



Wildlife Veterinary Section Grant Opportunity 2022

Background

The WVS is offering a grant of up to \$5,000. Proposals are due by midnight USA EST on March 29th, 2022

The grant should support activities that *promote the health and welfare of free-ranging wildlife through research, application and dissemination of knowledge or capacity building*. Proposals for WDA WVS funding may include research, citizen science, or a specific activity that benefits education about wildlife diseases.

The criteria for proposals are:

1. The grant proposal must support the mission of the WDA.
2. The project leader must be a member of the WDA and the WVS as well as a veterinarian.
3. The grant must have measurable objectives which are achievable within 1 year.
4. The grant funds must be administered through an organization to which the WDA can legally
5. transfer funds and not a personal bank account; examples of allowable organizations are a WDA Geographic Section, a university, or a non-profit organization.
6. There is no allowance for overhead to be paid to administer the grant or project.
7. Requests for travel funds are accepted if they are integral to the research proposed and must not make up more than 25% of the total budget.
8. Proposals will be submitted by email to the WDA WVS Section Chair or through an online submission system to be announced at a later date.
9. The WDA WVS officers may choose a specific theme of research each year and if that is the case, the proposal needs to adhere to that theme.

Eligibility

- The project must be led by a veterinarian (PI) **who is both a WDA and WVS member**. *If you are not a member at the time of submission, your proposal will not be reviewed.*
- The DVM lead can only be lead on one proposal; however, they can be Co-PI on another proposal led by another DVM that meets the eligibility requirements
- The project must relate to the health of free-living wildlife (not captive animals unless it clearly demonstrates a benefit to free-living wildlife).



Proposals must include the following information:

1. Project Title
2. Project Leader, affiliation (must be a veterinarian who is a current member of WDA and WVS) and contact details (email and phone)
3. Collaborators and their affiliations
4. WDA Section Affiliation
5. Specific location of the work
6. Mechanism for administration of funding
7. Project background
8. Project hypotheses and objectives (and how they advance the mission of WDA)
9. Project methods
10. Expected outcomes
11. Project timeline
12. Detailed Budget
13. Resources and previous accomplishments that demonstrate capacity to complete the project

Formatting guidelines:

Please adhere to these guidelines closely to expedite the review process. Submit a single PDF file, (not a Word Document)

Text =12 font, Single-spaced, with 1-inch margins

Information items #1-6 must not exceed 1 page

Information items #7-13 must not exceed 4 pages

Reporting requirements

To encourage sharing of knowledge and outcomes with the broader WDA membership and wildlife professional community grant recipients are required to comply with reporting requirements as follows:

- Submit a project summary for publication in the WDA newsletter within 1 calendar year following completion of the project.
- Provide a short update (video, photos and/or written) on the project at least annually or after completion of specific project components to the WVS (email the current WVS Chair) for sharing on the WVS website and social media outlets.

Process

Submit your grant to the WDA WVS Section Chair: [\[We are currently trying to improve the submission process, please hold for further information\]](#)

[You will receive notification of receipt. If you do NOT, please resend or contact the Chair by email or phone.](#)

Proposals that fulfill the eligibility will be advanced to the WVS officers and an ad hoc committee for review and selection. The committee will rank proposals according to established scoring criteria. All applicants will be notified of the funding decision. The rubric utilized to score grants can be found at the end of this document.

Grant timeline

Announcements go out to the WDA membership: Feb 15th, 2022

Grant proposals are due by midnight on March 29th, 2022

Grant selected for funding is announced by April 30th, 2022

Grant monies are disbursed by June 1st, 2022

Grant report due June 1st, 2022



WDA WVS Scoring Criteria

Each criterion is scored from 1 - 5 (5=excellent, 4=very good, 3=satisfactory, 2=poor, 1=unacceptable)

Mission and Purpose

Project goals and objectives aligns with the mission of the WDA and the purpose of the WVS grant.

WDA mission is to acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation, and interactions with humans and domestic animals

The purpose of the WVS grant is to support activities that promote the health and welfare of free-ranging wildlife through research, application and dissemination of knowledge or capacity building

Significance

Outcomes of the project will make a significant contribution to health and welfare of free-ranging wildlife. The project relates to a significant problem or gap in the wildlife health/disease arena with internationally recognized relevance or of extreme local or regional importance

Approach

The approach and methods are clearly described and appropriate for achieving the objectives within the proposed timeframe. PIs have the expertise, infrastructure, and capacity to accomplish the work and have demonstrated prior success.

Preparation and Presentation

The proposal follows required formatting, is clearly written and is concise, yet sufficiently describes the project, question, and methodology. The budget is clear, reasonable, and realistic

Application will be disqualified if:

- The PI or Co-PI is not a WDA AND WVS member
- The PI or Co-PI is not a veterinarian
- The project involves captive wildlife (unless it clearly demonstrates benefit to free-ranging wildlife) An appropriate organization has not been listed through which funds can be administered (cannot provide funds to personal bank account)
- Submission received after the deadline