

## **2018 Annual Report**

### **The McConnell Foundation**

In 2018, the Foundation funded grants in the priority areas of interest to its Board of Directors. which include Community Vitality; Turtle Bay Exploration Park; Children, Youth & Education; Scholarships; The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation; NatureBridge in Yosemite Program; public trail construction; City of Redding fireworks show; and programs in the countries of Nepal and Laos. The Foundation also responded swiftly to the Carr Fire by providing staff support and funding to the community.

In addition to new grants approved in 2018, the Foundation paid out funds committed to on-going long term projects such as College OPTIONS and North State Together under the Children, Youth & Education program area, and long-term projects under its International program area including community mediation programs in Nepal, improving access to justice for citizens of Laos, women's leadership development in Nepal, and water quality of Laos' rivers.

As in previous years, complimentary use of the Foundation's meeting rooms was offered 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 2018, 166 meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house. These meetings hosted 4,172 people. A sample of groups that met at the Foundation are: Columbia Elementary School District, League of Women Voters, Viva Downtown Redding, Mercy Foundation North, Leadership Redding, North State Together, Census 2020 Governor's Office, North State Symphony, Northern Valley Catholic Social Service, Shasta County Office of Education, Lassen Park Foundation, California Water Environment Association, California Rural Water Association, Girl Scouts of Northern California, and The Euphrates Institute.

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 2018, 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 eighth 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 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 2018 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Active 20-30 Club of Redding**

2018 Sundial Film Festival Sponsorship

\$2,500

### **Advance Redding**

Redd Sun Festival Art Installation

\$10,000

### **California Bicycle Coalition Education Fund/Shasta Living Streets**

California Streets Labs

\$125,000

### **California Humanities**

CA 2020: Democracy and the Informed Citizen

\$20,000

### **Center for Lao Studies**

Study Abroad in Laos McConnell Foundation Fellowship 2018

\$1,000

### **Center for Lao Studies**

Between Two Worlds Exhibit

\$115,000

### **Center for Lao Studies**

Between Two Worlds: Untold Stories of Refugees from Laos

\$85,000

### **City of Redding**

Urban Forestry: Downtown Street Trees

\$41,500

### **City of Redding**

Public Safety Equipment for Redding Police Department

\$40,000

### **Foothill High School**

In-Kind Donation of Kubota Utility Vehicle

\$2,500

**Forward Redding Foundation**

Redding City Identity Project (RCIP)

\$150,000

**Freeland Foundation**

Shared Situational Analysis Convening

\$9,263

**Hill Country Community Clinic**

Donation of Industrial Street property for Center of Hope Campus

\$2,000,000

**Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal (MSBKN)**

Rural Women's Leadership Development Project: Phase VI

\$612,000

**Marin Ventures**

Donation in memory of Kendra Elizabeth Young

\$1,000

**McConnell Scholars Program**

2019 McConnell Scholars

\$873,000

**Mountain Communities Healthcare District**

Equipment and Furnishings for Trinity Community Health Clinic

\$160,000

**Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center - Nepal (NRCTC)**

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Project: Phase V: Partnerships for Peace

\$700,000

**NatureBridge 2020**

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 Yosemite Program, a week-long residential field science and environmental education program held in Yosemite National Park.

\$140,000

**North Valley Community Foundation**

Camp Fire Relief Fund

\$100,000

**Redding Fashion Alliance Incorporated**

Incubation Spaces to Activate Vacant Property - Year 2  
\$130,000

**Redding School of the Arts**

RSA Music Program in honor of Jean Hatch's retirement  
\$500

**Redding Trail Alliance, Inc.**

Shasta County Trail Planning, Building and Promoting 2018-2020  
\$180,000

**Shasta College**

In-kind Donation of Kubota Utility Vehicle  
\$2,500

**Shasta Family YMCA**

Power Scholars Academy Training  
\$1,700

**Shasta Historical Society**

Collections Digitization  
\$9,250

**Shasta Historical Society**

Historic Building Inventory Project  
\$5,000

**Shasta Library Foundation**

Donation for Children's Books  
\$5,000

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

Carr Fire Community Disaster Relief Fund  
\$100,000

**Shasta Regional Community Foundation**

The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation 2019  
\$742,500

**Shasta Women's Refuge/One SAFE Place**

Operating Support and Challenge Grant  
\$200,000

**The Asia Foundation**

Improving Access to Justice for All Lao Citizens: Phase IV  
\$750,000

**The Asia Foundation**

River Basin Management Project  
\$680,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Between Two Worlds Exhibit  
\$11,900

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Operating Support for Calendar Year 2019  
\$1,500,000

**Turtle Bay Exploration Park**

Sustainability Gardens - 2019 Site Maintenance  
\$70,000

**Viva Downtown Redding**

Busker Music by Major 7th Band  
\$2,150

**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.  
\$261,135

**Qualifying Memberships**

\$40,200

**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 One SAFE Place, Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance, Empire Recovery, Great Northern Corporation, Shasta Senior Nutrition Center, Shasta-Trinity-Tehama HIV Food Bank, and Trinity County Food Bank.