

Rowell Fund for Tibet announces 2020 grants for six projects

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The Rowell Fund for Tibet's board of advisors has decided to award \$24,000 in grants to six projects in 2020 that deal with healthcare, cultural preservation, the environment and the recording of history.

Each project will receive \$3,500 to \$4,600. The fund received 31 applications from Tibetans in Tibet and outside for this grant cycle.

The fund, which is managed by the International Campaign for Tibet, was established in memory of lifelong Tibet supporters Galen and Barbara Rowell, who died in a plane crash in 2002.

"Over the years, the Board of Advisors has strived to honor Galen, the environmentalist, and Barbara, the feminist, by supporting projects that bring vitality to Tibetan communities. We also want to link tens of thousands of ICT members to outstanding humanitarian and intellectual efforts of emerging Tibetan leaders," said John Ackerly, member of the board of advisors of the Rowell Fund for Tibet.

As avid mountaineers and outdoor photographers, Galen and Barbara Rowell helped bring Tibet and the Himalayas into the public eye. The fund continues this legacy, providing small grants to Tibetan writers, academics, photographers and conservationists.

This year's grants awarded by the board are:

The Role and Importance of Tibetan Women in Community Building

Recipient: Tenzin Menkyi Location: Leh. India

Description: Documentary film not only on the lives of successful Tibetan women, but on various

issues concerning women

Tibetan Health Project

Recipient: Kalden Sakya Location: Dehradun, India

Description: Project on general health awareness and encouraging a healthy lifestyle among the

Tibetan community, particularly among monks and nuns

Lama Mani Project

Recipient: Loten Namling Location: Switzerland

Description: Promotion of traditional storytelling and presentation tour of India, Nepal and Bhutan

Conservation of Losel Dolls (Tibetan Costumed Dolls)

Recipient: Tenzin Lhamo

Location: Norbulingka Institute, India

Description: Project on preservation and restoration of the dolls in the Tibetan doll museum at the

Norbulingka Institute

Rainwater conservation

Recipient: Yeshi Sangmo

Location: Jangchup Choeling Nunnery, Mundgod, India

Description: Project on rainwater conservation to collect and use rainwater from a roof water

harvesting and recharge pit for conservation and drought prevention currently being experienced due

to climate change

The White Lotus Portrait of Gyalyum Chenmo of Tibet: the Biography of the Great Mother of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

Recipient: Lhamo Tso Location: Varanasi, India

Description: A new biography in Tibetan of the Dalai Lama's mother

ICT and the Rowell Fund for Tibet wish to congratulate this year's grant recipients.

The advisory board, made up of friends and family of Galen and Barbara, consists of John Ackerly, Conrad Anker, David Breashears, Jimmy Chin, Bob and Beth Cushman, John Jancik, Terri Baker, Bob Palais, and Forrest Ryan.