

The McConnell Fund 2019

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Organization Information

Organization Details

Legal name of the organization applying for this grant opportunity.	Burney Water District
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County of project location:	Shasta
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Tax ID # for nonprofit charity (if none, enter N/A): 94-6000-140

California Corporation # (if you are with a public school, special district, or other government entity, please type N/A): N/A

Current Operating Budget: 126500

Proposal Summary

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Please briefly summarize your project in five (5) sentences or less.

To purchase and install a climbing wall to bring an exciting new fitness attraction to our pool facility for the benefit of our patrons.

Amount Requested: 11283

Total Project Cost: 11283

Is a similar grant application under review by another funding source, including another Fund of Shasta Regional Community Foundation? No

Narrative

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Please explain the history and purpose of the organization. Include a discussion of recent achievements and key challenges.

This grant proposal for the Climbing Higher Project is a joint effort between the Burney Water District and Friends of the Pool to boost the moral and overall satisfaction of our patrons during the various programs that the Pool has to offer for the residents of the Intermountain Area.

The Friends of the Pool is an organization of dedicated community volunteers from the Burney Intermountain Area. They originally formed over thirty years ago to organize volunteers and spent seventeen years to raise funds for building a community pool facility in Burney. With the construction and opening of the Raymond Berry Intermountain Pool complex in 1990, they began working in conjunction with the Burney Water District, owner/operators of the Pool facility, first to ensure the support of the community with the passage of Ballot Measure B in 2005 to increase pool fee revenue, and most recently, to successfully secure grants in support of maintaining and improving the Pool facility, such as the \$200,000 Pacific Forests and Lands Stewardship Council Infrastructure Grant awarded in 2008 to replace and refinish the pool deck and interiors, and the \$50,000 McConnell Fund Grant awarded in 2018 to purchase and install a solar panel system.

The Burney Water District was formed by an act of the California Legislature in November of 1944 as a County Water District under California Water Code. The District's initial charter was to provide drinking water to the community of Burney, and has expanded to include providing sanitary sewer service and also parks and recreation for our community.

The Burney Water District owns and operates the Raymond Berry Intermountain Pool facility, which consists of a main pool house with separate changing, shower and restroom facilities for men and women, staff office, main pump and chemical room, an external pump room, picnic and grassy area and features three pools:

A Junior Olympic sized heated main pool with diving board and waterslide, used for youth water safety instruction, lap swimming, low-impact water aerobics and general recreation.

A smaller heated pool with a wheelchair accessibility ramp used for youth water safety instruction, low-impact water fitness and water aerobics classes that are especially popular with older patrons, and parent-child classes to prepare young children for water safety instruction.

A shallow circular wading pool for younger children to play in with adult supervision.

The Raymond Berry Intermountain Pool facility is staffed by a Pool Manager, certified Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards to ensure a safe, secure and well maintained facility, and is made available to the community during the warmer summer months of the year for their enjoyment.

During the course of the thirty-year partnership between the Friends of the Pool and the Burney Water District, we have successfully administered grant awards from various charitable funds administered by the Shasta Regional Community Foundation for improvements to the Raymond Berry Intermountain Pool which directly benefit the safety, health and wellness of our community.

Briefly, please indicate how dollars are expected to be used.

We respectfully request eleven thousand two hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$11,283) to bring an exciting new fitness attraction to our pool facility for the benefit of our patrons.

Describe the need for the project and the difference you hope it will make.

Burney and the Intermountain Area is a rural, mountainous region. The Raymond Berry Intermountain Pool is the only facility within a fifty mile radius offering swim lessons, diving lessons, aquatic exercise, water therapy and safe, supervised recreational swimming. Our water safety instruction programs are especially important since our region has many lakes, rivers, streams and large, fast moving creeks. Our pool facility plays a vital role in the lives of the residents of our community, allowing people of all age's access to programs for various needs. For the past 6 seasons, we have operated seven days a week to help accommodate various groups that utilize our facility, from the first Sunday in June until Labor Day weekend.

In our 2019 season, the first thing we want our customers to see when they walk out onto our pool deck is the climbing wall. We believe it will make a good first impression and get our patrons excited for the new season. Climbing increases fitness levels through development of strength, coordination, endurance, making it great for all ages. It also provides the participants with an opportunity for positive risk taking and creative problem solving. This will give our youth vital challenges that give them a sense of adventure and accomplishment that is so important to their healthy development. The challenge may just be part of its appeal, but for those who don't make it to the top, a safe landing is only a splash away.

The climbing wall we are seeking funding for is 12'Hx4'W, made of stainless steel, and was designed to last in harsh outdoor aquatic settings. The stainless steel is passivated and coated with Spectra-Shield and the sturdy panels and hand holds are UV treated and chlorine resistant. We are seeking the crystal clear model because it offers visibility to areas behind the wall, with brightly colored hand holds and includes rules and safety guideline signs for the patrons. The climbing wall will be in the thirteen-foot deep section of our pool in the non-swimming zone, located directly next to our lifeguard stand.

