

2019 Annual Report

The McConnell Foundation

In 2019, 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; Major Projects, public trail construction; City of Redding fireworks show; and programs in the countries of Nepal and Laos.

In addition to new grants approved in 2019, the Foundation paid out funds committed to ongoing long-term projects such as College OPTIONS and North State Together under the Children, Youth & Education program area, and International programs such as community conflict transformation in Nepal, improving access to justice for citizens of Laos, women's leadership development in Nepal, and water quality of Laos' rivers. The Foundation also focused grantmaking and investments to catalyze the revitalization of downtown Redding and on wildfire mitigation projects for community protection in Shasta County.

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 2019, 107 meetings were held at the Foundation's headquarters and guest house. These meetings hosted 3,790 people. A sample of groups that met at the Foundation are: California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, California Department of Education, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Department of Public Health, California Department of Transportation, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, California Water Environment Association, Chrysalis Charter School, Euphrates Institute, First 5 Shasta, Lassen Park Foundation, League of Women Voters of the Redding Area, North State Symphony, North State Together, Pacific Forest Trust, Wintu Audubon Society, and Youth Options Shasta

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 2019, 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 assist the Foundation on land restoration and grazing management projects was successful.

For the ninth 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 pack animals to winter on the property in November, and then brings them into the backcountry wilderness of Northern California for trail maintenance and wildfire support.

GRANTS APPROVED IN 2019 BY THE FOUNDATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alta California Community Media

Donation to KFOI in memory of Doug Bennett
\$1,000

Art From The Ashes

Art From the Ashes-Materials Storage Expenses
\$4,626

Art From The Ashes

Seeds of Regrowth
\$40,000

California Bicycle Coalition Education Fund

Shasta Living Streets Bike & Walk Downtown
\$765,000

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Shasta Living Streets Marketing & Communications
\$8,798

City of Redding

Support for Safety Fair Event and National Night Out
\$2,000

City of Redding

Safety Fair
\$12,500

City of Redding

Downtown Parking Shuttle-Pilot Project
\$80,000

Corning Union High School

Earth Science Class Field Trips to Lassen Volcanic National Park
\$4,450

Economic Development Corporation of Shasta County

Redding Venture Conference
\$10,000

Fall River Resource Conservation District

Forest Health Project Planning and Environmental Compliance
\$300,000

Folk Alliance International

Redding Roots Revival music festival October 2019
\$10,000

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Redding Roots Revival Music Festival 2020
\$10,000

Friends of the Intermountain Libraries, Inc.

Burney Library Project
\$100,000

Local Indians For Education

Native Roots Network Bioneers Conference
\$6,400

Mahila Shakti Bikash Kendra Nepal (MSBKN)

Rural Women's Leadership Development Project: Phase VII
\$1,500,000

McConnell Scholars Program

2020 McConnell Scholars
\$876,000

McConnell Scholars Program

Gateway to College Program
\$2,200

NatureBridge 2021

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

NatureBridge

In-kind donation of 150 bandanas
\$1,281

North State Symphony

Concerts in Redding

\$3,500

North State Symphony

Music in the Heart of the Redding Cultural District

\$17,500

Northern California Educational Television Assn Inc.

KIXE Programming at California Street Labs

\$6,595

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service Inc.

The Woodlands II

\$200,000

Natural Resource Conflict Transformation Center - Nepal (NRCTC)

NRCTP Phase VI: Sustainable Growth

\$765,000

Ore-Cal Resource Conservation and Development Area Council

Butte Valley Community Center Building Addition

\$185,000

Redding Fashion Alliance Incorporated

Activation of Downtown Vacant Commercial Space - Years 3 and 4

\$290,000

Redding School of the Arts

In-kind donation of twenty-eight 24" computer monitors

\$2,800

Shasta College Foundation

North State Together 2020-2027

\$8,166,561

Shasta Family YMCA

GRO Assessment

\$21,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Healthy Shasta Partnership 2019-2021

\$225,000

Shasta Family YMCA

Purchase of Building at 1740 Eureka Way
\$1,360,398

Shasta Historical Society

Railroad Town History Project
\$2,000

Shasta Historical Society

Collections Shelving Units
\$8,263

Shasta Land Trust

Conservation & Stewardship Manager Position
\$28,000

Shasta Regional Community Foundation

The McConnell Fund at the Shasta Regional Community Foundation 2020
\$742,500

Trinity Center Community Services District

Apparatus Building Project
\$100,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Donation In Memory of Dennis Bambauer
\$1,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Operating Support for Calendar Year 2020
\$1,500,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

Sustainability Gardens - 2020 Site Maintenance
\$70,000

Turtle Bay Exploration Park

External Security Cameras at Turtle Bay and Shasta Regional Community Foundation
Administration Offices
\$7,107

Viva Downtown Redding

Butte Street Revitalization Project - operating support and rent for IOOF Hall
\$523,586

Viva Downtown Redding

Downtown Holiday Tree Stand

\$40,000

OTHER GIVING**Board and Staff Matching Giving**

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.

In addition, through the Foundation's generous Matching Gift Program, board members and staff to make donations to eligible organizations of their choice. Individual donations are matched by the Foundation.

\$257,964

Qualifying Memberships

\$26,000

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.