



## ***Columbus Audubon Conservation Grant Program***

### **Purpose**

Columbus Audubon offers the Conservation Grant Program to support the conservation of Ohio's native bird species through habitat management efforts, habitat protection (through easements or acquisition) and scientific research. **Preference will be given to projects that occur within central Ohio, have an outreach component, and support National Audubon Society's Bird-Friendly Communities initiative. We are also looking for projects that do not primarily cover salaries or overhead costs.** The Bird-Friendly Communities initiative is aimed at helping people to make bird-friendly lifestyle choices in their homes, backyards, and communities, including:

#### Native Plants for Birds

By simply choosing native plants when we landscape our yards, neighborhood parks, and public spaces, we can help restore vital habitat for birds in our communities.

#### Lights Out: Creating Safe Passage

Cities across the flyways are turning off their lights at night, reducing the disorienting effect of light pollution, thereby saving millions of birds each year, including Magnolia Warblers, American Woodcocks, and Yellow-billed Cuckoos. Efforts to reduce reflective surfaces by applying films to existing glass, or by using bird-safe glass in new construction further reduces the number of bird collisions at both commercial and residential buildings.

#### Avian Architecture: Providing Good Homes for Birds

From Prothonotary Warblers and Chimney Swifts to Osprey and Eastern Screech-Owls, many species of birds can be given a better chance to survive and thrive through a little assistance from structures we build—birdhouses, roosting towers, and nest platforms. For some species, these structures tip the scales back in their favor, reducing declines in populations and restoring species to places they once inhabited.

Learn more about Bird-Friendly Communities in [National Audubon Society's Strategic Plan](http://strategicplan.audubon.org/) (<http://strategicplan.audubon.org/>), and at <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/creating-bird-friendly-communities>.

### **Qualifications**

Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, businesses, clubs and organizations not registered as 501(c)(3,) educational institutions, and individuals.

## Rules and Guidelines

1. Grant requests can be made for up to \$5000 for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations and education institutions, and up to \$2500 for businesses, clubs and organizations not registered as 501(c)(3), and individuals.
2. Please use the form given below and provide all requested information for your proposal.
3. Please submit your completed proposal electronically to [conservationgrant@columbusaudubon.org](mailto:conservationgrant@columbusaudubon.org).
4. Awarded funds shall be used within 1 year from award date.
5. Awardees will give an update on their project during the funding period in form of an oral presentation to the Columbus Audubon membership at a Monthly Program.
6. **Please submit a final written report within 15 months following award date** to [conservationgrant@columbusaudubon.org](mailto:conservationgrant@columbusaudubon.org). Awardees who fail to file a final report will be ineligible for subsequent funding. The final report should include a brief breakdown of how the funds were used and what the outcome of the project is.
7. Publications, public and private presentations, and other products derived from work funded by the Conservation Grant Program must include acknowledgment of Columbus Audubon.

**Conservation Grant Program  
Application Form**

**I. Organization Information**

**Sponsoring Organization Name:**

**Contact person and title:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Website:**

**501(c)(3) Non-profit**     **Yes**     **No**

**Employer Identification Number:**

*Please attach a copy of your IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter. If you do not have 510(c)(3) status, provide determination letter and information for your fiscal sponsor.*

**Fiscal Sponsor Organization Name:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**II. Project Overview:**

**Project title:**

**Grant request amount:**

**Total project budget:**

Is execution of project dependent on full funding from Columbus Audubon, or can the project proceed with partial funding?     Full funding necessary     Can accept partial funding

**Summary of project or grant request (two to three sentences):**

## **II. Narrative (maximum of five pages)**

### **A. Introduction and Background**

1. Summarize the organization's mission (if applicable):
2. Briefly describe your organization's history and major accomplishments. Individual applicants, briefly describe your past experience with related conservation programs and any past grants you have received as an individual.
3. Describe your organization's current conservation-related programs and activities. Individual applicants, describe your current involvement with other conservation-related programs and activities.

### **B. Project Description**

1. Problem statement: what problems, needs or issues does the project address?
2. What are the goals, objectives and activities/strategies involved in this project? Describe your specific activities/strategies using a timeline over the course of this request.
3. Discuss the potential conservation impact of this project. What are the target species, and how will they be impacted by the project activities?
4. How does this project support the goals of National Audubon Society's Bird-Friendly Communities Program?

### **C. Project Personnel**

1. Who will be involved in carrying out the plans outlined in this request? Include a brief paragraph summarizing the qualifications of key individuals involved.
2. Will volunteers be utilized as part of this project? If so, how many volunteers are needed, and how will they be recruited?

### **D. Project Evaluation and Reporting**

1. Briefly describe your plan for evaluating the success of the project. Who will be involved in evaluating this work—staff, board, constituents, community, consultants?
2. Briefly describe your plan for reporting the results of the project.

### **III. Project Budget**

Salaries & wages (break down by individual position and indicate full or part-time)

Consultants & professional fees

Travel

Equipment

Supplies

Training

Printing & copying

Telephone & fax

Postage & delivery

Other (specify)

*Total Expenses*

List individually other funding sources for this request. Include amounts and whether received, committed or projected/pending.

Government grants & contracts (specify)

Foundations (specify)

Corporations

Individual contributions

Fundraising events & products

Membership income

In-kind support

Other (earned income, consulting fees, etc. Please specify)

*Total Income*