**Appendix A: 2025/2026 GOLDEN EAGLE CONSERVATION GRANT PROJECT STATEMENT AND BUDGET WORKSHEET**

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife Grant Opportunity**

Proposal must be limited to 8 pages of narrative text, not including maps, appendices and literature cited. Please limit your responses to the requested information only. Proposal narratives must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). In order to be considered for funding, applicants must submit a complete proposal using the supplied templates at the end of this notice by **5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time on June 16, 2025**. Project proposals must be submitted to **R3CESA@wildlife.ca.gov** **with “Golden Eagle Conservation Grant 2025” included in the subject line**.

**PROJECT TITLE:** A short descriptive title for the project.

**ESTIMATED COST:** Use the Budget Worksheet below to break down fund allocations.

**Total Project Cost**: $

**INTRODUCTION:** Briefly describe the proposed project and any history or special circumstances important to understanding the project. Indicate whether the project is new or part of a larger project or study. If part of a larger project, provide project funding history and accomplishments and explain why further funding is needed.

**STATEMENT OF NEED:** Explain why the project is necessary and identify the conservation issue(s) for golden eagles. Provide evidence such as results from past surveys, research studies or other data to demonstrate the need and urgency. Does this project fit in with other studies that others have done or are doing for the species related to wind energy?

**PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES:** Describe how theproject addresses the need and its expected conservation benefits to golden eagles. Please provide quantifiable or verifiable benefits. What is to be accomplished during the grant period pursuant to the stated need? Project objectives should be fully achievable with the amount of funds being requested in the grant proposal, and include quantitative measures that indicate when project objectives have been met (i.e. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound (SMART).

**EXPECTED RESULTS OR BENEFITS:** How will the project benefit golden eagle populations in California, specifically populations in the Diablo Range of northern California and Tehachapi Mountains of southern California. How will the project inform management of golden eagle populations to offset the impacts of wind energy generation specifically in the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area in Alameda and Contra Costa counties and Tehachapi Wind Resource Area in Kern County? Does the project include ancillary benefits to other avian species? Provide quantifiable or verifiable resource benefits.

**APPROACH**: Describe in detail the methods that will be used to achieve the stated objectives. How will each objective be attained? Describe the specific procedures, methods, protocols and analyses to be used to accomplish each stated objective. Adherence to scientific standards as determined by published literature should be referenced. Provide pertinent schedules, estimated timetables and identify key cooperators and their respective roles. List the types of equipment that will be used. Any deliverables resulting from the funding should be identified in this section.

If surveys are involved, include detailed information on the survey protocols. If any on-the-ground work is involved, provide an estimate of timing and duration to the extent this is known. If known, state who will conduct the work and their qualifications. If not known, indicate how the principal investigator will be selected and the minimum qualifications needed. Provide a general timeline for the project.

This section needs to provide enough detail to allow CDFW to analyze potential environmental impacts and compliance with state and federal environmental laws and permitting requirements.

When developing your approach, keep in mind funded activities, including executing and closing out payable grants and/or contracts with partners, must be completed within the grant performance period which may not exceed 5 years from the project start date and extend past March 30, 2031. We recommend allowing at least 3 months after the grant award is made for CDFW to execute a payable grant or contract, and at least 3 months prior to the end of the 5-year grant performance period to close out the grant or contract. Applicants should anticipate a Project start date no sooner than early 2026. Partial funding for a proposal may be awarded.

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** Where in the State will the work be done? Please identify the counties the work will be performed, and additional description that may be necessary. If applicable, describe habitat type(s) in which the project will be done and characterize relevant ecosystems or watersheds. You may include a site-specific map or aerial image of the project and fieldwork location(s) as an additional attachment not counted in the page total. If administrative/office activities are proposed, provide the address(s) where the work will occur.

**PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR(S) FOR THE PROJECT:** List names, organization affiliation, phone numbers, and Email addresses for the project’s Principal Investigator(s), and other partners such as nongovernmental organizations, universities, and tribes.

**BUDGET NARRATIVE**: Briefly describe grant fund expenditures. Attach the Budget Worksheet (See PSN for template).

**RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GRANTS:** Describe any relationship between this project and other work funded by state or federal grants that is planned, anticipated, or underway.

