



2021 U.S. Partnership Grant Program – Request for Proposals

Overview

Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture (Pacific Birds) is requesting proposals from U.S. partners for its 2021 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 with a mission of creating the ideal environment for bird habitat conservation.

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, increasing organizational capacity for conservation, 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.

Learn more about [Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture](#).
Learn more about [Pacific Birds conservation priorities](#).
Learn more about [previously awarded projects](#).
Learn more about [Migratory Bird Joint Ventures](#).

Grant Focus

Proposals for projects that support the Pacific Birds mission and address the conservation priorities and actions listed below will be considered for funding.

Conservation Priorities

Hawai'i Wetlands

In Hawai'i, proposed projects/programs should sustainably benefit wetland habitat and native birds that rely on wetlands.

In particular, we welcome proposals that:

1. Support 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, or bringing together local groups to carry out particular wetland conservation actions.
2. Assist with projects and/or programs that benefit wetland habitat restoration or protection.
3. Further communications 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.
4. Facilitate the restoration or protection of additional wetland habitat acreage for birds. In particular, projects that incorporate the co-benefits of wetland habitat to mitigate for climate change impacts.

5. Improve our understanding of the habitat requirements of and / or threats to the 'ālae'ula (Hawaiian Gallinule, *Gallinula galeata sandvicensis*) or ae'o (Hawaiian Stilt, *Himantopus mexicanus knudseni*).
6. Address predator control needs, which may include outreach and communication efforts beneficial to wetland birds.

Oak and Prairie

For Oak and Prairie, proposed projects/programs should sustainably benefit this habitat and native birds.

In particular, we welcome proposals that:

1. Increase the effectiveness and capacity of local and collaborative oak and prairie partnerships including, but not limited to, coordination, outreach to new partners, and strategic planning.
2. Advance strategies that regionally benefit oak and prairie habitats that include but are not limited to advancing landowner incentive programs, building local prescribed fire capacity, and increasing awareness of the value of oak and prairie and related threats to target audiences.
3. Further research projects related to the conservation of oak and prairie habitat and native birds. Projects should benefit management decision making for habitat and bird conservation.

Coastal Wetlands

For Coastal Wetlands, proposed projects/ programs should sustainably benefit coastal wetlands and native birds. Coastal wetlands include both salt marshes in estuaries and freshwater wetlands that extend inland within the coastal drainages.

In particular, we welcome proposals that:

1. Increase the capacity of collaborative partnerships including partnership development, coordination, outreach to new partners, and strategic planning.
2. Assist projects and/or programs that support efforts for coastal wetland conservation and birds.
3. Further communications, research, and prioritization related to the conservation of coastal wetland habitat and native birds, especially related to climate change and expected future conditions. Projects should benefit 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.

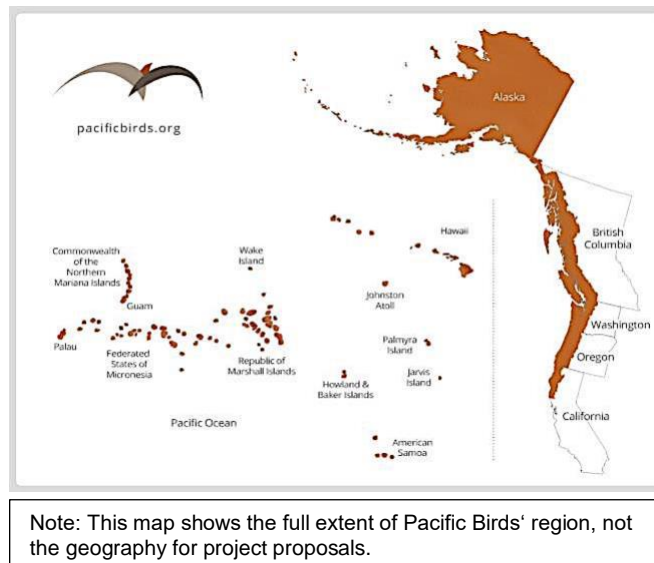
Match funding is not required, but projects that include match will receive additional consideration. Funds from Pacific Birds may not be used to support political advocacy, fundraising, lobbying, litigation, terrorist activities, or Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations. Funds will be restricted to 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: Proposals led by Indigenous peoples, organizations, and communities working to advance Indigenous priorities within the scope of this opportunity are particularly encouraged to apply.

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.

Time extensions for awarded funds will not be granted. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed by July 15, 2022. All other projects must be completed by August 15, 2023. Time extensions for awarded projects will not be allowed. Please do not apply if your proposal cannot be completed by one of the above dates.

Geography: Grants will only be awarded to projects within Alaska, Hawai'i and the western portions of Washington, Oregon and northern California.



Application Deadline: no later than 11:59 PM PDT on Tuesday, June 15, 2021

How To Apply: Please submit a PDF document via email with the subject line: *2021 Pacific Birds Partnerships Grants* to Monica Iglecia (U.S. Coordinator) at monica_iglecia@pacificbirds.org.

The PDF document should contain the below information.

Application Content:

- Organization Name:
- EIN
- Address
- City, State, Postal Code
- Project Contact Name

- Project Contact Title
- Phone
- Email
- 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 / Coastal Wetlands)
- Description of Project. Include:
 - Project Name
 - Project Partners (if applicable)
 - Project Executive Summary (max 100 words)
 - 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)
 - Bird Species that will benefit from this project.
 - Expected Project Benefits and how you will measure success (max 450 words).
 - Expected Project Summary Table (note - projects do not need to provide benefits in all categories)

Task Description	Number	Comments
Total acres protected		
Total acres restored		
Total acres enhanced		
Positions established		
Conservation easements acquired		
Conservation plans developed		
Landowner visits		
Partnering organizations involved		
Meetings/work groups facilitated		
Field tours hosted		
Grant proposals written		
Outreach documents produced		
Other		

- Project Budget - itemized table
- If you receive less than the amount requested, will you be able to proceed with the project and if so, how will you scale it down?
- If you receive funds, indicate the earliest date by which you will be able to spend the funds and request reimbursement. Select only one. If you are unable to spend funds by either of the below dates you do not qualify for this grant.
 - () July 15, 2022
 - () August 15, 2023
 - () Neither of these dates are feasible
- Project Timetable

Grant Application and Award Dates

- Application closing date: 11:59 PM Pacific Daylight Time on Wednesday, June 15, 2021.
- Award notification date: July 15, 2021.
- Award date: September 1, 2021.

Reporting Requirements

Depending on funds allocated, reimbursement requests and reporting (a short report showing how funds were spent, and the benefit obtained) will be due by July 15, 2022 or August 15, 2023.

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.

Compliance

All federally funded projects will be required to meet the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Financial Assistance Award Terms and Conditions](#).

Proposals involving ground disturbance will either need to demonstrate compliance with the following FWS pre-award compliance requirements, or demonstrate that the requirements are not applicable. Federally-funded projects involving ground disturbance will require the following before the Grant Agreement can be executed:

- (a) Documentation of compliance with 36 CFR, Part 800, which implements the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), for all project activities;
- (b) FWS documentation demonstrating compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act for all project activities;
- (c) Documentation from FWS Regional Office or field station demonstrating that contaminants will not preclude the incorporation of those lands acquired in the project into the National Wildlife Refuge System (applicable only if such lands will be acquired in the project).

Questions?

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