

## 2021 Possible Grant/Funding Sources for BCHW

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### **BECU – Banking/Credit Union; up to \$50,000 for local non-profits**

One of the categories is preserving and restoring the environment, another is building communities.

It looks like a nomination needs to come from a BECU member.

<https://www.becu.org/members-matter/community-involvement/people-helping-people?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=ec2ae584-afbd-4d56-af62-79f4daf55146>

### **National Forest Foundations Matching Awards Program (MAP)**

Here's a quick summary of info. I gleaned from my initial pass through of the RFP (request for proposals):

- BCHW appears to meet eligibility requirements
- Deadlines for applications are 1/13/2021
- 1:1 match requirement
- 12-month project that typically starts in early spring
- Projects must be completed on National Forest Service Lands
- Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie FS lands are possibly NOT eligible because this District has an existing funding program
- Requires letter of support from Forest Supervisor for project location
- Trail work, removal of noxious weeds, enhancement of existing recreational facilities, youth engagement/tree planting projects are all possible project types.
- RFP estimates an average of 30 hours to prepare a grant application (yikes).

Follow this link to see a list of past projects: <https://www.nationalforests.org/grant-programs/past-awards/matching-awards-program-past-awards>

### **Back County Horsemen of America**

Grants from \$100 to \$1,000; online grant form

Grants are reviewed and approved by the BCHA Grant Committee. Grants must align with the mission of BCHA.

Dates for grant submissions are January 1st to March 15th.

From March 15th to April 1st the committee will review and assign money.

Recipients will be announced at the BCHA National Board Meeting. The checks will be mailed to the contact person's mailing address the week after the National Board

Meeting. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Saner at grants@BCHA.org with BCHA GRANTS in the subject line and she will get back to you.

### **National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance**

The National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding Program

A joint partnership effort between NWSA and the USDA Forest Service, and you!

This program is a collaboration of NWSA and the Forest Service, with American Hiking Society, American Trails, Back Country Horsemen of America, International Mountain Bicycling Association, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, and the American Motorcyclist Association all participating in the rating and selection of projects. These program funds are provided to trail and stewardship organizations to improve trail maintenance on the National Forest System Trail System. Basics of Trail Funding Program:

- Any non-profit group recognized by the IRS may apply for Trail Stewardship Funding.
- These grants are for work on any and all National Forest System terra trails.
- Trail work is usually performed during the Summer/Fall Field Season (May - December).
- Grants range from \$2,000 - \$10,000.
- Require either a non-federal cash or in-kind match of at least 1:1
- Complete information on the Trail Stewardship Partner Grant program can be found in the Fact Sheet.

### **American Trails**

<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/unique-trail-funding-solutions>

### **Possibility of CARES Act Funding for trail projects:**

<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/submit-your-trail-infrastructure-projects-for-cares-act-funding>

### **Community Foundations in WA State:**

<https://www.cof.org/page/community-foundation-locator>

Map of State with locations of foundations

## **Private Funding Sources**

### **Polaris – T.R.A.I.L.S. funding program – must include motorized access**

<https://www.polaris.com/en-us/trails-application/>

### **R.E.I. Co-Op Grants**

<https://www.rei.com/h/philanthropy>

Invitation only grant process  
Signed up for their email/newsletter.

**The North Face Explore Fund**

<https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/outdoor-exploration/explore-fund.html>

Grant applications typically open up in March/April each year.

**Ford Motor Company Fund**

<https://www.fordfund.org/grants>

Can apply anytime of the year using an online system.

Respond within 8 weeks of the submission date.

**General Motors**

<https://www.gm.com/our-company/social-investment/apply-for-grant.html>

Online application; typically due Sept. 30 each year.