

---

## **2008 Grant Awards**

---

### **Alemanly Farm**

\$10,000 towards growing fresh and healthy food to help sow the seeds of social justice through healthy outdoor experiences, a positive sense of community, and green job training for low-income youth.

### **Amigas Swim**

\$5,000 towards the purchase of gear to take teen moms and their infant/toddler on monthly outdoor excursions to expose them to nature, the outdoors, physical exercise, fresh air and most importantly maternal-child bonding time.

### **Big City Mountaineers**

\$90,000 towards the "Urban Families Gateway Program" to help create a partnership with local communities that will help families and their children explore nearby parks. The collaboration will focus its work on underserved neighborhoods in Alameda County. The program will attempt to get increased participation in outdoor programs by non-traditional family groups by creating a coalition of providers, non-profits and agencies to address the barriers that keep families in underserved communities from using local parks. The goal of the program is to increase the level of use of parks by the families, raise awareness of healthy lifestyles and the environment, increase the knowledge of public lands, and improve family communication via shared outdoor experiences. Ultimately, the goal is to create long-term interest in and support for, outdoor recreation for the children in these communities.

### **Boys & Girls Club of Fresno County**

\$130,000 towards renovation of a 30-year old, neglected East Fresno sports and recreation field, sitting in disrepair with potholes, fire ants, weeds, barren spots, and a broken sprinkler system.

### **Burney Water District**

\$200,000 towards refurbishing the community swimming pool within one mile of 250 low-income children and youth. The pool needs repairs including resurfacing the interiors of three pools and pool decking.

### **Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program**

\$200,000 BORP and **Waterside Workshops** are renovating a previously abandoned city owned recreation facility at Berkeley's Aquatic Park. We will provide outdoor recreation and education programs for low income youth and youth with physical disabilities. We are removing barriers to outdoor recreation for low income neighborhood youth by building a safe and active recreation center in a previously neglected urban park and removing barriers to people with disabilities by designing a dedicated adaptive recreation facility.

### **Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance**

\$10,000 towards linking existing watershed monitoring and restoration efforts with the educational needs of at-risk youth by forming school-based Youth Stream Teams that will develop an understanding of watershed ecology and the skills and interest to participate in resource management decisions.

### **California State Parks Foundation**

\$90,000 towards partnering with local non-profits on a project called the Outdoor Youth Connection. OYC will provide a foundation that will help make parks and open space more relevant to our state's most disconnected populations by providing highly structured introductions to outdoor experiences for California's most disadvantaged youth. The collaborations and experiences are designed to create a pipeline of trained youth that will help build a bridge between local communities, youth providers and a

network of Non Governmental Organizations (NGO) to the outdoors. The program will present these experiences in a more relevant and engaging way that will encourage more non-traditional populations to explore their parks.

### **Chico Food Network**

\$10,000 towards funding staff personell to manage and sustaining a school garden, which requires dedicated personnel who can coordinate efforts, write for grants, and teach lessons.

### **City of Richmond, Parks and Landscaping Division**

\$85,000 towards "The Richmond Foodshed Collaborative" which will bring together children and youth providers, advocates and educators to help teens to connect to local efforts to create a "foodshed" on public lands throughout Richmond. Richmond has set a goal of raising and consuming 5% of their food supply for city residents. The collaborative will create a cross-sector model that will help plan, organize, plant and grow the community's food supply in municipal orchards, berry patches, and school and community gardens and will involve children and youth in all aspects of the project.

### **City of San Joaquin**

\$200,000 towards a new community Soccer field, where both soccer and baseball can be played simultaneously. This project intends to serve as a cultural mainstay within this community.

### **City Slicker Farms**

\$70,000 towards the conversion of two neighboring City Parks into a Community Urban Farm that hopes to provide organic food for low-income residents, serve as an open gathering space for community events, provide school-farm visits and after school programs for Oakland children and youth to learn about ecology, gardening, and composting; and provide open green space for residents.

