Bats for the Future Fund 2017
Full Proposal Project Narrative

INSTRUCTIONS: This is the project narrative portion of the Bats for the Future Fund (BFF) application. Please answer all questions. The narrative should not exceed 12 pages in a 12 point font. Please do not: 1) delete questions [you can remove description after the boldface question category but do not delete the category itself (i.e., maintain Problem/Solution etc.)]; 2) change the numbering; 3) place narrative on your own template or letterhead; or 4) provide links to external electronic references in the body of the narrative. (**BFF reviewers are not able to access links to external electronic resources while working in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) online system**). When you have completed this narrative, upload it back into the Easygrants online system using "Uploads."

1. **Problem/Solution.** Describe: a) the specific problem(s) to be addressed by the project; and b) how the project proposes to address the problem.

2. **Project Goals, Objectives and Priorities.** Describe: a) the goal(s) and objective(s) of the project and discuss how these goals/objectives will advance the goals and objectives of the BFF RFP; and b) the project metrics to be used to evaluate project success. *Project objectives and project metrics described in this project narrative should be specific, measureable, and realistic (attainable within the project's period of performance). A list of all potential project metrics is found in the "Project Metrics" section of the BFF RFP.*

3. **Project Activities, Methods and Timeline.** a) Describe the project activities and how they address the project objectives. The project activities narrative must be detailed enough for reviewers to make a clear connection between the activities and the project costs. (*The project budget is not the budget for the entire project. It is only the budget requested from BFF*); b) Provide a detailed description of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity*; and c) Prepare a timeline indicating roughly when activities or project milestones are to be accomplished (see suggested table format below, though other timeline forms are acceptable). The timetable should not propose specific dates but instead group activities by month(s) over the entire project period.

Major Project Activity/Milestone	Timeline *(Month(s) during the period of project performance)*

*To maintain consistency in diagnostic reporting, all Principal Investigators must follow established diagnostic protocols accepted by the White Nose Syndrome Diagnostics Working

Group, or demonstrate that the protocols used in the proposed research perform equally well as published standard methods.

4. **Complementarity.**
For entities applying for a Category 1: WNS Treatment and Management Strategy Grant, provide a short (1-2 paragraph) description of how the project builds on previous research efforts and strives to develop treatment(s) and/or management tool(s) to improve survival and recovery of WNS affected bat populations, or prevent *Pd* exposure to bats.

For entities applying for a Category 2: WNS Innovative Treatment Grants, a) provide a short (1-2 paragraph) description about how the innovative treatment or management strategy either builds on efforts in other fields of research or can otherwise be explained based on current understanding of WNS disease ecology; and b) why you believe the proposed project has relevance to provide a tool with the potential to produce a new mechanism or application to address *Pd* and/or WNS in bats.

5. **Qualifications.** Provide a <u>concise</u> written description of the following: a) organizational, individual staff, and all cooperating entities and individuals qualifications and experience relevant to delivery of the proposed research project; and b) their specific role and responsibilities in delivery of major project activities. *(Please do not substitute or upload information into the Easygrants application in the form of CVs or resumes <u>with the exception of the Principal Investigator</u> (PIs). For PIs please provide information as requested in this question; and also provide a <u>no greater than</u> 1-2 page CV into the "Uploads" section of the NFWF Easygrants online application.*

6. **Transferability/Communication.** Describe how you plan to: a) transfer project results to real-world bat conservation, including a realistic assessment of costs and effort needed to implement the strategy at the population-level scale, and integrate/communicate findings into government programs and policies; and b) communicate information about the project to appropriate audiences including but not limited to professional associations and/or peer-reviewed publications.

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Supplementary Information

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INSTRUCTIONS: This section of the BFF project narrative <u>is not</u> used to evaluate your application or applied to the page limit. Please provide <u>no greater than</u> a 1 or 2 paragraph response to each question. Thank you.

1. Provide a summary of the current condition of all resources, ecosystems and communities that will be affected by the project activities.

2. Discuss any alternative method(s) you considered to address the purpose(s), and goals and objectives of the project and why you eliminated the alternative method(s).

3. Describe: <u>how</u> (e.g., nature and form of the communication i.e., meetings, presentations, newsletter articles etc.) you plan to scope project activities and communicate information about the need for and the purposes, goals and objectives of the project to different audiences (describe audiences including public, government, professional) during the period of project development.