



# County of Santa Cruz

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## Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission

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### 2022-23 NOTICE OF AVAILABLE GRANT FUNDING

The Santa Cruz County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission (FWAC) is soliciting applications for its Public Grants Program. Grants are funded by fines and settlements collected for violations of California Fish and Game laws within Santa Cruz County.

There is a **total of \$16,000** available for this year's grants program. All requested amounts will be considered.

#### FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- Benefits native fish and wildlife and habitats.
- Education programs for school age children related to fish and wildlife
- Support of California Fish and Game related law enforcement.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** The highest consideration will be given to projects which:

- Are highly rated by Commissioner Score Sheet metrics (Appendix 1)
- Complies with [Fish and Game Code 13103](#) (Appendix 2)
- Proposals may include funding for labor costs.

**SCORING PROCESS:** Each proposal will be scored by all commissioners. Commissioner scores will then be added together, and the proposals will be ranked by total points scored. Starting with the highest ranked proposals, the commission will decide to fully fund, partially fund or not fund each proposal.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Individuals, organizations, and agencies can find application forms on the FWAC webpage: [Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission \(scceh.org\)](http://Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission (scceh.org)).
  - a. Individuals should have an affiliation with an organization to receive funding.
2. Additional documentation can be included with the application forms; however, the document length should be kept to 8 pages or less. We encourage concise grant proposals, but budget information is required.
3. Proposals must be received by 3:00 PM Thursday, November 3, 2022, as an electronic file to Sean Abbey [sean.abbey@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:sean.abbey@santacruzcounty.us). Hardcopy applications will be accepted, but electronic applications are preferred.
4. Grant applications will be reviewed by the Commission at their November 10, 2022, FWAC meeting at 7:00 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to attend and summarize their proposal in a short presentation (not to exceed 3 minutes in length).
5. Final selection is scheduled for the December 1, 2022, FWAC meeting

**Appendix 1:  
Commissioner Score Sheet**

<b>PROPOSAL</b>		<b>TOTAL SCORE</b>	
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**Annual Work Plan Goal: Invasive Species Management** **3 points**

Proposal's <b>primary goal</b> is related to invasive species	3 points	
There are <b>components</b> of the proposal related to invasive species	1-2 point	
Proposal <b>does not</b> address invasive species	0 points	
<b>SCORE 1</b>		

**Benefits native species and habitats through a project, education, or enforcement:** **12 points**

Proposal provides a <b>clear benefit</b> to native species and habitats through a project, education, or enforcement	8-12 points	
Proposal provides <b>some benefit</b> to native species and habitats	4-7 points	
Proposal provides <b>limited benefit</b> to native species and habitats	1-3 points	
Proposal <b>does not benefit</b> native species or habitats	0 points	
<b>SCORE 2</b>		

**Cost Effectiveness:** **3 points**

Proposal is a good value and provides a good cost/benefit ratio	3 points	
Proposal provides moderate cost/benefit ratio	1-2 point	
Proposal has a high cost for the benefits and/or does not have funding for the complete project secured:	0 points	
<b>SCORE 3</b>		

**Benefit to the Santa Cruz Community:** **2 points**

Proposal will benefit a Santa Cruz County community or habitat	1-2 point	
Proposal will not benefit a Santa Cruz County community or habitat	0 points	
<b>SCORE 4</b>		

**Expected Project Success:** **3 points**

Applicant has a record of successful projects, or a new applicant presents a solid foundation for success	3 points	
Applicant has a mixed record for success on past projects or a new applicant does not provide evidence for potential success	1-2 point	
Applicant has had multiple unsuccessful projects or has failed to provide an update on the past year's project	0 points	
<b>SCORE 5</b>		

**Appendix 2:**  
**FISH AND GAME CODE: SECTION 13103**

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
- c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
- d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections [6400](#) and [6401](#) onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
- e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
- f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
- i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.
- j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by [Section 13104](#), for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.
- k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
- l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.
- m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.