

Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care

LTWC is asking for a \$26,000 grant award in total to fund operational needs in three main categories. Any amount of funding; however, would be greatly appreciated to support any or multiple of these categories.

1. **Medical equipment in the form of an exam light for onsite veterinary care (\$2k).** LTWC hopes to reduce its reliance on local vets for relatively basic medical examinations and will decrease unnecessary and sometimes dangerous (for the patient) travel through increasing its onsite capabilities. An exam light will assist veterinarian Kevin Willits when diagnosing and caring for injured wildlife on site.
2. **Food for an increased number of wildlife patients (\$12k = 70% of annual budget).** The new Al Tahoe facility more than doubled LTWC's capacity to care for wildlife. Feeding our patients is one of the most basic necessities, especially orphans in need of round-the-clock feeding care.
3. **Salary for part-time staff (\$12k = 1 part-time).** As part of the new facilities expansion and the recent retirement of the organization's founders, LTWC plans to increase staff capacity to 5 employees. Salary to fund one of these part-time positions will help LTWC meet its patient, education, and facility needs.