



Grant Applications

Frequently Asked Questions

Grant Application Form



Criteria

The Fund intends to be as flexible and accommodating as possible when reviewing applications, and to take into account as many different factors as is reasonable when assessing the merit of a suggested project. To support this and to try to streamline the application process, the review process is kept comparatively simple.

However, the Fund does receive many more applications for support than grants could possibly be provided, so please find below some criteria and guidelines which would be useful to bear in mind when submitting an application.

Language: Applications must be submitted in English.

Currency: Budgets must be submitted in US Dollars.

Maximum Grant: The Fund maximum grant size is \$25,000, and **any application asking for more than this from the Fund will**

be rejected. The total budget of a project can be higher if there are other sources of funding, but the Fund will not award more than \$25,000.

Conservation status: The Fund was established to support **species conservation** work, and so if your project is not about an endangered species it is probably not worth your while submitting an application.

The Fund will use the IUCN Redlist (www.iucnredlist.org) as the primary **guide** to the conservation status of a given species, although documented variations for sub-species, distinct populations and sub-populations will be taken into account. For those species not assessed through the IUCN Redlist we welcome other methods of assessment and the submission of quantitative data to confirm a species status. Generally the Fund gives priority to those species facing a high threat of extinction (with an emphasis on **Endangered** and **Critically Endangered** species), as well as those which are listed as **Data Deficient** or unlisted but are suspected as highly threatened. Please ensure that the conservation status mentioned in the application is correct and cross-referenced to a website or publication. It might be of use to consult with the relevant IUCN/SSC Specialist Group if you are in doubt or would like some guidance.

Please note that applications with clearly incorrect conservation status and no justification will **NOT** be considered for funding.

Content: Text provided in an application should be kept concise and clear, with clearly stated quantitative goals, aims and methods. When writing an application, please bear in mind that there is only so much text which the Advisory Board and the Fund's board of directors are capable of reading. Priority will be given to those projects that support the professional development of young conservationists.

In situ conservation: Generally the Fund is primarily interested in providing support to *in situ* conservation work in the field (such as survey work and data gathering, direct action, recovery management, training and the like), focusing on the species in its **natural habitat**. However, the importance of *ex situ* work (genetic analysis, workshops, *ex situ* populations etc) is also recognised, and so **a few grants may be given to projects which focus on *ex situ* conservation work in certain circumstances.**

Core costs: The Fund will not award a grant simply to cover the core running costs of an organisation or administrative overheads, and yet does recognise that sometimes support salaries, stipends, per diems and project related living costs are a vital part of *in situ* conservation work, as part of a conservation project.

Species: Generally the Fund would prefer to support projects which focus on a single species, but it also recognises that in some geographic and taxonomic circumstances it makes more sense to group a number of species.

Grant amount: The Fund will **not** provide a grant of more than \$25,000.

Grants for continuation: The Fund is happy to provide continuation support for a project which had previously been supported, which is now completed and for which the Fund has received all required reporting by the time of the respective submission deadline.

External review: In some cases the Advisory Board and/or the Fund's board of directors may ask for an application to be passed on for additional review, which may add to the response time.

Online: Only applications submitted through the Fund's online, web-based system will be considered. Supporting documents can be sent as email attachments, but the application itself must be online.

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