# ABOUT THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT FUND (WMF)

Since 2008, the Wildlife Management Fund (WMF) has contributed over $2 million to wildlife stewardship and conservation projects in Alberta. Funded through annual fees paid by outfitters, the WMF has contributed to a wide variety of initiatives, including population surveys, emerging technologies, and species research.

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DETAILS

All potential applicants must first submit this Expression of Interest (EOI) Form, unless APOS administration has already confirmed the project is within the scope of interest for the WMF and has directly requested the applicant to proceed directly to the application forms. Please note that although applications are accepted year-round, **granting decisions are not made from September through November.**

Along with this form, please attach a short 1–2-page project summary outlining project details, timelines, and a budget overview. Completed EOIs can be sent to [grants@apos.ab.ca](mailto:grants@apos.ab.ca)

# APPLICANT INFORMATION

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| **Project Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Applicant’s Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Organization** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Mailing Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Email** | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Telephone** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Website:** Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Project Lead**  (if different than applicant) | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Nonprofit Business Number**  (if applicable) | Click or tap here to enter text. | |

# WMF OUTCOMES AND RELEVANCE

The WMF Committee is seeking applications for big game and bird game research and habitat enhancement projects that:

* Enhance wildlife populations and/or their habitats,
* Contribute to the long-term well-being of Alberta’s wildlife population,
* Increase the efficiency of wildlife conservation efforts by maximizing the use of technology and innovation,
* Prioritize an identified information need or research gap for action, and
* Enhance the understanding of the human dimensions of wildlife conservation.

Projects should be relevant to the needs and concerns of Alberta hunters and outfitters and relate to a big game or bird game species for which hunting is permitted. The Priority Species for APOS are mule deer, moose, and whitetail, but projects relating to other species will also be considered. APOS is seeking projects that have lasting benefits for wildlife in Alberta, are broadly relevant at a provincial scale, have clear performance metrics, and foster positive relationships with consumptive users and the broader public. Specifically, applicant projects should be relevant to:

* Species and issues of greatest concern to the hunting and outfitting communities,
* The annual Focus Areas set by the WMF Committee and the APOS Board of Directors,
* Wildlife management at a broad scale (i.e., beyond the local site), and/or
* Advancing positive relationships between stakeholders and/or the broader public.

**Applicants are expected to acknowledge the benefits of outfitting, as expressed in our existential statement: “Allocating a portion of the wildlife resource to the outfitting industry provides both direct and indirect economic benefits, as well as social, environmental and reciprocal benefits to Albertans.”**

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIPP) ACT

The personal information required on the APOS WMF Grant Application Form is collected under the authority of section 32 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act to administer the APOS WMF Grant Program and will be used for the purposes of determining eligibility in the grant selection. This information is protected by the privacy provisions of the FOIPP Act.

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| **Signature of applicant:** | |  | **Date:** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Printed name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |