



Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission

Grant Application

As determined by the Fish and Game Code of the State of California, all fines monies derived from code violations shall be equally divided between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the county in which the violation occurred. The Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission (SBCFWC) is charged with recommending expenditures of fine revenues to the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors. State law requires that grants of such monies must be utilized for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife.

Non-profit organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status or purpose consistent with the definition of 501 (c) (3) status are eligible to apply.

A proposed project or program must clearly qualify for funding under section 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code - (Please Refer to Attachment A). Projects funded under this Section must be expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education pertaining to fish and wildlife within or outside the County. These grants are awarded annually and current grantees must renew their applications. Grant funds are limited and awards are typically less than \$20,000 (or more based on exceptional positive impact).

Grant Process

- Each year the SBCFWC will request grant proposals. Announcement of the grant period will be made during a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC and posted on the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development website at <https://www.countyofsb.org/160/Planning-Development>, and noticed with a press release.
- All members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission receive copies of grant applications prior to the Commission's review at a noticed meeting of the SBCFWC.
- The SBCFWC will discuss each grant application and the benefits the program or project has for protection, conservation, propagation, preservation, or education as they pertain to fish and wildlife. Attendance at the meeting by the grant applicant is strongly encouraged to allow for questions from the SBCFWC members.
- The SBCFWC will select grants that will be recommended to the County Board of Supervisors for approval of funding. A report to the County Board of Supervisors will be prepared with each recommended grant attached.
- Successful grant applicants will be contacted following County Board of Supervisors approval.

Please complete each section of this application. Incomplete applications may be rejected.

PART 1: PROJECT TITLE

Project Title: Ethically and Effectively Resolving Human/Wildlife Interaction Issues in Santa Barbara County Through Temporary Emergency Treatment and Care of Injured and Orphaned Wildlife

Amount Requesting: \$ 16,521.00

PART 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization: International Bird Rescue

Contact Person: Phil Kohlmetz, Grants Coordinator

Address: 3601 S. Gaffey Street, Box 3

City: San Pedro

State: CA

Zip: 90731

Phone: 707-704-0350

Fax: N/A

Email (most communications will be by email): grants@birdrescue.org

PART 3: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Note: Please state how the program or project complies with FG Code 13103 (Attachment A) and which provisions apply. If the project is for educational purposes (FG Code 13103 a.), attach a curriculum and examples of any teaching aids to be used.

The project is a direct expression of 13103(b): "Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife." The animals we return to the wild are then able to propagate future generations. When we work with Animal Control Officers and Game Wardens, we also address element 13103(c): "Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence." Rigorous scientific research done by our qualified researchers (including "Variation In Distribution And Fate Of Brown Pelicans Injured And Rehabilitated In California Based On Band Sightings"; "Prevalence, Incidence, and Characterization of Dermal Lesions In Diving Birds Undergoing Rehabilitation"; and our ongoing citizen-science Blue-banded Pelican Project) address element 13103(i).

Experts around the world agree that aquatic birds are in a global crisis of survival, which is exacerbated by the now-ongoing, deadly Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus. Santa Barbara County is especially important to dozens of species of aquatic birds because of its central location on the Pacific Flyway. Immediate human impact here has concentrated, long-term effects on global populations. Most of the threats to marine wildlife are human-induced, including oil and chemical spills, plastics/garbage/pollution, fishing hooks and lines, and habitat loss.

PART 4: BENEFITS TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WILDLIFE

Please describe how this project would directly or indirectly benefit Santa Barbara County's wildlife.

The Avian Rehabilitation and Research program at our Los Angeles Wildlife Center serves all of Southern California, from Santa Barbara County to the US/Mexico border. It resolves negative human-wildlife interactions by providing direct, immediate, effective, and ethical responses that save the lives of individual animals harmed by human impact.

The primary objective of the program is to rescue and rehabilitate ~90 aquatic birds annually from Santa Barbara County. As a "referral hospital," we treat the most challenging cases that are beyond the capacity or skills of other regional wildlife centers and clinics (who themselves are grappling with HPAI), and receive hundreds of birds transferred to us from other local rescues and centers, including from Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network. We also receive animals rescued by the general public. Our Los Angeles Wildlife Center in San Pedro, CA admits ~1,500 local, native aquatic birds annually, and releases them back into the wild once they are successfully rehabilitated. The most common species we receive from Santa Barbara County include Western Grebes, Common Murres, Black-Crowned Night-Herons, Mallards, Brown Pelicans, Pacific Loons, and Western Gulls. Their most common ailments include: petroleum oiled, fishing line and hook entanglements, trauma (wing/leg/body fractures), and orphaned.

