



SMALL GRANTS

The Iowa Wildlife Diversity Program, funded by donations through the Chickadee Checkoff and Natural Resources License Plate funds, is making small grants available for research and education projects. **Projects must take place in the state of Iowa or be based on data collected in Iowa to be eligible.** Approved projects will be funded on a single-year basis but can be submitted for additional funding in subsequent years (not to exceed 3 years in succession). \$5,000 is the maximum amount available per proposal request.

We encourage proposals that have an educational component aimed toward the general public as well as straight research projects.

In addition to surveys and research on nongame wildlife, recent successful applications have included viewing platforms and equipment to be used by Nature Centers for wildlife educational programming.

Request Procedures

Requests for funding should be concise and contain information according to the following guidelines. Failure to include all of these elements will result in the proposal getting a lower score:

1. Title of the study or project.
2. Objectives – describe the immediate goals of the project.
3. Project area – describe the area where the study or project will take place.
4. Procedures – explain the methods that will be used to accomplish the project objectives.
5. Problem & need – explain the present state of knowledge about the topic or project and explain how the project will relate to information needs.
6. Personnel – identify the principal investigator and include a **2 page** (maximum) resume. Others who will be involved with the project should also be identified along with a description of the tasks they will perform.
7. Budget – include an itemized budget with a complete breakdown of costs for the entire project should be included. If the amount requested from this proposal is less than the total project cost, the specific request should be noted and other funding sources named. If additional funding is not secure, explain how project would proceed if other funds not available.
8. Calendar – give expected initiation time, study period, and date of completion.

Review Procedures

All proposals received will be reviewed by an Iowa DNR technical review committee and will be scored based upon:

1. Scientific & educational merit
2. Relationship to the [Iowa Wildlife Action Plan](#)
3. Budget considerations
4. Adherence to request procedures

Proposals must be submitted before midnight November 10.

Notification of proposals accepted or declined will be made to all applicants by March 31 of next year.

Proposals must be submitted through the [DNR's Slideroom Portal](#) under the FY27 Wildlife Diversity Program Small Education and Research Grants.

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