

Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission FY 2021/22 Propagation Grant Funding Recommendation



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Background

The Department of Public Works, Facilities, & Parks' (PWFP) Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget allocation for propagation grant awards is **\$40,000**.

These funds come from court-assigned fines from Fish and Wildlife Code violations occurring within Monterey County.

Annually, the Monterey County Fish and Game Advisory Commission (MCFGAC) reviews applications and makes a recommendation to the Board for propagation grant funding awards.

California Fish & Game Code 13103

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- Public Education
- Temporary Treatment of Injured or Orphaned Wildlife
- Breeding Fish or Wildlife for Release
- Habitat Improvement
- Construction/Maintenance/Operation Public Hatcheries
- Predator Control Actions for Benefit of Fish and Wildlife
- Fish and Wildlife Research
- Other Specific Administrative Costs

FY 2021/22 Propagation Grant Applications Recommended for Award By MCFGAC

Projects Reviewed and Approved by the Budget Committee on March 30, 2022				
#	Applicant Name	Grant Funds Purpose	Request Amount	Recommended Funding Award
1	International Bird Rescue grants@bird-rescue.org	Resolve Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Monterey County 2022 <i>Funds for the rescue and care of wildlife affected by human-caused incidents. Grant would fund critical medicine, surgical/rehabilitation supplies, nutrition, and clean, healthy environment in which wildlife can heal.</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
2	Lazy Arrow Outdoor Adventures Lazyarrow@hotmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 29th Ray Azbill Jr. Youth Pheasant Hunt <i>Education seminars and hunting opportunity for approximately 90 youth hunters. Youths are educated on wildlife/habitat management, wildlife enforcement, hunter ethics and safety, shooting skills, black powder firearms, dog training, game care horse packing, archery, first aid, and trap shooting.</i> ♦ Annual Central Coast Women's Pheasant Hunting Clinic ♦ 22nd Annual Central Coast Women's Pheasant Hunting Clinic <i>Educational experience aimed to promote knowledge of gun safety, shooting skills, hunter ethics, hunting techniques, & habitat conservation</i> 	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
3	Monterey Audubon Society montereyaudubon@gmail.com	Education Program <i>Public engagement of bird identification</i>	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,528
4	CSUMB mmcgee@csumb.edu	Mesopredator Release and Avian Richness Along an Urbanization Gradient of Central Coast California <i>Camera trap study on mesopredators and their prey species.</i>	\$ 4,169	\$ 2,509
5	Los Padres Elementary School Club Tocolote27@gmail.com	Salinas Surf Club Fishing/Marine Life Experience <i>Educational club teaching ocean safety, surfing skills, ocean stewardship, and marine life awareness</i>	\$ 2,080	\$ 2,080
6	Ventana Wildlife Society mikestake@ventanaws.org	Free Non-lead Ammunition Program <i>Provide non-lead ammunition to residents of Monterey County</i>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
7	Marine Life Studies peggyweststap@mc.com	Debris Removal <i>Rent sonar equipment for identification & removal of stray fishing equipment</i>	\$10,000	\$ 5,000
8	Pacific Grove Museum duffy@pgmuseum.org	Junior Naturalist Club <i>Purchase recruitment materials, backpacks, supplies, scholarships, printing costs, mileage, and staff time.</i>	\$ 4,685	\$ 2,950
9	Rancho Cielo ejimenez@ranchocieloyc.org	Pond Improvement <i>Funds equipment purchase for aquatic vegetation removal (vegetation groomer/lake rake/muck razer) & materials to build a dock</i>	\$ 2,525	\$ 2,525
10	University Corporation at Monterey Bay lilienk@csumb.edu	Habitat Improvement for the Monarch Butterfly <i>Restore and improve habitat for monarch butterfly by propagating, distributing, and planting native milkweed</i>	\$ 4,996	\$ 3,843
		Subtotal	\$44,255	\$33,235

FY 2021/22 Propagation Grant Applications Recommended for Award By MCFGAC (continued)

Projects Added After March 30, 2022 and Reviewed by the Fish and Game Advisory Commission Only				
#	Applicant Name	Grant Funds Purpose	Request Amount	Recommended Funding Award
11	O'Neill Sea Odyssey twieiss@oneillseaodyssey.org	Ocean-going Education Program for Monterey County Students <i>Supports bus transportation for six school classes (±120 students) to participate in ocean-going and science/environmental education program</i>	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300
12	Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout director@mbstp.org	Chinook Salmon Enhancement in Monterey Bay <i>Release 160,000 chinook salmon smolts to Monterey Bay to increase survival and mitigate impacts caused by pervasive spawning habitat degradation and loss of migratory corridors and increases salmon returns to the area benefitting California's state and recreational salmon fisheries.</i>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
13	Gaines & Associates bill@gainesandassociates.net	Education/Outreach/Reporting of Wildlife/Hunting-Related Policy FY2021-22 <i>Educate Legislators at State Capitol/other decisionmakers and leadership who define wildlife management, hunting, and sporting arms related policy on the importance of hunting and hunting-related dollars to the health of wildlife and their habitats and safe and sane use of sporting arms</i>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
14	Joseph Tognetti	Band-Tailed Pigeon Habitat Enhancement <i>Clearing broom and other invasive species to promote oak tree growth and promote environmental habitat for band-tailed pigeons in Lockwood area</i>	\$ 3,000+ <i>Application Withdrawn</i>	\$ 0
TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PROJECT REQUESTS vs. RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD [rounded to nearest dollar]			\$56,055	\$42,035
TOTAL FY 2021-22 PROPAGATION GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE				\$40,000
FY 2021-22 ENDING PROPAGATION GRANT FUND BALANCE				<\$ 2,035>

Summary

- 14 applications for FY 2021/22 propagation grant funding were reviewed by MCFGAC.
 - 1 applicant withdrew.
 - 1 application is recommended for funding with a stipulation that funding be deferred until July 2022.
- MCFGAC's recommendation to the Board exceeds the FY 2021/22 funding allocation, \$40,000, by **\$2035**.

Staff Recommendation for FY 2021/22 Propagation Grant Funding Award

Staff removed one application, the Gaines Project, from MCFGAC's recommendation as it does not meet the *Public Education* criteria of the State Fish & Game Code.

Staff's award recommendation for 12 Applicants, totaling **\$39,535**, is within the allocated propagation program funding for FY 2021/22 and conforms to State funding criteria.

Staff recommends the Board:

- Adopt a resolution designating grant applicants approved by BOS to receive a funding award and in the award amount as recommended by staff.
- Approve and authorize PWFP Director or designee to execute required grant agreements with applicants approved by the Board to receive grant funds and to distribute the funding awards.



Questions or Comments?