

WINTER 2017 UPDATE AND YEAR END REPORT

Creating Community Resilience

You may be looking for some bright news as we near the end of 2017 – a year filled with challenges, uncertainty and displacement for many people. Despite these unsettling times, West Marin’s communities are staying strong. People and organizations are connecting with each other and creatively addressing the changes rippling across West Marin and the wider world.

With the generosity of our donors, and the frontline work of the many nonprofits we support, West Marin Fund is proud to play a key role in strengthening the health and wellbeing of coastal West Marin. The Fund supported many heartening efforts this past year, and our coastal communities are tangibly stronger for it.

Reports are now in from last year’s [Autumn 2016 grants](#) round. Organizations reported significant improvements due to technology upgrades, the launch of new projects, and dramatic increases in revenues through more strategic fundraising.

“The board and staff agree that the ability to turn a [West Marin Fund] grant of \$2,000 into a \$50,000 gain was extraordinary and one of our most transformational projects.”

– SUSAN PAGE TILLET, MESA REFUGE



Collaboration

West Marin Fund’s [2017 workshop for 150 local leaders](#) addressed the partnership between county government and West Marin nonprofits. Supervisor Dennis Rodoni and local leaders considered ways of addressing pressing issues, such as: affordable housing, immigrant protections, coastal healthcare, and stresses on local services due to large numbers of visitors to our fragile coastal land and seascapes.

Partnering with local schools, donors, and parents, our [2017 Giving Through Youth](#) program enabled students and teachers in three schools to research, select and award \$9,000 to 14 organizations this year.

Community Grants

In the past five years, West Marin Fund has awarded over \$565,000 to 68 nonprofits through our [community grants program](#).

Our most recent [Autumn 2017 grants](#) round awarded \$64,500 to 28 local nonprofits to address a wide variety of needs, including environmental science and civic engagement for youth; vibrant and diverse community arts programming; critical technical and facility upgrades; fundraising effectiveness; and services benefitting young children, low-income families, and seniors.

“Students practice the academic skills of research and writing, AND they are doing these tasks in a real world setting, with real world consequences. This is so intrinsically motivating for them that I generally get some of their best focus and writing of the year during this project. In addition, they learn about the variety of nonprofits in our community, and the empowerment of engaging in a cause that they are passionate about.”

– JULIE CASSEL, WEST MARIN SCHOOL



West Marin Fund is a community foundation supporting the long-term wellbeing of coastal West Marin. We make grants, provide trainings, convene, and educate – all thanks to the generous contributions of our donors.

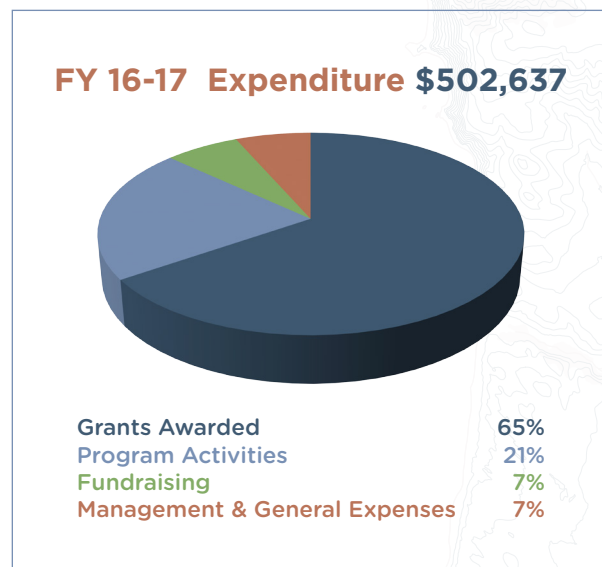
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- From Harriet Moss, Board Chair

I am pleased to report that West Marin Fund has seen significant growth this past year, with a 39% increase in income, 154% increase in grants, and a 34% increase in our youth center endowment fund. Equally as exciting, we opened our first donor advised fund and hired our first full-time Executive Director!

A huge thank you to our dedicated donors, who helped make all of this possible.

Total Revenue		Grants Awarded	
FY 16-17	\$639,067	FY 16-17	\$328,992
FY 15-16	\$459,553	FY 15-16	\$129,433



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**PLEASE SUPPORT
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE
IN WEST MARIN!**

By contributing to the West Marin Fund, you ensure that your charitable dollars are supporting the health and vibrancy of our coastal West Marin communities.

Make your donation by check, stock transfer, or online. All donations are tax-deductible.

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