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MONTEREY COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMISSION

MEETING: 12/13/2022	**AGENDA NO. 6**
TITLE:	Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission Fiscal Year 2022-23 Propagation Fund Grant Award Recommendation a. Discuss subcommittee applicant ratings; consider applicant presentations and staff instructions; b. Approve the projects to be recommended by MCFGAC for a funding award, the recommended funding amount, and project funding ranking order for Board of Supervisors consideration of approval to receive a Fiscal Year 2022-23 Monterey County Propagation Grant Fund Award; and c. Request Staff to take all necessary actions to prepare a report and schedule the recommendation for the Budget Committee and Board of Supervisors consideration for approval in January/February 2023.
DEPARTMENT:	PUBLIC WORKS, FACILITIES, & PARKS

RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission, with regards to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Propagation Grant Fund Awards Recommendation:
a. Discuss subcommittee applicant ratings; Consider applicant presentations and staff instructions;
b. Approve the projects to be recommended by MCFGAC for a funding award, the recommended funding amount, and project funding ranking order for Board of Supervisors consideration of approval to receive a Fiscal Year 2022-23 Monterey County Propagation Grant Fund Award; and
c. Request Staff to take all necessary actions to prepare the required reports and schedule the recommendation for the Budget Committee and Board of Supervisors consideration for approval in January/February 2023.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:
Each year, pursuant to the California State Fish and Game Code, the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission makes a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the award of Propagation Grant Funds for projects that enhance or improve wildlife within Monterey County. Wildlife as defined by California State Fish and Game Code, includes all wild animals, birds, plants, fish, amphibians, reptiles, and related ecological communities, including the habitat upon which the wildlife depends for its continued viability. The Monterey County Propagation Grant Fund is funded by fines and settlements collected for violations of California Fish and Game laws within Monterey County.

The Board of Supervisors has charged the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission with reviewing all propagation fund grant applications and making a funding award recommendation to the Board. Thirteen applications were received for Fiscal Year 2022-23, with a grant funding total request of $72,913. Various applications need additional information and/or clarification before they can be recommended for a Propagation Grant Fund award.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
This matter is scheduled to be brought before the Budget Committee and Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval to award FY 2022-23 grant funds in January-February 2023.

FINANCING:
The annual budgeted amount for the Monterey County Propagation Grant Fund is $40,000. Due to a returned FY 2020-21 award of $5,000 and unused FY 2021-22 award monies in the amount of $465, the total amount available for the FY 2022-23 Propagation Grant Fund Awards is $45,465.

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Attachment A- FY 2022-23 Propagation Fund Grant Applications Summary

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Attachment A

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PROPAGATION GRANT FUND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

	Applicant Name	Contact	Project Title	Project Description	Total Proposed Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested	Funding From Other Sources
1	Hastings Reserve	Jeffrey Bui spoawards@berkeley.edu	People of Color Engaging in Nature (PEN): Science education for youth in Cachagua	Provide a 3-day outdoor in-depth field educational program and activities to teach local Cachagua students about local mammals, birds, plants and cultural history to equip them with a better understanding of the natural environment and build their confidence to explore it.	$6,600	**$6,600**	$0
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Honorarium to 3 graduate instructors $3,000 and 1 lead guide $750; facility classroom use/housing fee/materials storage $500; field kits					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: First-time Applicant.					
2	International Bird Rescue	Phil Kohlmetz grants@birdrescue.org	Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Monterey County 2023	Financial support for a small portion of Monterey County's share of costs for emergency treatment, expendable, food, clinic and medical supplies (including medicine) for native, wild, aquatic birds rescued from Monterey County and transferred to our facility for care.	$44,239	**$5,000**	$39,239
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	food, medicine, and medical supplies necessary to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native Monterey County birds.					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: States no administrative or personnel costs will be included in expenditures.					
3	Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures	Mark & Felicia Morrison lazy arrow@hotmail.com	Ray Azbill Junior Pheasant Hunts and Central Coast Women's Pheasant Hunt February 4/5/18 2023	Program provides educational seminars focusing on wildlife and fisheries management, wildlife law enforcement, hunter ethics and safety, shooting skills, game care and offers participants an opportunity to take pheasants during a live hunt.	$7,200	**$2,900**	$4,300
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	T-shirts, portable restrooms (incl ADA), game storage bags, food items, utensils, fuel, cleanup & trash disposal					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Two inaccuracies on application: 1) Funds were last received for the FY 21-22 cycle 2) No Final Report was submitted. No explanation is provided for how project will enhance wildlife; no metrics are provided to evaluate project success; inaccurate acknowledgment on pamphlets.					
4	Marine Life Studies	Peggy Stap peggy.stap@marinelifestudies.org	Scout - the new telemetry system to relocate entangled whales	In response to the critical challenge of the current telemetry (satellite buoy) used when whale disentanglement efforts cannot be completed in one day, Level 2 Industries, NOAA, and The Nature Conservancy created Scout, a new tracking telemetry that harnesses next-generation technology and cutting-edge design to improve outcomes for response teams/whales/ocean health.	$14,000	**$10,000**	$4,000
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Equipment purchase: Scout flotation body $3,000; Scout electronic keel $6,500; Scout handset $4,500					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Applicant states unable to complete FY 21-22 project as crab season is underway; requests to utilize monies to purchase brochures. COP Flores to advise. Applicant makes inaccurate statements about this grant award as did receive/cash award check, but did not complete project.					
5	Pacific Grove Natural History Museum1	Susan Wolfe/Madeline Duffy wolfe@pgmusem.org	Supporting Junior Conservationists	Expanded scope of Jr Naturalist Club by establishing a new Junior Conservationist Club for grades 6-8 . This new offering is designed to prepare participants to be lifelong stewards of and advocates for Nature by taking them on excursions in Monterey County with local expert scientists. They will learn practical skills and information about wildlife conservation.	$4,850	**$4,850**	$0
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	20 Speaker honorariums $2,000 Travel $500; 10 Student Scholarships $1,000; Classroom Supplies $200; Retractable Banner $150; Custom Canopy Tent $1,000					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Subsection j cited is not appropriate as that is reserved for Commission-only expenditures. FY 2021-22 Completion/Final Report Submittal pending (by December).					

