

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Foundation prefers to fund projects that:

- Develop new and innovative approaches to community problems,
- Facilitate the improvement of services or programs, or
- Invest in equipment and facilities that will have a lasting impact on community needs.

Geographically, the Foundation sets a high priority on funding projects serving communities where the Cheney Lumber Company was active. This area includes Tacoma-Pierce County, Southwestern Washington, Southern Oregon (particularly around Medford), and portions of the northernmost counties in California.

For more detailed and comprehensive information please visit our website:

www.benbcheneyfoundation.org

APPLICATION PROCESS

Requests to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation always begin with a brief proposal letter. This letter should include—either on the letterhead or within the body of the letter—the name of the organization, its street and mailing address, phone number, and the name and title of the organization's director.

The inquiry should describe:

- The organization's history, mission and scope of operations,
- A summary of the proposal,
- The cost of the project and a fundraising plan, and
- A request for a specific amount of money and a statement of how it will be used.

The letter should not exceed two pages in length. It should inform the Foundation about the opportunity or problem to be addressed and convince the Foundation that the organization can implement the project and that, if implemented, the project would produce positive results.

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BEN B. CHENEY

Ben B. Cheney loved life. He lived it fully and richly, devoting himself to his work, his family and his world. In the 1930s he founded the Cheney Lumber Company. A tireless businessman and innovator; he was constantly striving to make improvements in his work and community. To this end, Ben Cheney is credited with standardizing the length of building studs at eight feet not only eliminating discarded and wasted wood but changing the entire building industry.

Ben Cheney's life was not only consumed with work. Another passion was athletics, especially the game of baseball. He helped bring a Pacific Coast League franchise to Tacoma and contributed to the construction of Tacoma's ballpark, Cheney Stadium. He was also a stockholder of the San Francisco Giants and served on their board of directors. Ben Cheney's love of sports was not confined to his own interests. In the small logging communities of Washington, Oregon, and California many young people played on a Cheney-sponsored team. Over 5,000 youngsters developed their skills while participating on Cheney Stud teams. Today, many of these participants still retain the enthusiasm, self-discipline, and team spirit that come from athletic involvement.

Perhaps Ben Cheney proved his love of life best by establishing the Cheney Foundation in 1955. Long after his death in 1971, the Cheney Foundation continues to honor Ben Cheney's enthusiasm for life by supporting a broad range of philanthropic needs in the communities where the Cheney Lumber Company was once active. In a very real sense the Foundation also honors Ben Cheney by remembering that the purpose of every grant is helping people.

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2008 DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

The Ben B. Cheney Foundation is pleased to provide you with information regarding our grantmaking during 2008. The end of the year marked the 34th year that the Cheney Foundation has formally made grants to the areas once served by the Cheney Lumber Company. We continually appreciate the relationships with our nonprofit partners that work tirelessly and with passion in each and every one of their endeavors.

As the Cheney Foundation looks ahead we are hindered by the state of the economy and how it has impacted our endowment and our ability to support those organizations that qualify for grants. The result is producing tough decisions for our board and our staff as we guide ourselves through these turbulent times.

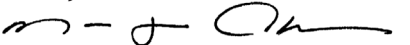
The current economic downturn with its effect upon the investment market presents concerns for the Cheney Foundation as funders. We know that the amount of dollars available for grantmakers will be considerably reduced in the next few years. Although the Foundation continues to believe that the economy will stabilize and that our endowment will rebound with time we are anxious about the intervening years.

Most importantly, we have great concern for the needs of our nonprofit partners. Fewer dollars from foundations, corporations and individual donors will certainly have an impact on their ability to complete their missions and serve their communities. The reduction of our endowment weighs heavily on our staff and board of directors as we review requests and pare down the size and number of grants we can award.

For almost 35 years the Cheney Foundation has marched forward with our endowment growing and our distributions generally increasing year to year through the prudent management of our grantmaking and investing activities. As an organization we are dedicated to keeping administrative costs at a minimum and committed to seeing our distributions increase annually once again.

We remain hopeful that we will weather this storm through changes both large and small, generating new methodologies and remaining committed to our mission.