**TIMELINE:** List the estimated start and completion dates for each objective and associated task from the Approach section above.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:** Please provide any additional information not already described elsewhere in this narrative to accurately assess potential project impacts, including detailed descriptions of the project location(s), habitat type(s), the timing, duration, and nature of any ground-disturbing activities, and any conservation measures to be incorporated to avoid, minimize or mitigate effects to target or non-target species.Provide any information relevant to ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws**,** including the following:

* 1. **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA):** Provide any information that may be relevant to compliance with CEQA and NEPA. Indicate whether the project qualifies for Categorical Exemptions and/or Categorical Exclusions and Extraordinary Circumstances. Attach copies of CEQA and NEPA documents as appendices, if applicable.
	2. **CALIFORNIA AND FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (CESA/ESA):** State whether conducting this project is anticipated to result in ‘take’, either purposeful or inadvertent, of individuals of the species named in the proposal or of any other non-targeted state or federally-listed or candidate species. Give an estimate of the level of take, if any (e.g., number and significance of individuals harmed, harassed, etc.). Include conservation measures that will be implemented to avoid or minimize impacts to these species. List any relevant CDFW Scientific Collecting Permits or CESA Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) and federal Endangered Species Act section 10(a)1(A) permits.
	3. **Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act**: The Eagle Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668c), has prohibited take of Bald Eagles since 1940 and Golden Eagles since 1962. Take means pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest, or disturb. Such restrictions help ensure the future viability of eagles in the wild. Under the Eagle Act, “disturb,” is defined as “to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available, injury to an eagle, a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior” (Federal Register 72: 31132, June 5, 2007). Describe the potential for eagles to occur within a 10-mile radius of the project. State whether conducting this project is anticipated to result in ‘take’ of eagles, either purposeful or inadvertent, and measures that will be taken to avoid take.
	4. **OTHER PERMITS:** List and provide the current status of any other required State and/or federal permits. Attached copies of completed permits as appendices.

**REFERENCED LITERATURE:**

**ATTACHMENTS:** List all attachments below and include them as separate files. Please be sure to reference each figure within the context of the narrative as well as corresponding labels (i.e. Attachment 1).

**PROJECT COST:**

* Please complete the Budget Worksheet below:

**Budget Worksheet**

| **Line-Item Budget Detail** |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **CDFW Grant Funding** | **In-Kind Services** | **Project Total** |
| **A. PERSONNEL SERVICES** |  |  |  |
| Project Role 1 (Hours and Rate) | $ | $ | $ |
| Example: Post Grad Researcher II (20 hours @ $81.66/hr) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Subtotal Personal Services** | **$** | **$** | **$** |
| Staff Benefits XX% (If Applicable) | $ | $ | $ |
| Example: Post Grad Researcher II (@ 25%) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Total Personal Services** | **$** | **$** | **$** |
| **B. OPERATING EXPENSES: GENERAL** |  |  |  |
| Postage | $ | $ | $ |
| Office/Field Supplies | $ | $ | $ |
| Telephone/Fax | $ | $ | $ |
| Travel and Per Diem (Specify miles and mileage rate) | $ | $ | $ |
| Equipment items (Each item less than $5,000) | $ | $ | $ |
| **Subtotal Operating Expenses: General** | **$** | **$** | **$** |
| **C. OPERATING EXPENSES: SUBCONTRACTORS** |  |  |  |
| Subcontractor 1 | $ | $ | $ |
| Subcontractor 2 | $ | $ | $ |
| **Acquisition Costs (if applicable):** | $ | $ | $ |
| **Subtotal Operating Expenses: Subcontractors** | **$** | **$** | **$** |
| **D. OPERATING EXPENSES: EQUIPMENT** |  |  |  |
| Equipment Item ($5,000 or more per item) | $ | $ | $ |
| Example: 2 ea. Widget (@ $5,000 ea.) | $ | $ | $ |
| Materials/Supplies | $ | $ | $ |
| **Subtotal Operating Expenses: Equipment** | **$** | **$** | **$** |
| **E. INDIRECT COSTS:** |  |  |  |
| Indirect Cost Rate @ XX%(Applies to Section A + B only) | $ | $ | $ |
| **F. TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT**(A+B+C+D+E) | **$** | **$** | **$** |