

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: December 6, 2011

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center to assist students with educational field trip scholarships, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center to assist students with educational field trip scholarships, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help fund the Placer Nature Center to assist students with field trip scholarships to the Placer Nature Center. The Placer Nature Center is staffed by volunteers who donate their time to lead school children through science learning and nature hikes as a part of their school field trips. The Nature Center serves over 10,000 community members annually from all Supervisory Districts. Due to budget cuts, several enrichment programs are being cut including field trips for students to the Placer Nature Center. The funds designated towards this organization will be used to support the cost of the school field trips.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



Please attach your letter of request to this application



# Revenue Sharing Funds

## Application for funding

### Districts 1 - 4

The Placer County Board of Supervisors has actively promoted revenue sharing funding as a means to provide financial support for local events, fundraising, programs, supplies, improvements, and equipment needed to help non-profit and community based organizations. In approving the revenue sharing contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

Please complete, print and sign the application and include it with your letter of request.

Organization: Placer Nature Center Telephone: (530) 878-6053  
 Address: 3700 Christian Valley Rd FAX: (800) 878-1882  
Auburn, CA 95602 Email: events@placernaturecenter.org  
 Website: www.placernaturecenter.org

Briefly describe the community benefit the organization, event, program or project provides: Placer County Children experience their environment firsthand through Placer Nature Center programming increasing their environmental literacy and planting a seed for stewardship.

Briefly describe how funding will be utilized by listing what items will be purchased:

All funding will be used to provide underserved school children the opportunity for a field trip at Placer Nature Center that supports their science standards.

Has this organization received Revenue Sharing Funds in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, specify year(s), event and amount:

2008 \$250 Program Subsidy, 2008 \$1600 Amphitheater, 2009 \$1700 program subsidy,  
2010 \$700 program subsidy.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the information supplied herein is true and correct

Linda Desai  
APPLICANT'S NAME

Linda Desai  
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

7/23/11  
DATE

Date Request rec'd \_\_\_\_\_

If recommended for approval; BOS mtg date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Application rec'd 8-1-2011

Amount received \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Date funding check mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Previous contributions: \_\_\_\_\_

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TSI \_\_\_\_\_ CEO \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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July 27, 2011

Supervisor Jim Holmes  
Placer County Board of Supervisors, District 3  
175 Fulweiler Ave  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Supervisor Holmes:

In the 2010-11 school year a 2nd Grade teacher said to me, ***"Thanks for this opportunity for our kids. Most of my students never get out of their apartment complexes! Coming for this funded field trip makes a big difference in their education and their life!"*** Another story was shared by a teacher who found a student hiding a water bottle under her jacket. With further inquiry, the teacher found a tadpole -- hijacked from Placer Nature Center's pond from a morning field trip. The student had never seen a tadpole before, and completely enthralled, she just had to have it! (Later, the tadpole was safely added to another classroom's aquarium.) Funding from people like you enabled both these Title 1 schools to participate.

For 20 years students and teachers have depended on Placer Nature Center for opportunities for interactive programs using our shares environment to develop science literacy. Through the years of lean budgets, Placer Nature Center strives to provide children with this essential learning experience. In a program survey, one 5th grade student stated, ***"All of the things you taught me were really cool! I want to learn science a lot more now!"***

Due to a lack of programming funds, last school-year school attendance dropped by nearly 40%, leaving 2,514 Title 1 students without this vital education. We are working hard to ensure this doesn't happen again in 2011-2012. Will you help us raise 26.5% of the needed funds to ensure Title 1 schools have access? A \$1,000 one-time gift of your Revenue Sharing Funds will enable 166 children from your District to participate in a nature-based science program at Placer Nature Center.

If each of the Supervisors make this "No Child Left Inside Pledge" and we raise a total of \$4,000 from Revenue Sharing Funds, 664 under-served children will have the chance to enter an outdoor classroom, they will hike the trail to connect conceptual lessons with tangible natural resources, work together as a team to analyze science concepts and develop a new awareness, fascination and respect for the world around them.

Founded in 1992, Placer Nature Center is a nonprofit with a simple mission: to give children the opportunity to learn science in their environment and experience nature first-hand. Placer Nature Center was founded in response to significant research findings: Nature is important to

