**Goldman Environmental Foundation**

**2021 Grantmaking Program**

The Goldman Environmental Foundation is pleased to announce the continuation of its Grantmaking Program to support past Prize winners. In 2021, a small number of grants will be awarded to past Prize winners to attain new environmental achievements.

To apply for a grant, please respond to grants@goldmanprize.org with a letter of inquiry by **Friday, January 8, 2021**. Please see below for further information about what to include in a letter of inquiry.

Eligibility: For the 2020 Grantmaking Program, the organizations of Prize winners who received the Prize between 1990 and 2018 are eligible to apply. Prize winners who received the Prize in the last two years are not yet eligible for the program. Those who applied in previous years to the Grantmaking Program but did not receive funds are encouraged to reapply. In addition, those that applied to the Grantmaking Program and were subsequently awarded funds are also eligible to apply.

All grants must meet the following criteria:

Targeted Support: The grant must support efforts to secure a clear environmental achievement or advance an environmental campaign. Proposals should include clear goals, objectives, and deliverables as well as a sense of how success will be measured. Ongoing campaign efforts are eligible for support provided their goals, objectives, and deliverables can be clearly articulated.

 In addition to the above, GEF will give priority to projects:

* That work directly in the field;
* That involve community participation to create positive environmental change;
* That encourage collaboration with networks, organizations, or governments;
* Significantly further a cause, especially at a critical juncture in a campaign;
* That inspire others to environmental action;
* That enable continued environmental activism by the Prize winner; and/or
* That leverage funding from other sources.

Process: Full grant proposals will be accepted by invitation only following review of the letters of inquiry received. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis following a thorough review of the proposal and budget.

Restrictions: Requests for capital costs, income-generating, or lobbying activities will not be considered. Please see definitions below:

* Capital costs include the purchase, construction, or renovation of a building or the purchase of equipment costing more than $5,000
* Lobbyingincludes using any portion of funds to carry on propaganda or to attempt to influence specific legislation either by direct or grassroots lobbying. Lobbying also includes participating or intervening in any electoral campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office; or funding any specific voter registration drive conducted in a manner that favors a particular candidate or slate of candidates.

No more than one letter of inquiry from each Prize winner will be accepted.

Grant amount and duration: Typical grant amounts vary between $10,000 and $15,000. Funding decisions will be based on the project budgets attached to the proposals. GEF will only consider grants of one year in length; no multi-year funding will be considered. Applicants should have no expectation that grants will be renewed after the end of the grant period.

Reporting: Each grantee will be required to provide GEF with an interim narrative and financial report and a final narrative and financial report. Reports should clearly articulate what was achieved according to the goals and objectives of the original proposal.

Grantmaking structure: All grants will be made through a Donor-Advised Fund at the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco. The Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco will assist GEF in making grants to organizations based outside of the US. If your organization is selected, GEF will request additional information as required by the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco.

Application process: To apply for a grant, please send a letter of inquiry by e-mail to grants@goldmanprize.org no later than Friday, January 8, 2021. In January, GEF staff will invite a select number of organizations to submit full proposals, to be submitted in March. Proposals will be reviewed by May. For projects that are selected for grant support, please plan a start date no earlier than July 1, 2021. **Please note that GEF will only accept letters of inquiry and proposals submitted electronically and written in English.**

Letter of Inquiry:A letter of inquiry should be a **maximum of two pages** and should include the following information:

Targeted Support

* Executive summary stating the purpose of the project and the total amount requested;
* Brief description of the project, including proposed activities and measurable objectives;
* Outline of project budget (please note if other funds are secured or required for the project);
* Timeline; and
* Description of organization, including total amount of the organization’s budget.

Questions: If you have questions as you prepare materials, please send them to grants@goldmanprize.org. We will do our best to respond in a timely manner. As always, we look forward to working with you to honor and inspire grassroots environmental activists around the world!