



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Planning and Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: July 16, 2024  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Lisa Plowman, 805.568.2086  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Award

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award a Fish and Wildlife Grant to International Bird Rescue for the “Resolving Negative Human Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County” project in the amount of \$16,038. (Attachment 1); and
- b) Determine that the award of Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant funds is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the State Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Summary Text:**

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission reviewed the attached grant request at their November 16, 2023 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve full funding for the “Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County” project, with the total requested amount being \$16,038. This expenditure is fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. Appropriations of \$18,000 for Fish and Wildlife Grants were included in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 adopted budget. This grant is a permissible expenditure pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 13103. County Resolution 75-207 authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise your Board on fish and wildlife matters and make recommendations to your Board on proposals from individuals and organizations for the expenditures of fish and wildlife fine revenues.

**Background:**

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission, established by Resolution 75-207 and amended by Resolution 16-12, is comprised of nine members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, three considered qualified in fish and game matters and nominated by specific organizations, and one commercial fisher. State law limits how revenues from Fish and Wildlife fines may be expended. Under State law, funds can be expended only for specific purposes, including, but not limited to, temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife and improvement of fish and wildlife habitat. In their November 16, 2023 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of this proposal. The grant for consideration has satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grant; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County	\$16,038	\$16,038	Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife. The primary objective of the program is to rescue and rehabilitate 100 aquatic birds from Santa Barbara County: 33 birds would be supported by the grant and an additional 66 birds would be supported by a 2:1 match by donors.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant request found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$16,038, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$16,038, to be fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. This grant provides funding for a variety of community based educational programs that focus on fish and wildlife and other expenditures authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 13103.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			\$ 16,038.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,038.00

Fish and Wildlife fine revenues are maintained in the Fish and Wildlife Special Revenue Fund, #0041. Annual revenues to the fund range from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and the Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$804,521. Appropriations of \$18,000 for Fish and Wildlife grants were included in the FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget to fully fund the recommended grant award which amount is available in Fund 0041 restricted fund balance. Administrative support costs, including the preparation of this report,

are offset by funding from the Fish and Wildlife Fund. If awarded a Fish and Wildlife project grant, no future funding commitment is required for maintenance or operational costs related to these projects.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Attachments:**

1. Grant Application Form

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