

MARTIS
FUND

ANNUAL GRANTMAKING IMPACT 2019-2020

The mission of the Martis Fund is to conserve open space, manage and restore habitat and forest lands, and support workforce housing and related community purposes in the Martis Valley and greater Placer County region.



THE MARTIS FUND HAS INVESTED OVER \$12 MILLION TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE MARTIS VALLEY AND GREATER PLACER COUNTY REGION SINCE 2006

HABITAT & FOREST
RESTORATION FUND



\$4,363,337

WORKFORCE HOUSING
FUND



\$4,159,167

CONSERVATION
OPEN SPACE FUND



\$3,728,581

2020 GRANT AWARDS

2020 Grantees	Project	Amount
League to Save Lake Tahoe	Tackle Aquatic Invasive Species Campaign	\$35,000
Emergency Warning Center	Emergency Shelter Funding 2019/2020 season	\$55,000
National Forest Foundation	Big Jack Project	\$108,000
Meadow View Place	Workforce Housing Project	\$100,000
The Nature Fund	Collaboration between the Martis Fund and the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation	\$60,000 matching grant
Mountain Area Preservation (MAP)	Protecting Open Space in Eastern Truckee	\$27,500
Sugar Pine Foundation	Sugar Pine Restoration Project	\$30,000
Sierra Community House	Housing Advocacy and Case Management Programs	\$275,000 (\$475,000 total /two years)
Truckee River Watershed Council	Long Term Restoration Funding Support	\$425,000/year for three years beginning 2020 – 2022
The Pacific Group	Frishman Hollow 2	\$1,000,000 (committed)
TOTAL		\$2,115,500

2019 GRANTEES & REPORTING OUTCOMES

2019 Grantees	Project	Amount
Truckee Trails Foundation (Final Report TBD)	Martis Valley Trail Restoration Analysis	\$14,980
Emergency Warning Center	Emergency Shelter Funding	\$15,000
The Nature Fund	Collaboration between the Martis Fund and the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation	\$60,000 matching grant
Sierra Community House	Housing Advocacy and Case Management Programs	\$200,000 (\$475,000 total /two years)
Truckee River Watershed Council	Long Term Restoration Funding Support	\$425,000/year for three years beginning 2020 – 2022
Conservation Science Partners (Final Report TBD)	Eastern Placer County Landscape Scale Conservation and Restoration Assessment and Data Repository	\$100,000
TOTAL		\$814,980

Emergency Warming Center: 19/20 Season – Total support through 2020: \$100,000

Items with measurable increase	2019-2020 Season	2018-2019 Season	2017-2018 Season	2016-2017 Season
Nights Open (Weather Triggered)	33	39	40	35
Individual Nights of Shelter Provided	314	305	238	174
Overnight Guests Served	52	72	50	44
Average # of Guests Per Night	10-12	7-9	5-7	3-5
Guests provided transportation	69	52	28	14
Guests connected to longer term support	52	31	21	
Day Center Days Open	75	n/a	n/a	
Day Center Individual Guests	84	n/a	n/a	
Day Center Total Guest Visits	915	n/a	n/a	
Guests access to breakfast & lunch	877	n/a	n/a	
Guests access to showers	554	n/a	n/a	
Guests access to laundry	234	n/a	n/a	
Connection to longer-term housing & applications for local housing options that open 10/2020	15	3	2	
Paid staff	5	3	2	
Core volunteers (served 6 or more shifts)	25	22	14	20
Volunteers (In center, projects, financial & donations)		378	335	255



The Nature Fund / Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation

– Total support through 2020: \$679,000

These funds supported the Nature Fund grants for conservation and habitat restoration in the Martis Valley region.