Sincerely,


Brad Cheney

BEN B. CHENEY FOUNDATION GRANTS ~ 2008

CHARITY

Catholic Community Services, Tacoma, WA	12,640
Purchase and install a commercial dishwasher at Hospitality Kitchen.	
Catholic Community Services, Tacoma, WA	10,000
Replace the mattresses at the Tacoma Avenue shelter.	
Emergency Food Network, Lakewood, WA	11,000
Sponsor the 2008 annual Thanksgiving dinner.	
FISH Food Banks of Pierce County, Tacoma, WA	7,500
Purchase holiday food items.	
Joseph Foundation, Federal Way, WA	7,500
Construct a transitional home for a low-income family from Pierce County.	
Mi Casa, Milton, WA	4,000
Repair the courtyard between two four-plexes in Edgewood.	
Salvation Army, Puyallup, WA	7,500
Purchase food for distribution during the holidays.	
Salvation Army, Tacoma, WA	7,500
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Tacoma Rescue Mission, Tacoma, WA	50,000
Construct a new family shelter in Tacoma.	
Tacoma Rescue Mission, Tacoma, WA	7,500
Purchase holiday foods and gift items for Christmas.	
Union Gospel Mission, Olympia, WA	7,200
Purchase dental equipment to expand services at the clinic.	
Youth Resources, Spanaway, WA	10,000
Purchase and install a security system in the new transitional housing and drop-in center.	

CIVIC

Butte Falls Community School Partnership, Butte Falls, OR	25,000
Renovate a building for use as a community center in Butte Falls.	
Coalition Humane, Gig Harbor, WA	25,000
Expand the operation of a low-cost spay/neuter clinic serving Pierce County.	
Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts, Longview, WA	30,000
Support the campaign for preservation, renovation, and expansion of the theater.	
Foundation Center, New York, NY	2,500
Provide free public access to grantmaking information during 2008.	
Grays Harbor Historical Seaport, Aberdeen, WA	5,000
Construct new sails for the Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain.	
Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, Tacoma, WA	20,000
Support increased outreach to professional investment and giving advisors.	
GuideStar, Williamsburg, VA	500
Support changes to the system necessitated by revisions to new IRS reporting requirements on 990s.	

Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor, WA	25,000
Complete the campaign to build a new Harbor History Museum.	
Indian Valley Recreation & Park District, Greenville, CA	100,000
Complete the community center in Greenville.	
Indian Valley Recreation & Park District, Greenville, CA	10,000
Purchase construction materials for the new community recreation center.	
KBTC Foundation, Tacoma, WA	10,000
Support the production and broadcasting of <i>Full Focus</i> .	
Mount Shasta Skate Park Project, Mt. Shasta, CA	25,000
Build a skate park in Mount Shasta.	
Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend, WA	40,000
Build the Maritime Heritage and Resource Building at the Center.	
Philanthropy Northwest, Seattle, WA	10,050
Support grantmaker education and services during 2008.	
Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, Tacoma, WA	10,000
Support the creation of the Animal Avenue exhibit complex.	
Safe Streets, Tacoma, WA	20,000
Support capacity building efforts.	
Seventh Street Theatre, Hoquiam, WA	25,000
Update the rigging for the theater's stage area.	
Tacoma Events Commission, Tacoma, WA	5,000
Support the 2008 Freedom Fair and Air Show.	
Tacoma Historical Society, Tacoma, WA	6,000
Support the creation of Mason Plaza in the Proctor District.	
United Way of Jackson County, Medford, OR	1,500
Support the 2009 Oregon Nonprofit Leaders Conference.	
Youth Marine Foundation, Tacoma, WA	10,000
Support planning and development activities for the new Center.	

CULTURE

Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, Tacoma, WA	45,000
Support the 2008-09 season.	
Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA	80,000
Install art on the museum's public plaza.	
Puget Sound Revels, Tacoma, WA	4,000
Support training in the development of sustainable funding.	
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA	35,000
Support exhibits during 2009.	
Tacoma Concert Band, Lakewood, WA	8,000
Support the 2008 Sousa Concerts.	

EDUCATION

Annie Wright School, Tacoma, WA	75,000
Renovate dormitory rooms and faculty apartments at the school.	
Bellarmino Preparatory School, Tacoma, WA	125,000
Support the campaign to renovate and connect the gyms.	
Charles Wright Academy, Tacoma, WA	150,000
Build a Language and Performing Arts Center.	
Linfield College, McMinnville, OR	40,000
Provide Cheney scholarships during 2008-2010.	
Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR	40,000
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Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA	40,000
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University of Portland, Portland, OR	40,000
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University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA	40,000
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University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA	250,000
Support the new Center for Health Sciences.	
University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA	40,000
Provide Cheney scholarships during 2008-2010.	
Westwood High School, Westwood, CA	5,000
Support the Westwood Alumni Teachers Memorial Scholarship fund.	
Willamette University, Salem, OR	40,000
Provide Cheney scholarships during 2008-2010.	