### **Community Alliance for Family Farmers**

\$55,000 towards a collaboration that brings together schools, non-profits, agencies and the farming community to provide hands-on food and farming education that emphasizes farming conservation practices, healthy farm-fresh foods and agricultural job opportunities for youth of the farm labor community. The collaboration is creating a strong coalition of partners that offer local youth education, experience and knowledge about farming and farm careers. The goal of the coalition is to present youth with an alternative to the "pick and pack" experience of many of the youths' parents and explore alternative ways to make a living in the farming community. This is the second year of this project, funded by the Stewardship Council, and CAFF intends to strengthen Watsonville community and youth participation.

### **Friends of Oakland Park & Recreation**

\$150,000 towards renovating 10.2 acre Ernie Raimondi Park. Stewardship Council funds will be used to purchase and install outdoor lighting, bleachers, and to construct a community garden at the Park.

### **EarthTeam**

\$18,000 towards a community-based, environmental restoration program integrated with a student-created multi-media program. The youth will become proud stewards of their local communities through classroom education, numerous local field work experiences that culminate in the education of the public on TV.

### **East Oakland Boxing Association**

\$25,000 towards The Smartmoves Stewards project, which aims to engage urban youth in the natural world that surrounds them, even in their urban neighborhood.

### **East Bay Asian Youth Center**

\$25,000 towards an outdoor leadership education program for underserved middle school and high school girls to learn how to plan and lead backpacking trips. Designed to support girls who are victims of violence and are at high-risk of sexual exploitation, GO! provide a safe, supportive, and challenging learning environment that yields transformative results for girls.

### **Escuela Popular Accelerated Family Learning Center**

\$10,000 towards The Natural Highs program, which is a program that seeks to combine wilderness experience, adventure, reflection, and counseling to connect underserved youth with the natural world, to rekindle motivation and curiosity, to demand accountability, and to encourage personal and academic growth.

### **Feather River Land Trust**

\$20,000 towards the Learning Landscapes, a multi-partner environmental education and conservation project designed to increase the frequency and depth of school-aged children's contact with the natural world.

### **Fresh Lifelines for Youth**

\$20,000 towards empowering youth in the juvenile justice system to become socially responsible citizens who are also stewards of the environment by utilizing a rounded approach to youth development by providing our underserved youth with yearlong mentors who utilize ongoing outdoor experiences and environmental service learning to promote healthy decision making and positive youth leadership.

### **Friends of Peralta Hacienda Historical Park**

\$26,000 towards the Breaking Ground program, which engages over 100 diverse youth in outdoor activities, including 1) year-round gardening, mentored by Laotian Mien elders who use the park's Community Garden; 2) outdoor banquets where youth and Mien elders share recipes, learn about each others' food traditions, and cook and eat together with parents and neighbors; 3) outdoor activities including bird watching and habitat restoration in Peralta Creek, and learning about, tending, and using plants in the park's Native Plant Garden with Ohlone native plant experts; and 4) outdoor hands-on history activities.

### **Gateway Mountain Center**

\$10,000 towards a program that seeks to deliver rich and relevant place-based curriculum to 6th-12th grade students that come to Donner Summit to study and explore forest, meadow, wetland and river ecosystems, as well as the human history of the Native Americans, early emigrants, and the Chinese workers who built the Transcontinental Railroad. **GirlVentures:** \$30,000 towards the Summer Outdoor Adventure Programs and Leadership Development Program, which aims to introduce diverse Bay Area girls to environmental stewardship and the world of outdoor activities while exploring some of California's most beautiful parks and forests.

### **Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**

\$30,000 towards Expanding Opportunities for Environmental Youth Leadership, a project that aims to deepen and amplify existing environmental stewardship programming by expanding hands-on service

learning opportunities, environmental education workshops, and leadership/skill building activities for public school students.

### **Hill Country Community Clinic**

17,500 towards the Rural Environmental Connection program, which aims to build the confidence, outdoor experience, environmental awareness and leadership skills of members of Hill Country Community Clinic's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) through the addition of an outdoor education component to the program.

### **Karuk Tribe**

\$18,000 towards the Eco-Cultural Youth Camps and Scientific Academic Advancement Program, which aims to sustain local traditional ecological knowledge( TEK ) by engaging tribal youth in a series of comprehensive seasonal camps that brings elders and youth together to transfer eco-cultural knowledge and land management practices to the next generation.

### **Literacy for Environmental Justice**

\$25,000 towards the Environmental Education and Experience for Southeast San Francisco Youth, a service learning program that aims to build environmental awareness and commitment into the participant's lives.

### **Oakland Food Connection**

\$20,000 towards Youth CREATE (Community Restoration and Ecological Action Transforming Urban Environments), a program that will allow Oakland Food Connection to deepen participant's past experience through cooking, gardening, agro-ecological restoration, and wilderness experiences. The program helps students draw connections between environmental stewardship, personal health, and community health.

### **Oakland Unified School District Office of Alternative Education**

\$20,000 towards the ALC Outdoor Education Program, which is an experiential "classroom without walls" that aims to expose 60 at risk youth to outdoor adventure, service learning, and responsible stewards of the environment.

### **Plumas Rural Services**

\$160,000 towards a community collaboration to construct a centrally-located, family-friendly Nuxa Te playground and splash park for the area's youth and families.

### **Project Avari**

\$22,000 towards the Outdoor Leaders Project, which builds confidence and competency for the outdoors and a life-affirming vision among teens facing high risks of experiencing incarceration during their lifetimes.

### **Project Great Outdoors**

\$10,000 towards offering expertly guided and facilitated white-water rafting and challenge-ropes-course trips at costs as low as \$10 per participant; Project GO provides access to an ideal outdoor experiential program to young people and organizations that truly are under-served.

### **Project Ole**

\$10,000 towards providing the opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to learn about and engage with their natural environments and to reconnect with their food source, waste stream and life cycles.

### **Tides Center/BEETs Rangers**

\$10,000 towards The BEET Rangers program, which inspires and educates teens to be environmentally engaged and to develop practical and personal skills to become environmental leaders and future green collar workers through the training of fifteen at-risk teens each year who in turn have opportunities to continue internships and job placement in the green field, as well as reach out and engage their community in environmental stewardship and ownership of neighborhood parks.

### **Wilderness Arts & Literacy Collaborative**

\$15,000 towards WALC, an outdoor program that uses place-based field studies, as well environmental stewardship and activism to teach core ecological concepts that become the analytical frameworks used to integrate multiple subjects within a relevant and rigorous academic program.

### **Wildplaces**

\$10,000 towards guided tours of the Sequoias. Here, youth will learn watershed and nature awareness, hands-on habitat restoration, community and confidence building, environmental awareness, and documentary film making.

### **UC Berkeley, Sagehen Creek Field Station**

\$25,000 towards building capacity in the UC Merced and the Wawona Field Station. By utilizing UC field stations, the organization has the unique opportunity to connect students to their local environment/ outdoor spaces, to UC opportunities & to local community members who visit their courses. After the 6-week immersion, students are required to do community service projects of their choices in home neighborhoods.

### **Yosemite National Institutes (WildLink)**

\$17,500 towards WildLink, a program that gives underserved youth a transformative experience through a series of fully scholarshiped wilderness and community-based outdoor programs, giving them the knowledge, inspiration and empowerment needed to make them long-term environmental stewards.

### **Women's Mountain Passages**

\$17,500 towards Reaching Higher - Environmental Connections, a program that seeks to engage Plumas County's underserved, at-risk girls in meaningful, sustained wilderness experiences through stewardship, service learning and other outdoor recreational activities.