

Wildlife Conservation Commission 2026-27 Grant Cycle

Summary of Applications For Funding

Applicant Name:	North Bay Bear Collaborative
Project Summary:	Support black bear DNA laboratory analysis and outreach efforts in Napa County, as well as partial support for Principal Investigator (PI) staff time to strengthen partnerships with Napa County organizations, expand community engagement, and increase local participation.
Funding Request:	\$15,000
Category:	Research, Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	UCCE Napa County American Kestrel Nest Box Network
Project Summary:	Support for salary of a part-time technician to monitor 100 American Kestrel nest boxes throughout Napa County and continue to provide technical assistance to land managers on nest box installation and management through the 2027 field season.
Funding Request:	\$10,550
Category:	Restoration, Research
Applicant Name:	International Bird Rescue
Project Summary:	Offset a portion of annual cost of providing clinic and veterinary supplies and rehabilitation staff costs, medicine, food, as well as utilities costs for stable and supportive rehabilitation habitats for Napa County birds (approximately 50 birds for FY26-27)
Funding Request:	\$8,110
Category:	Wildlife-Direct Care
Applicant Name:	Napa Wildlife Rescue

Project Summary:	To support two critical areas of operations: wildlife rehabilitation and community education. The request includes \$14,000 to support 60% of the annual salary for the Lead Wildlife Rehabilitation Technician/Education Coordinator (60% of the request (\$14,000) would contribute to one-quarter of salary), with the remaining \$9,600 of the request to offset salary of required seasonal Wildlife Care employee.
Funding Request:	\$23,600
Category:	Wildlife-Direct Care, Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	Browns Valley Family Club
Project Summary:	Install irrigation system, plants, shade sails and educational and interpretive signage at a 5,000 square-foot native pollinator habitat restoration project at Browns Valley Elementary School. The restored garden would provide place-based learning and living laboratory for the School's K-8 educational curriculum.
Funding Request:	\$19,345
Category:	Restoration, Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	Napa County Resource Conservation District
Project Summary:	For purchase of tools and supplies to enable Napa RCD and, through the shared tool library, with partnering agencies and organizations to expand on-the-ground conservation outcomes, increase the acreage and effectiveness of restoration work and increase volunteer satisfaction on projects across the County that further RCD's mission to protect and preserve Napa County's land, water, soil and wildlife.
Funding Request:	\$10,062
Category:	Restoration
Applicant Name:	Abuelitos Foundation

Project Summary:	Support implementation of Conn Creek Land Lab, a pilot process-based restoration project in the upland watershed of Lake Hennessey, including 1) Construction of detention structures and other low-tech habitat restoration features; 2) ecological monitoring to measure habitat recovery and guide adaptive management; 3) Community field days that engage volunteers, neighboring landowners, and conservation practitioners in hands-on restoration while demonstrating practical approaches to improving wildlife habitat on working lands.
Funding Request:	\$18,726
Category:	Restoration
Applicant Name:	Rewilding the Land
Project Summary:	Support the following objectives: 1) Create experiential conservation and restoration education program for students in grades 3-8, and 2) Restore native habitat on a section of prior vineyard land, and 3) Collaborate with community, local experts and volunteers to build a replicable model of environmental stewardship and climate resilience, providing ongoing experiences and education for community members.
Funding Request:	\$32,300
Category:	Environmental Education, Restoration
Applicant Name:	Sustainable St. Helena
Project Summary:	Support continued restoration of and environmental education at the St. Helena Community Forest, including purchase of native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowering plants, as well as materials for bird boxes, bat houses and raptor perches, and supplies for onsite environmental education
Funding Request:	\$9,030
Category:	Restoration, Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	School Garden Doctor

Project Summary:	Support staffing and equipment to provide inclusive, accessible out-of-school time birding opportunities in multiple locations in Napa County. Specifically, two programs for youth (3rd - 5th grade; middle- and high schoolers) interested in making deep connections between outdoor experience with wildlife and environmental activism.
Funding Request:	\$5,266
Category:	Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	Napa-Solano Audubon
Project Summary:	Support programming in Napa County, including wildlife education in schools, field trips, monthly speaker seminars, citizen science projects, and education festivals and cleanup days.
Funding Request:	\$4,750
Category:	Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	American Canyon Community & Parks Foundation
Project Summary:	Support the Watershed Trainees (K through 3rd grade; \$5,000) and Watershed Protectors (5th grade; \$10,000) programs during the 2026-27 school year, including at education and habitat restoration at the American Canyon wetlands and other watershed locations in the County.
Funding Request:	\$15,000
Category:	Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	Carolyn Parr Nature Center

Project Summary:	Develop children's nature education programming area, including: 1) Reading nook and shelving development for children's area; 2) Expansion of the children's book and media collection, including bilingual titles; 3) Development of curriculum-aligned early education materials for K-6 standards; 4) Development of on-site and off-site outreach programming and materials; 5) Fabrication and installation of kinetic, hands-on children's exhibits with rotating display infrastructure. education programming area across 5 components: 1) Reading nook and shelving development for children's area (1,400); 2) Expansion of the children's book and media collection, including bilingual titles (\$1,100); 3) Development of curriculum-aligned early education materials for K-6 standards (1,300); 4) Development of on-site and off-site outreach programming and materials (\$1,200); 5) Fabrication and installation of kinetic, hands-on children's exhibits with rotating display infrastructure (\$5,000).
Funding Request:	\$10,000
Category:	Environmental Education
Applicant Name:	California White Shark Project
Project Summary:	Support research and education about white sharks, including \$4,500 for three (3) research expeditions to the Farallon Islands and \$1,500 to supplement existing funding for development of classroom lesson plans for grades 3-5 (meeting California's NGSS standards) that will then be made available via free download to teachers across the U.S.
Funding Request:	\$6,000
Category:	Research and Environmental Education

Total Number of Applications:	14
Total Funds Requested:	\$187,739