

## PROPOSAL SOLICITATION NOTICE

### California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2024 NATIVE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM

#### POSTING DATE

August 15, 2024 (5:00 PM, PST)

#### PURPOSE

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) maintains a competitive grant program to support and advance the recovery and rehabilitation of injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife, and conservation education pursuant to Section 1773 of the Fish and Game Code. The grant program is fully funded through the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund established pursuant to Section 18749.1 of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Funds can be used to support wildlife rehabilitation facility operations, animal diet, animal care (e.g., improvements and/or innovation in wildlife rehabilitation techniques, enclosure design, enrichment), and wildlife conservation education. Funds cannot be used for raffles, incentives, gifts, or donations; fundraising events or financial campaigns; or hospitality costs such as meals, alcoholic beverages, lodging, rentals, transportation, entertainment, or gratuities.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for grant funding, an applicant shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) Provide proof that applicant operates a nonprofit organization that provides wildlife rehabilitation pursuant to Section 679 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (b) Be compliant with all terms and conditions of a valid CDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit.
- (c) Maintain active participation in an electronic wildlife rehabilitation medical database.

#### GRANT PERIOD

March 1, 2025, or when grant agreement is executed (whichever is later) to November 15, 2025. Grant awards will be distributed using the following grant tiers based on 2023 wild animal intake:

<i>2023 Animal intake</i>	<i>Grant amount</i>	<i>2023 Animal intake</i>	<i>Grant amount</i>
10 – 200	\$2,500	901 – 1,300	\$10,000
201 - 500	\$5,000	1,301 – 3,000	\$15,000
501 – 900	\$7,500	3,001+	\$20,000

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted electronically at [RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:RehabWildlife@wildlife.ca.gov) by September 25, 2024 (11:59 p.m. PST). Application packet must include: (1) cover letter; (2) application form; and (3) documents to verify eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If more applications are submitted than voluntary tax contribution funds are available, grants will be awarded in the order applications were received.

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grant recipients must submit a Final Grant Report that describes activities funded with this grant. The report is due no later than December 2, 2025. Failure to submit may disqualify the applicant from future consideration as a grantee of funds from this program.

#### GRANT SCHEDULE

- Public solicitation notice: August 15, 2024
- Application period closes: September 25, 2024
- Grant awards announced: October 9, 2024
- Grant period (anticipated): March 1, 2025 – November 15, 2025
- Grant reports due: December 2, 2025

More information is available online at the California Grants Portal at [www.grants.ca.gov](http://www.grants.ca.gov) – and – CDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Program website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/wildliferehab>. Thank you!