Our secondary objective is to secure sufficient financial support from stakeholders to keep our work sustainable. This grant will partially offset the cost of service we provide to the people and wildlife of Santa Barbara County, represents a modest portion of total annual cost for serving Santa Barbara County wildlife, acknowledges inflation and our increased costs to address HPAI (such as PPE and quarantine screening measures), matches funding from many other County Fish and Game Commissions, and would be matched ~2:1 by other donors.

PART 5: TIMELINE. For large, multi-year projects, the SBCF&WC may ask for this section to be filled out. For smaller yearly projects or where an item or items are being purchased one time or the project is one event, this section does not apply.

Please provide an outline of your project including the milestones and anticipated achievement dates.

Project Milestones Provide description of milestones Add additional lines if needed	Date
Project Start Date	10/1/24
Milestone: Not applicable, our work is daily and ongoing, and funding provided by this grant (should it be favorably awarded) can be expended within one year.	
Anticipated Completion Date	9/30/25

PART 6: BUDGET

Please use the form below to list the summary of your budget and other funding sources. Attach a detailed list of items such as equipment, supplies, and other tangible items to be purchased. Receipts must be supplied for all expenditures. The Fish and Wildlife Commission traditionally does not fund administration costs, such as overhead and travel.

\$ Amount Requested from the Fish and Wildlife Commission	\$ 16,521.00
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Budget Breakdown:

Item Description	Per Unit Cost	Quantity	Total
1. Based on most recent patient care and financial data...	\$		\$
2. Average cost to rehabilitate 1 bird for 1 day at our LA Wildlife Center...	\$ 25.32		\$
3. Average number of days Santa Barbara birds are in care...	\$	21.75	\$
4. Number of Santa Barbara birds supported by SBCFWC grant...	\$	30	\$ 16,521
5. Number of Santa Barbara birds supported by other donors/funding...	\$	60	\$ 33,043
Total			\$ 49,564

Please add additional lines as needed

Other Funding Sources

In-kind or Other Funding Sources:	
1. Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission	\$ 16,521
2. State of CA Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) Individual Oiled Bird Fund	\$ 10,000
3. Other local Southern California donors	\$ 23,043
Total Cost of Project	\$ 49,564

Please add additional lines as needed

PART 7: QUALIFICATIONS (optional)

<p>Please describe the personnel who will be working on this project and their background and pertinent qualifications.</p> <p>Name</p>	<p>Background/Qualifications</p>
<p>Julie Skoglund, Senior Director of Operations and Programs</p>	<p>Julie joined the staff in 2003. With a BS degree in Biology, Julie has worked on multiple spills including the Ventura Oiled Bird Incidents, Point Mugu Oiled Bird Incident, Santa Cruz Mystery Spill, Cosco Busan, and the 2010 Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of Mexico. As Program Operations Manager, Julie oversees the operation of both the San Francisco Bay / Delta and the Los Angeles wildlife Rehabilitation Centers. She is the Treasurer of Pacific Seabird Group, and Secretary for the CalTip Rewards Commission, which encourages the public to provide factual information leading to the arrest of poachers and polluters.</p>
<p>Dr. Rebecca Duerr, Director of Research and Veterinary Science</p>	<p>Dr. Duerr completed her DVM, MPVM, and PhD degrees at UC Davis focusing on the care of oiled Common Murres and on the nutritional energetics and physiology of Common Murres and Western Grebes. She co-edited Hand-Rearing Birds (second edition), co-wrote the wild orphans section of Merck Veterinary Manual, and continues to raise the bar of wildlife rehabilitation through innovation at the intersection of clinical wildlife medicine and marine science. Dr. Duerr serves on the Board of Directors of the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association and is a frequent lecturer on avian physiology and pediatrics.</p>
<p>Kylie Clatterbuck, Los Angeles Wildlife Center Manager</p>	<p>Kylie has been with International Bird Rescue since 2008 after graduating from California State University Long Beach with a BS degree in Marine Biology. She started as a Rehabilitation Technician and worked as Volunteer Coordinator before earning the position of Center Manager in 2016. Kylie has responded to multiple spills and crisis events over the years including the 2010 Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the 2015 Refugio Oil Spill in Santa Barbara. While balancing life with two children, she is also responsible for managing daily clinic operations, animal care, and facility maintenance for the extensive care of our patients at International Bird Rescue</p>

