions and donating meat to Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, Empire Recovery, Great Northern Corporation, One SAFE Place, Shasta Senior Nutrition Center, and Trinity County Food Bank.

In addition to new grants approved in 2016, the Foundation paid out the following amounts on previously-approved grants:

Active 20-30 Club of Redding Foundation

Sundial Film Festival
\$2,500

Alta California Community Media

Community Radio
\$8,809

Center for Lao Studies

2016 Study Abroad in Laos (SAIL) McConnell Foundation Fellowship
\$32,290

City of Redding

4th of July Fireworks 2016

\$80,000

City of Redding

Sundial Bridge Tile Work

\$3,504

First 5 Shasta

Reach Higher Shasta: Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Project

\$10,000

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Women's Leadership Development Program - Phase V

\$300,000

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal

Organizational Recovery

\$55,000

McConnell Scholarships 2011 - 2016

Vista and Scholars Programs

\$348,609

NatureBridge 2016 and 2017

Tuition and transportation for high school students and teacher chaperones from Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity County High Schools to participate in the NatureBridge at Yosemite Program held in Yosemite National Park

\$108,116

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center - Nepal

Phase IV: Anchoring the Web

\$400,000

Shasta College Foundation

North State Together - North State Collective Impact Partnership

\$195,000

Shasta College Foundation

Reach Higher Shasta Support

\$20,000

Shasta College Foundation

Scholarships for the Shasta College Global Education Program Expeditions 2016-2020

\$10,000

Shasta County Office of Education

Ignite Opportunity STEM Career Day

\$10,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Shasta Partnership 2014-2016

\$15,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

Occupancy Expenses - 1335 Arboretum Drive, Suite B (2016-2020)

\$64,932

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund 2016

\$742,500

Shasta County

Healthy Shasta Partnership 2014-2016

\$60,000

The Asia Foundation

Community-Based Water Resource Management in Laos

\$175,150

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens - 2016 Site Maintenance

\$70,000

University of California, Office of the Regents

College OPTIONS Partnership

\$600,000

Working Women Journalists

Developing and Supporting Women Journalists in Nepal

\$25,000

Working Women Journalists

Leadership Generation Workshop 4: Gender Awareness

\$1,715