Background:

- The Martis Fund has supported the Nature Fund matching grant since **2009**
- **Matching funds – Total Funds \$1,358,000**
- Grant range **\$5K - \$15K**
- TTCF Grants committee makes recommendation for funding

Year	Nature Fund
2020	\$60,000.00
2019	\$60,000.00
2018	\$60,000.00
2017	\$75,000.00
2016	\$100,000.00
2015	\$64,000.00
2014	\$60,000.00
2013	\$0.00
2012	\$60,000.00
2011	\$40,000.00
2011	\$75,000.00
2009	\$25,000.00
TOTAL YTD	\$679,000.00



Sierra Community House – Total support through 2020: \$845,900



Since 2014, the Martis Fund has partnered with Sierra Community House (formerly through Family Resource Center of Truckee) to support the housing needs of local families. Over the past 12 months, Martis Fund directly supported the housing needs of community members through Sierra Community House in the following ways:

- **2019 – 2021 Goal:** We will support housing security for more than 200 families annually through a continuation and geographic expansion of our housing-related services.
- **72 unique households in Truckee and North Tahoe** received rental and utility assistance (**totaling \$65,000**) were paid on behalf of clients directly to landlords, rental companies, utility providers and moving/storage companies.
- Staff & volunteer attorneys served **65 community members** (prevented evictions by educating community members on renter’s rights and assisting them to respond appropriately to notices from landlords, and negotiated with landlords and utility companies on behalf of the families).
- Provided **financial coaching**
- **Leveraged \$302,283** in funds from other sources for rental assistance and utility assistance

Truckee River Watershed Council – Total support through 2020: Over \$3M

This is a **\$1,275,000 three-year grant (2020 – 2022)** to support **six projects moving through the design and planning phases**. The ultimate goal is to have the projects receive implementation funding through grants from entities such as the State of California.

- 2008 – 2021 – Partnership – Our largest grantee - **invested over \$3 million** into watershed and habitat restoration projects
- Applied 27 times to the Martis Fund (24 under HRF and 2 OS)
- In 2020, **restored 100 acres of forest, meadow, and wetland and 2 miles of stream**
- 2021 & 2022 Field Seasons: Independence Creek vegetation management, and Coldstream Canyon - wetlands & ponds
- 20 + projects defined in Martis Valley
- Watershed Assessment & Design: Martis Wildlife Area and Bear Creek
- 533 meadow acres & 4 miles stream restored
- 2,000+ acres treated for weeds: Martis Wildlife Area, Waddle Ranch, Airport District, other public lands, Northstar, & Lahontan
- Restoration: Martis Wildlife Area, Bear Creek Lower Meadow, Independence Middle Martis Wetland, Elizabethtown Meadow, and E. Martis Creek

Tahoe Fund – North Shore Sugar Pine Reforestation for Mountain Pine Beetle Outbreak Recovery – \$15,000

- Spring 2020 ~2,000 seedlings were planted on state and federal lands
- Planting completed: Crystal Bay (2 plots), Kings Beach (4 plots), North Canyon (2 plots), Nevada State Park (3 plots), Tahoe Vista (5 plots), and Ward Creek (4 plots) locations
- August and October of 2020: Sites visited and assessed survival, mortality and height, and live seedlings were watered.



STATE OF GRANTMAKING – IMPACT ON OUR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

COVID-19 Impact & 2020:

- Organizations had to **pivot** to meet the need of their stakeholders
- Need for **additional emergency funding** (rental assistance, food, other critical services)
- Annual (in person) **events were canceled**; some pivoted to on-line fundraising events with success
- **Unable to utilize volunteers** in the way they normally did and contracted field work staff had to pivot
- Impact on our grantees – **request for additional funding** to support their current programs

24% laid off or furloughed staff
12% reduced staff compensation
26% unable to mobilize as many
volunteers as before

"We are attempting to pivot to
something else, but don't know
what that is or how to stay afloat"

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The Martis Fund was created in 2006 by conservationists and landowners committed to the long-term future of Martis Valley. The Fund supports programs to conserve open space; manage and restore habitat and forest lands; and promote opportunities for workforce housing and related community purposes in the Martis Valley Region. We fulfill our mission primarily through grants to qualifying 501 (C) (3) non-profit organizations active in the region. Funding for our grant programs comes from private community benefit fees (transfer fees). The Fund's primary role is managing and dispersing financial resources raised in connection with real estate sales (transfer fees) at Martis Camp. We connect non-profit organizations to financial resources to complete projects serving our mission.

The Martis Fund is a collaborative project of the developers of the Martis Camp community and its members, Mountain Area Preservation (MAP), and Sierra Watch.

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