

2007 Funding Requirements

Nevada Natural Resource Education Council

NNREC is currently funded by the Nevada Division of Forestry and the North American Association for Environmental Education to accomplish specific projects such as Project Learning Tree workshops and development of a statewide training plan. However, beyond membership dues and contributions from board members, we have no base funding for our operations and the prominent role we play in leadership and coordination of environmental and natural resource education throughout the state of Nevada. We are seeking significant funding over the next three years to enhance the capacity of the ourselves and the state as a whole to provide professional development and leadership in environmental education.

NNREC Executive Director - \$25,000

The Executive Director is funded about 50% from specific projects. We seek \$25,000 per year to cover the remainder of the Executive Director position and benefits. NNREC created its first staff position in 2006, and the result has been a greatly increased prominence for environmental education and NNREC statewide, as well as effective collaboration on many projects to meet the missions of agencies, organizations, schools and businesses.

AmeriCorps Staff - \$9,000

NNREC desires to increase our staffing by adding an AmeriCorps or AmeriCorps VISTA. With an AmeriCorps position we can maintain better communication with our partners, identify new opportunities for collaboration and funding, offer more workshops, and become more involved in the activities of our partners. We seek \$9,000 per year to establish this position.

Office Space and Expenses - \$8,000

NNREC would like to establish an office to increase our profile and accessibility, to house our environmental education library, and to provide a regular place for board and partners meetings. We are considering membership in the Parasol Community Collaborative in Incline Village which brings with it office space. In order to host an AmeriCorps member, we must provide office space, and of course will need to provide basic office equipment and operating supplies.

Board of Directors Travel - \$3,000

The NNREC Board of Directors has made a strong commitment to having representation from all geographic areas of Nevada, particularly the rural areas which have often been under-served by the environmental education community. We hold the majority of our meetings by conference call, however, we also meet at twice per year for the Annual Members Meeting and the board strategic planning retreat. Travel for our board of about seven to nine members costs about \$3000 per year.

Board of Directors Training - \$1,500

Our board members are often highly expert and committed environmental educators, who do not have an extensive background in board service and nonprofit governance. We would like to contract with a local provider, either the university or United Way, to provide a consistent base level of training for our board members. This training will also support the broader community as we share board members with other nonprofits.