



Grant Guidelines

As of July, 2014

Our Vision

By 2025, native wildlife thrive throughout networks of connected lands and waters in Western North America.

Our Mission

Wilburforce Foundation helps conserve important lands, waters and wildlife in Western North America by supporting organizations and leaders advancing strategic solutions.

Our Funding Region

Wilburforce Foundation uses conservation science to identify specific priority regions in which we will fund. These regions correspond with our focus on habitat security, focal species and wildlife linkages. For more detailed information about our funding region, our values and our approach, please see our [Strategic Framework](#).

Types of Support

Wilburforce makes investments that contribute to the following types of outcomes:

- Increasing the amount of protected critical wildlife habitat.
- Assuring the quality and extent of key connective lands between core habitat areas.
- Lessening immediate threats to critical wildlife habitat.
- Improving management programs that preserve the ecological integrity of existing or proposed protected areas.
- Increasing knowledge of wildlife populations and/or improving management plans that ensure the viability of focal species in a region.
- Building the capacity of our grantees that are working to protect our priority areas

Limitations

Applicant organizations should be classified as 501(c)(3) by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or 149(1)(f) by the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency. Wilburforce Foundation will consider funding a limited number of grants for organizations that do not have these legal designations. If you are seeking a grant but do not have public charity status, please raise this early in discussions with a Program Officer.

Applicant organizations must be incorporated in the U.S. or Canada, and have programs currently operating in our funding region.

The foundation generally will not consider:

- Any of the following types of projects:
 - Agricultural issues
 - Air quality or other clean air programs
 - Energy-related programs
 - Environmental education
 - Environmental justice programs
 - Land acquisition and/or stewardship
 - Marine or other water-only programs
 - Pollution prevention or other pollution-related projects
 - Fish recovery programs
 - Sprawl or growth management programs
 - Sustainable development or other economically based programs
 - Transportation-related programs
 - Wildlife rehabilitation programs
 - Youth education programs
- Deficit financing
- Endowment funds
- Funding of individual scholarships or fellowships
- Grants to individuals
- Grants to schools
- Indirect costs, overhead, or facilities administration to academic institutions or universities
- Grants to cities, counties or other governmental agencies
- Loans

Application Process & Deadlines

Organizations that are interested in submitting a grant proposal must contact the Foundation prior to developing an application for funding. Please do not submit a proposal without first contacting the [appropriate Program Officer](#). Deadlines for applications will be announced when a proposal is invited.

Note that we do not make a copy of our Grant Application Form available on our Web site. This form will be sent to an organization after it has received approval to submit a proposal.

We do not publish an annual report. For more information about our grantmaking, please see our list of [grantees](#). All grants from the past three years are included on our website.

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