Please add additional lines as needed

PART 8: PROJECT PARTNERS (optional)

The Commission strongly encourages prospective grantees to seek partnerships in completing projects. Please list any organizations, groups, or agencies that have agreed to participate in your project. Give a brief description of each organization's role in your project. Include any monetary contribution to the project, if any. Please attach a letter of support from each organization. If this is not possible, please include a name and phone number of a person from each organization who can be contacted to verify participation.

Participating Organization	Role	Monetary Contributions	Letter of Support Attached	Name	Phone Number
1. State of California Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN)	Founding Partner	\$ 10,000		Individual Oiled Bird Fund	
2. Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network	Referring partner	\$ 0			
3. LA Unified School District	In-kind donation of physical buildings	\$ 0			

Please add additional lines as needed

PART 9: MANDATORY REPORTING

A final report demonstrating how the objective of the grant was achieved is due 60 days from the completion of all projects. On longer term, more complex projects, once those projects are initiated, a progress report is required every 90 days until the project is completed unless the SBCF&WC decides due to the nature of the project, progress reports are not needed.

	Date	Actual Date Submitted (Do not write here)
Progress Report	None proposed	
Progress Report	None proposed	
Final Report to SBCFWC	11/20/25 (~6-8 weeks after the end of our fiscal year and the end of this proposed grant period: 9/30/25)	

NOTE: Receipts for expenditures to date must be submitted with each progress report as applicable.

PART 10: LETTERS OF SUPPORT (Optional)

Please attach any letters of support for your project to your grant application.

PART 11: AGREEMENT

If awarded funds from the Santa Barbara County Fish and Wildlife Commission, I agree to:

- **Complete the project as indicated and provide all reports and products as indicated in this application; including any amendments requested by the SBCFWC.**
- **Spend funds as outlined in this application and/or as voted upon by the SBCFWC. Any request to change how funds are spent must be approved by Santa Barbara County prior to the actual expenditure.**

I understand that failure to do so may void this contract with the SBCFWC. Failure to provide such reports and products or use of funds other than voted upon, may result in the loss of granted funds and exclusion from future grant opportunities.

Phil Kohlmetz

Print Name



Signature

Grants Coordinator

Title

12/19/24

Date

Please Return Grant Applications (13 copies) to:
Santa Barbara County Planning and Development
Attn. Fish and Wildlife Commission
123 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Attachment A
FISH AND GAME CODE
SECTION 13100-13104**

13100. (a) The amounts paid to and retained in the county treasury pursuant to Sections 12009 and 13003 shall be deposited in a county fish and wildlife propagation fund and expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the board of supervisors, pursuant to this chapter.

(b) All proposed expenditures from a county fish and wildlife propagation fund shall be reviewed first at a regular meeting of the county board of supervisors or its designated county fish and game commission to ensure compliance with Section 13103.

13101. (a) The board of supervisors of any county may enter into a written agreement with the board of supervisors of one or more counties for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103 in either, or any, of the counties for the joint benefit of both, or all, of the counties as the judgment of the boards of supervisors may direct. The purchase of real property necessary for that purpose is lawful and title thereto shall be taken in the joint names of each county which contributes funds therefor. The property may be deeded to the state upon the express condition that it shall be employed for the purposes of this chapter within the counties.

(b) The board of supervisors of one or more counties may enter into a written agreement with the department for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103.

13102. Expenditures from the fish and game propagation fund of any county shall be subject to the provisions of Division 3 (commencing with Section 29000) of Title 3 of the Government Code.

13103. Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

(a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

(b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.

(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.

(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.

(e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.

(f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

(h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.

(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 15 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

13104. The department may audit, or require the county to audit, expenditures by the county from its fish and wildlife propagation fund in order to determine compliance with this chapter. If, after reviewing the audit, the department determines that expenditures are not in compliance with this chapter, the department may require that all expenditures from the fund be temporarily suspended, or it may seek reimbursement of funds that the department determines, based on the audit, were expended improperly, or both.