	Applicant Name	Contact	Project Title	Project Description	Total Proposed Project Cost	Grant Funds Requested	Funding From Other Sources
6	Pacific Grove Natural History Museum2	Susan Wolfe/Shannon Conner wolfe@pgmusem.org	Watershed Guardians	Watershed Guardians is a free 6-12th grade community science program. Through this program, students visit local watersheds to assess the health of the watershed through water-quality analysis. Grant funds will increase the safety of students participating in field science as well as increase accessibility to students with different needs.	$29,427	**$2,827**	$26,600
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Field safety services & supplies $300; 3 Bus transportation scholarships $1500; 15 Binoculars $855, 4 dippers $100, 2 grabbers $72					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Subsection j cited is not appropriate as that is for Commission only expenditures. Statement Final Report from last year will be submitted in June					
7	Ventana Wildlife Society	Mike Stake mikestake@ventanaws.org	Free Non-Lead Ammunition Program	VWS will provide free non-lead ammunition to hunters/ranchers in Monterey County. Project facilitates access to free non-lead ammunition and helps reduce lead exposure for California Condors and other wildlife.	$6,000	**$3,000**	$3,000
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	proposed expenditures not itemized (however text provides that only ammunition will be purchased with grant funds)					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Applicant did not submit a final report for prior year's funding.					
8	Gaines & Associates	Bill Gaines bill@gainesandassociates.net	2023 CA Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus Shoot/Associated Events	Annual event to provide conservation interests an opportunity to educate policy-makers on the importance of hunting to conservation and the safe use of sporting arms	$22,500	**$2,500**	$20,000
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Applicable subsection(s) not provided; required expenditure breakdown also not provided					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	No, required thumb drive not provided					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: same as above regarding grant expenditures. Code requires "public education." No curriculum provided.					
9	Monterey Audubon Society	Amanda Preece montereyaudubon@gmail.com		Financial support to pay a permitted bird bander to coordinate our bird banding station activities at Toro Creek at Fort Ord National Monument. Conduct outreach to visiting youth summer camp participants at the station during banding sessions and encourage local students to volunteer or intern with us to develop wildlife biology skills.	$7,680	**$5,280**	$2,400
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Research by qualified researcher (permitted master bander) 72 hours @$60/hr=$4320 Data Entry/Submission $960; Preparation 14 hours $840; Net Set Up 9 sessions 18 hours=$1080; Reporting 8 hours=$1080					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Final Report not yet submitted for FY 2021-22 cycle, pending. Citing subsection i, is confirmation would be needed from CDFW.					
10	SPCA Monterey County	Noel Freitas nfreitas@spcamc.org	SPCA Monterey County Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center	Species-appropriate diet, dietary enrichment, critical medical, surgical, and rehabilitation supplies to wildlife receiving care in Spring 2023 to improve successful rehabilitation and release	$22,913	**$7,000**	$15,913
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Animal food and operating and medical supplies					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: Last application submitted/funded in 2009.					
11	Elkhorn Slough Foundation	Mark Silberstein marksilberstein@elkhornslough.org	Elkhorn Slough Trail Access for All	The Reserve needs a wheelchair that can navigate the Reserve trail system and provide trail access for the mobility impair. Also to fund portable toilets to accom-modate K-5 students at a field site in the upper slough.	$9,150	**$9,150**	$0
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	GRIT Freedom Chair All Terrain Wheelchair $4,150 and 2 portable toilets $2,250 and trailer for toilets $2,750					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: First-time Applicant.					
12	Resource Conservation District of Monterey County	Emily Zefferman/Paul Robins emily.zefferman@rcdmonterey.org	Community Education and Pollinator Habitat Enhancement in Seaside Public Parks	Expand and enhance native plant gardens in 9 City of Seaside parks to benefit diverse native pollinators including monarch butterflies and provide education opportunities to residents of Seaside and surrounding areas related to pollinator conservation.	$9,968	**$4,968**	$5,000

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	Specific Grant Expenditures:	labor costs to develop education materials (28 hours) $2478; travel costs $62.50; printing costs Pollinator ID guides $200; Administrative expense $98; Installation/maintenance labor costs pollinator habitat $2130					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: First-time Applicant.					
13	University Corporation at Monterey Bay (on behalf of Return of the Natives)	Laura Lee Lienk/Cynthia E. Lopez clopez@csumb.edu	Return of the Natives Helps Create Pollinator Patches for the Salinas Valley	Propagate 1500 1-gallon pollinator and milkweed plants for dissemination to Salinas Valley schools and agencies with the goal of creating approximately 20 native pollinator patches which will provide healthy snack bars for resident and migratory insects.	$8,838	**$8,838**	$0
	Specific Grant Expenditures:	Propagation staff salaries & fringe benefits $7942; greenhouse supplies & soils $800; plant delivery miles $96					
	Submittal Criteria Met:	Yes					
	Staff/Subcommittee Notes:	Staff: FY 2021-22 underway and will be completed by December 31, 2022 and a Final Report will be submitted. Citing subsection m, so would need to provide approval of CDFW for funding. Possibly applicable to subsection e, which would not require approval as subsection m. Proposed project dates extend beyond December 31, 2023 project completion time frame.					
						$72,913	

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