The climbing wall will pump our patron's adrenaline while still keeping them safe because of the way the walls are angled over the water. This lets climbers safely drop into the water with zero risk of landing on the pool deck. The clear design is attractive and its transparency will be a plus for our lifeguards when scanning the pool. We believe this attraction will inspire and increase the attendance at our facility, and we plan on incorporating the climbing wall into our existing learn-to-swim programs and future activities and programs.

The addition of new attractions like the climbing wall will allow us to continue to attract and serve our residents within Burney and the Intermountain Area.

Please provide a timeline for your project, listing key milestones and the estimated completion date.

Order the Climbing Wall - After Grant Awards in June, 2019.
Having the Climbing Wall Installed - After Grant Awards in July, 2019.
Utilize the Climbing Wall - Utilize July, 2019.

Please explain how the project will be supported once grant funds have been expended.

Our pool is financially healthy and is community supported. In 1988 the residents within the Burney Water District had a special election proposing a fee levied on their water bills to support a pool facility that was not yet built. The State of California required documentation that our rural community had the means to support a community pool, in place, before awarding a \$125,000.00 grant towards building our facility. The special election was passed a a \$2.00/month fee was initiated on the water bills. For 18 years the \$24 annual fee per household within the District supported the pool complex with additional income from lessons, aquatics and pool rentals.

A small reserve fund was created for major repairs and/or emergencies. In 2005, Measure B was passed by the same residents within the Water District to raise the monthly user fee \$2.00/month to \$4.00/month. This fee was increased to \$5.00/month in 2011 and \$6.00/month in 2016 by recommendation by an independent Pool Oversight Committee to keep pace with increasing operating and maintenance expenses. Once the project is complete, the climbing wall will be added to the pool asset depreciation schedule, and funds will be set aside annually to replace the wall at the end of its useful service life.

Thank you for considering granting funds for the Climbing Higher Project. Your grant funds will improve our facilities appeal, attendance, and satisfaction of our community as they utilize the pool complex for water safety education, exercise and recreation.

Project Budget

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Please upload a project budget in a PDF format. The budget should list all anticipated income and expenses for your project, including any in-kind contributions.

Please list items and corresponding cost in order of priority.

BWD 2019 Climbing Higher Project Budget.pdf

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET.

Organization Operations

Board Members

Please provide a PDF file of the organization's board members, their titles or affiliation with your organization, and their phone numbers.

BWD 2019 Board of Directors.pdf

Financial Information

How are you applying for this grant opportunity?

I am applying as a public entity: school, special district, town, city, county, state or national entity.

Please provide a copy of your departmental budget (1-2 page summary) in a PDF upload.

BWD FY 1819 Pool Budget.pdf

Supplemental Information

Communication

Please upload one of the following:

- 1. A newspaper or magazine article highlighting the project for which you've requested funding or showcasing your organization's current events**
- 2. A newsletter you've sent out to your community of supporters highlighting the project for which you've requested funding or showcasing your organization's current events**
- 3. Blog or social media posts highlighting the project for which you've requested funding or showcasing your organization's current events**

BWD External Communications.pdf

Project Photo

Please provide a related photo as it helps to describe the project.

BWD Rock Wall Pictures.pdf

Volunteer Activity

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How will volunteers participate in this proposed project?

The only work that needs to be done for this project is the installation of the climbing wall. Due to liability reasons, we have no volunteer work that can be done on the proposed project.

Agreements & Authorizations

Use of Grant Funds

By agreeing to this statement, the applicant hereby agrees that funds, if granted will be used only for the purpose described in this proposal unless written approval for revision is granted by the Foundation. I agree

Non-Discrimination Statements

Shasta Regional Community Foundation Non-Discrimination Policy:

The Foundation seeks to promote respect for all people. We hold ourselves, and those whom we support, to a high standard of nondiscrimination. The Foundation will not knowingly support organizations whose programs or services are not open to all without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, age, medical condition, disability, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by law. We recognize that organizations may identify special needs in the community and target programs or services to a specific population based on those needs; however the programs must be open to all people in those targeted populations to be eligible for grant consideration. I agree

The McConnell Foundation Non-Discrimination Statement:

Applicant affirms it does not discriminate in regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, political ideology, age, creed, religion, heritage, ancestry, national origin, veteran status, disability, unrelated to job or course of study requirements, or any other characteristic protected by law. I agree

Authorization

I have sought and obtained permission from leadership of the organization that is represented by this application. The following name and title is the representative of the organization from whom I obtained permission to submit this application. Stephanie McQuade
