



October 14, 2011

Dear Applicant,

The Copper Environmental Foundation (a non profit 501c3) is pleased to announce its annual grant cycle. The Copper Environmental Foundation was founded in November 2007 by Copper employees with a long-term goal to support environmental initiatives in Summit County and the surrounding area. Employees may voluntarily contribute to the fund and all employee contributions are matched at 100% by Copper Mountain. A committee of Copper employees will make decisions on grant awards.

The Copper Environmental Foundation's 2011-2012 grant cycle is focused on providing funding for youth (ages 5-18) environmental programs for projects in Summit and Lake Counties. The Copper Environmental Foundation would like to support a variety of youth environmental projects with tangible results. Projects should have environmental education and/or environmental action components, as well as have a positive impact on the environment. Projects that have the potential to be replicated or continued in future years are also strongly encouraged.

The deadline for grant applications is Friday, November 11th at 4pm. Applicants are strongly encouraged to call Ben Brown at 970-968-3012 to discuss potential projects before submitting an application. Maximum funding per project is \$20,000, though grants under \$5,000 are much more likely to be awarded, as well as grants of any size. Eligible recipients may include private or nonprofit organizations, government agencies or individuals.

Please email your completed application to environment@coppercolorado.com. We only accept email submissions. Please feel free to call me if you'd like to discuss your application or have any general questions about the Copper Environmental Foundation.

Sincerely,

Ben Brown
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970-968-3012

COPPER ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Copper Environmental Foundation is dedicated to the environmental sustainability of Copper and the surrounding areas.

We support projects that promote these values through education, scientific research or community-based initiatives to improve environmental stewardship in our mountain community.

COPPER ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION 2011-2012 AREAS OF FOCUS

The Copper Environmental Foundation will support youth environmental projects or programs in Summit and Lake Counties. These projects should be comprised of environmental education and/or action components.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please review but do not respond to the following Eligibility Guidelines.

- 1. Recipients:** Eligible recipients may be private and nonprofit organizations, government agencies, individuals or projects. Please contact Ben Brown at 970-968-3012 if you have any questions regarding eligibility.
- 2. Project Types:** Projects must be of regional or local significance and must fulfill the mission of the Copper Environmental Foundation.
- 3. Eligible Costs:** Copper Environmental Foundation monies may only be spent on project costs directly related to activities that promote the Foundation's mission. Costs associated with overall project administration may be eligible costs if the Copper Environmental Foundation Grant Committee agrees that the applicant does not have sufficient resources to coordinate the project.

GRANT MAKING PROCEDURES

- 1) Grant requests are considered annually. The application deadline is November 11th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Email your application to environment@coppercolorado.com. Please contact Ben Brown with any application questions at 970-968-3012. We only accept email submissions.
- 2) All applicants will be notified via email within six weeks after the deadline with a decision on the grant funding requested.
- 3) *Projects* cannot be funded more than once per year, though *organizations* can apply for two different projects during the same year.
- 4) Projects must be completed within one year of notification of affirmative funding from the Copper Environmental Foundation.
- 5) Final approval of grants is the sole responsibility of the Copper Environmental Foundation Grant Committee. The Copper Environmental Foundation will likely receive grant applications that exceed availability of funds; therefore, all requests will likely not be approved. All applications that fall within the scope of the Copper Environmental Foundation's 2011-2012 area of focus will be considered.
- 6) The Copper Environmental Foundation reserves the right to change any of its grant selection criteria at any time.
- 7) Applicants are urged to contact Ben Brown of the Copper Environmental Foundation in advance of submitting an application to discuss their project.
- 8) All nonprofit organizations must furnish their letter of determination from the IRS with their 501c(3) tax exempt status.
- 9) All applicants must also submit detailed financial information including a budget and actuals for their organization/project upon request from the Copper Environmental Foundation.
- 10) All applicants must review the Eligibility Guidelines and must complete the Grant Application, which includes a Project Budget. Applicants that don't complete the application properly will not be considered for funding.
- 11) After a grant is approved, the Copper Environmental Foundation will send a Grant Agreement to recipients whose projects have been awarded funds. The Foundation will issue the check when the applicant returns the signed Grant Agreement. If the grant is not used as specified, the Foundation requires the complete return of the money.
- 12) After a project receives funds, a visit may be scheduled to determine if the project was implemented.
- 13) All recipients must submit a report, including photos of the project, updating the Foundation on the progress of the project. This report must be submitted within 60 days after completion of the project or as requested by the Copper Environmental Foundation Grant Committee.

GRANT APPLICATION

(Please answer the following questions in no more than a total of four pages of text.)

1. Project Description

Please provide a description of your proposed project or program in 200 words or less, and include the goals of the project.

2. Contact Information and Organization Overview

Applicant name, project title, mailing address, phone number AND EMAIL ADDRESS. Include a one paragraph description of your organization in less than 200 words.

3. Project Overview

Please complete the following table.

Project title	
Project timeline (start and end dates)	
Number of participants	
Age of participants	
Amount of time project will take to complete. Please indicate number of days and approximate hours for each day. (Example response: project will be completed over 3 days, 2 hours each day)	
Project location	

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN #4-#7 THAT APPLY TO YOUR PROJECT.

4. Environmental Education and Action

- How will the project educate and increase participant environmental awareness?
- How will the project increase participant awareness and their understanding of environmental impacts?
- Will the project allow participants to educate others on what they've learned?
- How will the project positively impact the environment?
- Is the project likely to be replicated?
- Will the project or program be used for multiple years?

5. Project Results

- What are the measurable results of the project?
- What are the tangible benefits of the project?
- Who does the project benefit? Please list organizations, people and others than may be positively influenced by this project.
- How will you plan, document and record the completion of the project?

6. Need for Project

- What is the overall urgency of the project?
- Has this project occurred in past years through other funding sources? What were those funding sources? What is lost if the project proceeds incrementally over a longer period of time?
- Describe the extent to which the Copper Environmental Foundation will make this project happen.
- Describe the implications of receiving partial funding.

7. Management and Capability

Please briefly outline the resources and experience of responsible parties involved to provide continuing stewardship, management and completion of the project.

8. Nonprofit Organizations

If you are a nonprofit organization, please provide a copy of the most recent determination letter from the IRS recognizing the tax-exempt status of the organization under Section 501c(3) of the IRS Code.

9. Financial Information

If applicable to your project, please note the following regarding financial information of your organization. DO NOT include, but have available upon request, a copy of your organization/project's last fiscal year actual and projected financial statements including a statement of assets, liabilities, expenses and revenues.

10. Project Partners, Support, Budget and Timeline

Please list any appropriate partners and their contributions to the project. *(Contributions could include donations of volunteer time or pledges of funding).* Please describe any additional general support for your project.

List all sources of funds and the level of funding provided by any partners that go towards completing the project. Distinguish between secured funding and potential funding from each source. *(Please provide an overall project budget and timeline).*

Expected project completion date: _____

Itemize expenses requested from Copper Environmental Foundation

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED FROM COPPER ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION	\$

Other Funds (non-Copper Environmental Foundation) and/or in-kind donations available for project:

SOURCE	AMOUNT
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL VALUE OF "OTHER" FUNDS AND IN-KIND DONATIONS	\$