

**2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice**  
**Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund**  
**Grant Program**



**POSTING DATE**

August 1, 2020 (5:00 pm, PST)

**PURPOSE**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has established a competitive grant program to support and advance the recovery and rehabilitation of injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife, and conservation education.

Funds may be used to support operations, ongoing facility needs, improvement and/or innovation in animal care (e.g. refinement of wildlife rehabilitation techniques, improved enclosure designs, dietary or behavioral enrichment advances); post-release monitoring, surveillance, data analysis; conservation education.

**GRANTING AUTHORITY**

Funding for this Grant Solicitation Notice (PSN) is provided from the Division 2. Department of Fish and Wildlife. Chapter 7.5. Native Species Conservation and Enhancement. Article 5. *Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.*

**Fish and Game Code § 1773**

The CDFW shall maintain the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund established pursuant to Section 18749.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(a) Funds deposited in the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund pursuant to Article 5.2 of Chapter 3 of Part 10.2 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code are for the support of a competitive grant program to be established by the department for the purposes of the recovery and rehabilitation of injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife, and conservation education.

(b) A maximum of 5 percent of the funds allocated to the department may be used to defray the administrative expenses associated with administering the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

To be eligible for grant funding from the competitive grant program established pursuant to Section 1773.1, an applicant shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) The applicant shall provide proof that it is a nonprofit organization that operates a wildlife rehabilitation facility permitted pursuant to Section 679 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations; or as an authorized satellite facility (sub-permittee).

- (b) The applicant shall be in compliance with all conditions of its Wildlife Rehabilitation Memorandum of Understanding.
- (c) The applicant shall maintain active participation in the Wildlife Rehabilitation Medical Database.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants are required to submit a Native Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund grant application packet consisting of a brief cover letter and records verifying eligibility (ATTN: Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator // [victoria.monroe@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:victoria.monroe@wildlife.ca.gov))

Applications must be submitted electronically by 5:00 p.m. PDT on September 1, 2020.

**FUNDING & DURATION**

The grant duration is one (1) year starting December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2021. Grant funds cannot be expended before or after the grant duration period. For the application period ending September 1, 2020, grants will range from \$3,000 to \$19,000.

**GRANT TIERS**

The available pool of funds will be distributed to eligible applicants using the following tiers based on 2019 wild animal intake and in the amounts shown:

<u>2019 intake</u>	<u>Grant amount</u>
1 – 100	\$3,000
101 - 1,000	\$9,000
1,001 – 4,000	\$14,000
4,001 & over	\$19,000

**REVIEW PROCESS**

CDFW will validate each applicant’s eligibility and strive to fund as many grants as there are eligible applicants. If more eligible applications are submitted than funds available, then grants will be funded in the order the applications were received.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Grant recipients must submit one Final Performance Report that describes the activities funded with this grant. These reports are due to CDFW no later than September 30, 2021. Failure to submit this report may disqualify the applicant from future consideration as a grantee of funds from this program.

**UNALLOWABLE COSTS**

*Incentives*

Raffles, incentives, gifts, and donations.

*Hospitality*

Hospitality suites, alcoholic beverages, costs of entertainment (including amusement, diversion and social activities and any costs directly associated with such costs such as tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities).

*Fundraising*

Costs for organized fundraising including financial campaigns and solicitation of gifts.

## **SCHEDULE**

August 1, 2020: Grant solicitation notice published

September 1, 2020: Applications due

October 1, 2020: Grants selected

November 30, 2020: Grants awarded

December 30, 2021: Final reports due

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

- CDFW Wildlife Welfare and Rehabilitation website: [wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Investigations/Rehab](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Investigations/Rehab)
- CDFW grant opportunities website: [wildlife.ca.gov/grants](https://wildlife.ca.gov/grants)
- California Grants Portal: [www.grants.ca.gov](https://www.grants.ca.gov)
- For questions about the grant program application process, contact Victoria Monroe, [Victoria.monroe@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Victoria.monroe@wildlife.ca.gov)