



**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: September 14, 2021
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Lisa Plowman, 805.568.2086
Director
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SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Commission Grant Awards

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

- a) Approve and authorize the Director of Planning and Development to award grants to Lompoc Unified School District, Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network, and International Bird Rescue, as recommended by the County Fish and Wildlife Commission (Attachment 1).
- 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 requests at their July 22, 2021 meeting, and recommends that the Board approve full funding for “Cabrillo High School Aquarium Coastal Splash Exhibit”, the “Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network Wildlife Hospital”, and “Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County” project requests. The total requested amount for the “Cabrillo High School Aquarium Coastal Splash Exhibit” is \$5,000, the total requested amount for the “Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network Wildlife Hospital” is \$10,000, and the total requested amount for the “Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County” project is \$12,500. These expenditures are fully funded by Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. The adopted 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Fund provides for these expenditures. These grants are permissible expenditures 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 from local sportsmen's associations 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 July 22, 2021 meeting, the Fish and Wildlife Commission discussed the merits of these proposals and the organizations that are requesting funding. The grants for consideration have satisfied statutory requirements. Below is a summary of the proposed grants; full grant application material is provided in Attachment 1.

Project	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount	Project Description
Lompoc Unified School District - Cabrillo High School Aquarium Coastal Splash Exhibit	\$5,000	\$5,000	Provides for the installation of a high-energy "Coastal Splash Exhibit" in existing aquarium facility. The exhibit will feature real waves traveling along a coastal habitat housing live intertidal animals.
Santa Barbara Wildlife Care Network - Wildlife Hospital	\$10,000	\$10,000	Provides partial funding for the building of a new 5,400 square foot Wildlife Hospital to better fulfill the organization's mission to save and serve wildlife.
International Bird Rescue – Resolving Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions in Santa Barbara County	\$12,500	\$12,500	Provides partial funding for the organization's Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation program. The program provides direct and immediate responses that help save the lives of individual animals harmed by human impact.

The County Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends that the Board approves funding the grant requests found in Attachment 1. The total requested amount is \$27,500, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends approval of a total of \$27,500, and is fully funded by restricted Fish and Wildlife fine revenues. These grants provide 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.

Performance Measure: N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Budgeted: Yes

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 \$779,500. Funding for the proposed grant expenditures is budgeted in the Planning and Development's Administration and Support Budget Program on Page D-301 of the County of Santa Barbara Fiscal Year 2021-22 adopted budget. 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

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

1. Grant Application Forms

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