



# PACIFIC BIRDS

HABITAT JOINT VENTURE

## Request for Proposals

### 2020 U.S. Partnership Grant Program

#### Overview

Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture (Pacific Birds) is requesting proposals from U.S. partners for its 2020 Partnership Grant Program.

Migratory Bird Joint Ventures are cooperative, regional partnerships located in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Pacific Birds is a habitat-based Migratory Bird Joint Venture.

Joint Ventures accomplish their work when partners work towards common conservation goals. Pacific Birds helps partners identify, prioritize and implement conservation actions that benefit birds and the habitats they need. These actions include but are not limited to conserving habitat, raising awareness about bird conservation, developing data layers, and creating partnerships that enact local or regional habitat conservation work. Since 1987, Migratory Bird Joint Ventures have protected a network of 24 million acres of key habitat – thanks to partners working together.

Pacific Birds has approximately \$145,000 in competitive grant funding for 2020. Grants will be awarded by September 1, 2020 and all work will need to be completed by June 15, 2021. **No time extensions can be granted for awarded funds. If your proposal cannot be completed by the specified date, please don't apply.**

Learn more about [Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture](#).

Learn more about [Migratory Bird Joint Ventures](#).

Learn more about our [conservation priorities](#).

#### Geographic Scope and Grant Focus

The U.S. portion of Pacific Birds geography includes the Hawaiian and other Pacific Islands, Alaska, northwest California, and western Washington and western Oregon. Proposals focusing on the conservation priorities and criteria listed below will receive preference for funding. Any proposal submitted needs to have a focus on birds and bird habitat conservation.

## Hawai'i Wetlands

In Hawai'i, funds should be used to support projects/programs that will sustainably benefit wetland habitat and native birds. We will consider:

1. Wetland partnership initiatives that build local capacity. Examples include but are not limited to convening experts to answer particular questions on wetland restoration and management; the development of landscape level plans for wetland restoration; bringing together local groups to carry out particular wetland conservation actions.
2. Assistance with projects and/or programs that benefit efforts for wetland habitat restoration, creation or protection, where funding has been subject to reduction or elimination due to the Covid crisis.
3. Projects with on-the-ground actions that facilitate the creation, restoration or protection of additional wetland habitat acreage for birds.
4. Communications, monitoring, or research projects related to the conservation of wetland habitats and birds. Projects should benefit local or regional management decision making for habitat and bird conservation.

## Oak and Prairie

For Oak and Prairie, funds should be used to support projects/programs that will ultimately and sustainably benefit this habitat and native birds. We will consider:

1. Oak and Prairie initiatives and partnerships (already existing or proposed) which can include coordination, planning, marketing or communication strategy development.
2. Assistance with projects and/or programs that support efforts for oak and prairie habitat conservation and birds, where funding has been reduced or eliminated due to the Covid crisis.
3. Communications, monitoring, and research projects related to the conservation of oak and prairie habitat and native birds. Projects should benefit local or regional management decision making for habitat and bird conservation.

## Pacific Northwest Coastal Wetlands (Estuaries and associated freshwater wetlands)

For Pacific Northwest Coastal Wetlands, funds should be used to support projects/programs that will ultimately and sustainably benefit this habitat and native birds. We will consider:

1. Funding needs for coordination and related support of collaborative partnerships, with a preference for regional partnerships.
2. Assistance with projects and/or programs that support efforts for coastal wetland conservation and birds, where funding has been reduced or eliminated due to the Covid crisis.
3. Communications, research, monitoring, data needs, or mapping related to the conservation of coastal wetland habitat and native birds, especially related to climate change. Projects should benefit local or regional management decision making for habitat and bird conservation.

## Program Specifics

**Grant and Match Funds:** Grant applications will be accepted up to a maximum of \$30,000 but most awards will be in the range of \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Match funding is not required, but projects providing match will receive additional consideration. Funds from Pacific Birds may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities, or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. Funds will be otherwise unrestricted but should be spent on the items outlined in the grant application budget. If you are awarded a grant, any budgetary changes will need to be approved by Pacific Birds in advance of expenditure.

**Eligibility:** This program provides grants to non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Native American tribal governments, educational institutions and Native Hawaiian Organizations. Tribal governments include all Native American tribal governments (both federally recognized tribes and those tribes that are not federally recognized). We are unable to make grants to for-profit corporations, federal agencies, or individuals. Partnership proposals are preferred. **No time extensions can be granted for any awarded funds. If your proposal cannot be completed by the specified date, please don't apply.**

Please Note: Habitat Joint Ventures are broad-based regional partnerships that include a diversity of partners. We are focused on bird habitat based work so any proposals submitted need to emphasize activities that are linked to birds and their habitats.

**Geography:** You can see a map of the Pacific Birds geography [here](#). However, note that grants will be awarded for projects **ONLY** within the U.S. states or territories: the State of Hawai'i and Pacific U.S. territories, Alaska, the western portions of Washington and Oregon, and northwest California.

**Preference will be given to projects that support Pacific Birds' [Conservation Priorities](#).**

### To apply:

To apply, submit a document via email containing the below information **and** a project budget in Excel no later than **11:59 PM PDT on Wednesday, July 15, 2020** to Bradley Bales (U.S. Coordinator): [bradley\\_bales@pacifichirds.org](mailto:bradley_bales@pacifichirds.org).

- Organization Name:
- EIN
- Address
- City, State, Postal Code
- Project Contact Name
- Project Contact Title
- Phone
- Email
- State your organization's mission and how it relates to bird habitat conservation (max 200 words)
- Focus Area/Conservation Priority applying for (Hawai'i Wetlands / Oak and Prairie / Pacific Northwest Coastal Wetlands)

- Description of Project. Include:
  - Project Name
  - Project Partners (if applicable)
  - Requested amount
  - Match available (match is preferred but not required)
  - Geographic Area of Focus (include map)
  - Project Goal(s) (max 200 words)
  - Key Project Actions(s) (max 200 words)
  - Expected Project Benefits and how you will measure success (max 450 words)
  
- If you receive less than the amount you requested, will you be able to proceed with the project and if so, how will you scale it down?
  
- If you receive funds, will you be able to spend them and request reimbursement by June 15 2021? Y/N If Yes, please include a timetable. If No, you do not qualify for this grant.
  
- **Please include an itemized budget table in Excel**

## **Grant awards and reporting requirements**

Closing date: 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Awardees will be notified by August 10, 2020. Funds will be awarded by September 1, 2020. Reimbursement requests and reporting (a short report showing how funds were spent, and the benefit obtained) will be due by June 15, 2021. A template for the report and a reimbursement request form will be provided to successful applicants. By accepting a grant you give permission to Pacific Birds to report on grant activities on our website and/or in newsletters.

## **Questions?**

For questions, please contact Helen Raine (Hawai'i Wetlands)

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