

Laci and Conner Search and Rescue Fund

A Program of The Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your inquiry into the Laci and Conner Search and Rescue Fund!

The Laci and Conner SAR Fund, a program under the auspices of The **Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation** was founded by Sharon Rocha in December 2005 in memory of her daughter, Laci Rocha Peterson, and her grandson, Conner Peterson. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to law enforcement agencies, fire service agencies and non-profit organizations involved in search and rescue operations. These agencies are encouraged to apply for financial assistance for training, equipment or any item that can help improve their search and rescue efforts. Our hope is that through providing this additional assistance, these agencies will be better prepared and equipped for search and rescue, and therefore be more successful in their efforts to safely return missing persons to their loved ones.

The Laci and Conner Search and Rescue Fund may provide up to \$10,000.00 per calendar year to verified government agency "wilderness type" search and rescue organizations and/or to qualified and verified "wilderness type" search and rescue non-profit organizations that actively assist government organizations in performing search and rescue ("Wilderness Type" includes operational urban/suburban/rural missing person search and rescue but not structure collapse, trench collapse, etc. heavy search and rescue type of operations). Upon verification, a panel of search and rescue experts will evaluate fund requests to determine search and rescue operational need, with priorities given to the following items from the **Authorized Funding List**:

Authorized Funding List (AFL)

The Authorized Funding List includes items in the categories of Equipment and Training. The focus of the fund is the preparation, training, and equipping of volunteer non-profit search and rescue teams that are associated with or sponsored by local law enforcement or fire service agencies. Priority funding is considered for equipment and training not generally available to sponsoring law enforcement agencies through governmental grant programs. In order to fund as many requests as possible, we request that you specify thrifty equipment that meets your standard of care, not equipment that has extravagant or unnecessary options. We understand that high quality usually lasts longer and is therefore a better investment, but do not confuse quality with lavish capabilities. We reserve the right to ask that you substitute items based on our review of current manufacturer offerings and state of the art standards.

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EQUIPMENT

Funding priorities focus on personal protective equipment for volunteers, field equipment for volunteers, medical care equipment, rescue equipment, and dive equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Funding for volunteer PPE includes environmental protection and body substance protection.

Examples of PPE include:

- Foul weather gear (rain jackets & pants)
- Goggles & safety glasses
- Helmets
- Hearing protection
- Gloves
- CPR masks
- Avalanche beacons
- Avalanche shovels
- Personal flotation devices

Field Equipment

Funding for field equipment includes personal or agency equipment used primarily for search and rescue.

Examples of field equipment include:

- GPS's
- Handheld radios (compatible with local agency communication system)
- Over snow equipment (snowshoes, skis)
- Avalanche probes
- Packs
- Flashlights

Medical Care Equipment

Funding for medical care equipment includes basic and advanced patient care equipment, as well as specialized equipment for the SAR environment.

Examples of medical care equipment include:

- Trauma kits
- Personal first aid kits for searchers
- Emergency blankets
- Oxygen delivery equipment & tanks
- Backboards & spiderstraps
- Specialized backpacks for backcountry/austere medical care
- Defibrillators

Rescue Equipment

Funding for rescue equipment includes technical (rope) rescue, swift water rescue, and snow rescue.

Examples of rescue equipment include:

- Stokes litters & SKED style stretchers
- Stokes wheels
- Rescue rope, webbing and cordage
- Carabiners
- Descent devices
- Braking devices
- Ascent devices
- Body harnesses
- Rope throw bags
- Rescue flotation boards (e.g. Carlson Boards)
- Equipment bags

Dive Equipment

Funding for dive equipment includes diver safety and protection equipment.

Examples of dive equipment include:

- Buoyancy compensators
- Wetsuits & drysuits
- Masks
- Fins
- SCUBA tanks
- Air regulators and delivery systems

Items not eligible for funding include construction projects, purchase of rolling stock (i.e. vehicles, motorcycles, quads), purchase of vessels (i.e. rigid hull boats, zodiac style boats, personal watercraft), purchase of aircraft or hovercraft, vehicle/vessel rehabilitation, vehicle/vessel repair.

In order to provide the most benefit to as many teams as possible, you may be asked to substitute items based on luxury level, limited life span, or other reasons.

TRAINING

The funding priorities focus on train-the-trainer and team/class level training. Individual training is not a current funding priority.

Train the Trainer (TTT)

Funding for TTT training is the first training priority. This funding considers paying the tuition for a member of a search and rescue team to attend a TTT course in an appropriate subject. The ability for a search and rescue team to be self-sufficient (i.e. possess in-house qualified instructors) in appropriate training areas (e.g. first aid, tracking, dive rescue, high angle rope rescue, search management, etc) is a more valuable investment than training a single individual in a skill.

Examples of TTT include:

- First aid, CPR, emergency responder, wilderness medicine instructor
- Rope rescue instructor
- Swift water rescue instructor
- Search management instructor

Team/Class Level

Team level training is the second training priority. This funding considers paying for an instructor to teach a large class of search and rescue members in a skill. This investment provides more value than training a single individual in a skill.

Examples of team level training include:

- Tuition for first aid, CPR, wilderness medicine
- Tuition for high angle rescue, swift water rescue
- Tuition for search management instruction

Individual

Individual level training (i.e. sending a single person to a class to learn a skill set) is currently not considered for funding.

Items not eligible for funding include travel and expenses for students or instructors.

Other

Applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as to the applicability to search and rescue operational need.

When submitting your completed application, please include a one page letter summarizing your needs and itemizing your request.

Requests from government agencies or government agency affiliated organizations, **your request must be submitted on department letterhead and signed by the Department Head, or other authorized agency official and it must include your ORI number.**

If you are a non-profit organization, with no direct affiliation with a government agency, either the Executive Director or the Chair of the Board of Directors must sign your request submitted on organization letterhead. Please include a copy of your IRS verification letter and identify the last 5 actual search and rescue missions your organization participated in. Include the dates, the type of search and rescue missions, and the jurisdictional government agencies incident commander for each mission. To verify non-government agency affiliated organization legitimacy, in actual search and rescue operation, these agencies/incident commanders will be contacted.

For all requests, please include the following information in you request: **needs assessment, vendor's quote(s), time frame (date funds needed), whether or not other funding sources are being sought, and whether or not you will purchase the product or pursue training if 100% of the required amount is not received from the *Laci and Conner Search and Rescue Fund*.**

If you are approved to receive funds from the *Laci and Conner Search and Rescue Fund*, the check will be written by **The Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation** directly to the vendor rather than to your agency. If there is a problem with process, please include an explanation in your summary.

The funds must be used within six months of the date the funds are required.

Please limit your information to one page in addition to the request form and vendor's quote(s).

Applications will be accepted January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010. Those applications postmarked after that date will *not* be considered.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 527-LACI (5224).

Sincerely,

Sharon Sanders
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