



Wildlife Management Fund (WMF) Grant Application Guidelines

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.

WHO CAN APPLY?

All potential applicants must first submit an 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. Applications are accepted year-round from non-profit organizations whose work and mission align with the WMF Outcomes. However, granting decisions are not made from September through November.

Government organizations/individuals can only apply in collaboration with other institutions, nonprofits, etc. Applicants may be required to provide a short virtual presentation to the WMF Committee as part of their application.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The WMF typically does not provide funding for ongoing operational costs; emergency funds or deficit financing; travel or meals for conferences and seminars; general fundraising; retroactive work; and land acquisition. Capital purchases may be considered, but APOS will have the first right of refusal to own the items at the conclusion of the project.

NOTE: Applicants are responsible for ensuring they have the proper licences and approvals required to carry out their project.

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



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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.

Successful applicants will be 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.” and will be provided with preferred acknowledgement text and media.

Please send completed forms by email to grants@apos.ab.ca. Phone inquiries can be directed to 780-823-1117.