

GRAND CANYON FUND

Request for Proposal

TO: Non-profit public interest groups interested in:

- (a) Protecting the Grand Canyon's Natural and Cultural Resources
- (b) Enhancing Access to the Grand Canyon River Experience

FROM: The Grand Canyon Fund

The Grand Canyon Fund (GCF)

Created in 1988 and managed on a volunteer basis by the entire group of Grand Canyon National Park's licensed river concessioners, the Grand Canyon Fund (GCF) is a 501(c)(3) public charity which collects donations made primarily by the outfitted public who visit the Grand Canyon via professionally outfitted river trips. To date, the GCF has distributed approximately \$1.4 million to qualified groups.

Focus and Priorities

Primarily, the GCF supports non-profit public interest organizations actively involved in one of two areas: 1) the protection and/or conservation of the natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources of the Grand Canyon with a particular emphasis on the Colorado River corridor, or 2) providing assistance for those with physical disabilities or socioeconomic impediments who seek and may substantially benefit from the Grand Canyon river experience.

The GCF encourages the submission of proposals involving all Grand Canyon related matters, however, if a potential applicant feels there is compelling justification for such efforts. For example, funding may be available to support scientific research directed toward key Grand Canyon conservation questions. Applicants for such research support must be affiliated with a non-profit organization.

Funding Levels Available

GCF grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. The GCF is naturally interested in supporting groups and projects that make effective and efficient use of the monies provided. If proposals fall short of demonstrating a high probability of attaining effective and appropriate use of funds, the GCF reserves the right to retain all funds until acceptable proposals are received.

How to Apply for a Grant

The application deadline is October 15th each year. To apply, non-profit public interest groups may submit a comprehensive written proposal containing the information described below. Grant applications should be both concise and thorough. All proposals must open with a one or two-page executive summary that includes a brief description of the proposed project and its purpose, the grant amount requested, and information about the applicant. If the applicant is a past recipient of a GCF grant, its history of receiving prior GCF grants should be noted in the executive summary.

Additionally, each application should include the more detailed information necessary to fully describe the proposal and how the applicant will achieve its successful implementation. Finally, the applicant should provide general information about its mission, basic organizational structure and how it operates. Because the GCF awards grants only to non-profit public interest organizations, each applicant must provide proof of its federal tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) public charity.

Groups applying for successive grants should provide information about prior GCF-funded activities. In an ongoing effort to ensure that GCF monies are put to the best possible use, the GCF will pay particular attention to how well groups have used prior GCF grants to achieve stated goals. Groups that provide convincing indication that prior GCF awards have been used effectively for the intended purpose will receive priority consideration for the distribution of additional GCF monies.

IMPORTANT: Proposals for projects or work to take place within Grand Canyon National Park must include a letter from the National Park Service authorizing the project should funding be received. Applications lacking such official National Park Service documentation will not be considered.

Submit your proposal by the October 15th deadline to:

John Dillon – Executive Director
Grand Canyon Fund
C/O Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association
PO Box 22189
Flagstaff, AZ. 86002

Each grant application must include a computer disk containing an electronic copy of all materials that comprise the application in the Adobe Acrobat portable document file (.pdf) format. For convenience, applicants may also email the electronic copy to john@gcroa.org.

Member Outfitters

The following 16 Grand Canyon river concessioners participate in the GCF program:

Arizona Raft Adventures	Arizona River Runners
Canyon Expeditions	Canyon Explorations
Canyoners	Colorado River And Trails
Grand Canyon Discovery	Grand Canyon Expeditions
Grand Canyon Raft Adventures	Grand Canyon Whitewater
Hatch River Expeditions	O.A.R.S., Grand Canyon
Outdoors Unlimited	Tour West
Western River Expeditions	Wilderness River Adventures

Additional Information

If you have questions about the Grand Canyon Fund or the grant submittal and evaluation process, please call John Dillon at (928) 556-0669.

The GCF is managed on a voluntary basis with no administrative overhead. Funds are held and distributed on its behalf by The Grand Canyon Fund, an Arizona non-profit public charity.