ELDERLY

Associated Ministries, Tacoma, WA	47,000
Support the Senior Emergency Grant Fund.	
Loaves & Fishes Centers, Portland, OR	15,000
Equip a kitchen for senior meals at the Battleground community center.	
Puget Sound Senior Games, Olympia, WA	5,000
Support the 2008 Washington State Senior Games.	
Wrinkles of Washington!, Olympia, WA	5,000
Purchase three new sets of dance costumes.	

HEALTH

Community Health Center, Medford, OR	30,000
Add a physician to the Ashland clinic staff.	
La Clinica de Valle, Medford, OR	50,000
Open a new clinic in Central Point.	

Mountain Communities Healthcare District, Weaverville, CA	25,000
Purchase a new anesthesia machine for use in the operating room.	
Tacoma General Hospital, Tacoma, WA	200,000
Support the new emergency room campaign.	

SOCIAL SERVICE

American Cancer Society, Seattle, WA	10,000
Support Camp Goodtimes in 2008.	
ARK Institute of Learning, Tacoma, WA	25,000
Assist the educator training program.	
Associated Ministries, Tacoma, WA	25,000
Provide support for organizational development.	
Children's Therapy Center, Kent, WA	30,000
Acquire and renovate a building to provide services to Pierce County residents.	
Morningside, Olympia, WA	25,000
Acquire a truck for the document destruction program.	
Mountain Circle, Greenville, CA	25,000
Acquire a car for case workers to use for client visits.	
Northwest Kiwanis Camp, Port Hadlock, WA	15,000
Construct a bathroom and shower building for the camp.	
Outdoors for All Foundation, Seattle, WA	5,000
Purchase a bi-ski and materials to make repairs to the ski hut at Crystal Mountain.	
Philanthropy Northwest, Seattle, WA	2,500
Support the Human Services Funding Collaborative.	
Pierce County Friends & Athletes, Gig Harbor, WA	4,000
Purchase sporting equipment for the programs.	
Sound Youth Counseling, Tacoma, WA	6,000
Purchase computer equipment.	
Southern Oregon Adolescent Study & Treatment Center, Grants Pass, OR	10,000
Remodel and furnish a bedroom designated for residential crisis respite at the Merlin facility.	
Tacoma-Pierce County Chaplaincy, University Place, WA	4,500
Purchase equipment and supplies to print promotional brochures.	
Toutle River Ranch, Longview, WA	25,000
Expand the main facility to provide recreational activities for youth.	
VADIS Northwest, Sumner, WA	8,000
Replace the sidewalk with a new walkway with three wheelchair ramps.	
Violent Crime Victim Services, Tacoma, WA	3,600
Produce a DVD for fundraising, training and use with clients.	
Washington Special Olympics, Seattle, WA	30,000
Support the Spring Games in 2009 and 2010.	

YOUTH

Ben B. Cheney Foundation High School Scholarship Program, Tacoma, WA	67,500
Provide college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. (27 grants)	
Boys & Girls Club of the Long Beach Peninsula, Long Beach, WA	15,000
Assist the development of a club serving south Pacific County.	
Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA	300,000
Support the <i>One Campaign</i> .	
Eagle Point School District, Eagle Point, OR	10,000
Support Charley Givan Scholarships.	
Greater Metroparks Foundation, Tacoma, WA	75,000
Support the Northwest Youth Sports Alliance.	
Seattle International Children's Festival, Seattle, WA	10,000
Support 2008 performances in Tacoma.	
South Sound Kids Drum & Dance, Olympia, WA	2,050
Purchase instruments to expand programming from four to six schools.	
Tacoma Athletic Commission, Tacoma, WA	105,000
Assist the Sportsfund campaign.	
Upper Rogue Cal Ripken, Eagle Point, OR	5,000
Purchase a commercial grass mower for maintaining league fields.	
Vivace! Choral Program, Graham, WA	3,500
Support the PDQ Bach concert at the Pantages Theatre in June 2008.	
Willapa Harbor Baseball Association, Raymond, WA	5,000
Purchase two new bleachers to replace those destroyed in a winter storm.	
Youth for Christ, Tacoma, WA	40,000
Build a youth and family center in Tillicum.	

MATCHING GIFTS

Ben B. Cheney Foundation Matching Gift Program, Tacoma, WA	12,125
Support individual giving by staff and directors to qualifying agencies. (17 grants)	