

2017 Bats for the Future Fund Request for Proposals



Grant Applicant Webinar
4/26/17



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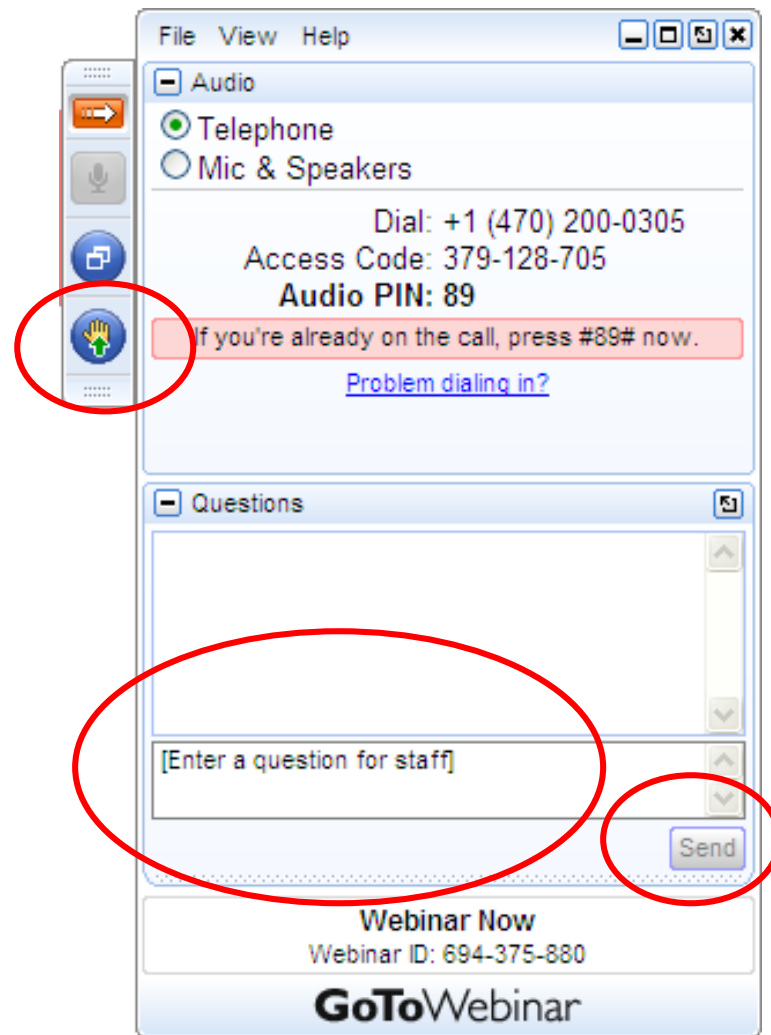
QUESTIONS?

- ✓ Questions will be collected & then answered at the end of sections during the webinar.
- ✓ **Type question into “Enter a question for staff” and click “Send”** or
- ✓ Send question to Candace.Leong@nfwf.org after webinar.
- ✓ See the FAQ document for BFF applicants.

PROBLEMS?

- ✓ Type it into the **“Enter a question for staff.”** We will try to resolve it during the webinar.

Webinar Powerpoint/recording & referenced documents at: www.nfwf.org/bats





Bats for the Future Fund Agenda



- 1) Introductions
- 2) BFF RFP
- 3) Easygrants Online Application & Proposal Walk-through
- 4) Q & A



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Bats for the Future Fund Partners & Funding



Up to \$1 million available annually



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Bats for the Future Fund RFP Goals & Objectives



BFF Goals

- Prevent or slow WNS spread in North America
- Promote survival & recovery of WNS-affected bats through treatment & management tools

BFF Objectives

- Advance mgmt tools & treatments to:
 - minimize WNS-induced declines
 - improve survival/recovery of WNS bats
 - or prevent *Pd* exposure
- Fund **innovative** research leading to mgmt solutions for WNS to perpetuate long-term, stable & viable bat populations



Credit: FWS



Epidemiological Focus



- Preference for projects that focus on treating or managing WNS at the leading edge of its march across North America....
- Does not preclude work in other areas which advance BFF RFP goals and objectives...
- **Review** *Defeating White-Nose Syndrome: A Vision for the Future (2015)*
- International applicants & projects?



Bats for the Future Fund Program Priorities



OVERALL

- Support research that **develops/advances, tests, and deploys tools or activities**
- Focus on proposals to treat/manage -- host, pathogen, and/or environment - - to reduce spread and impact of WNS
- **Category 1 & 2 priorities -- NOT a comprehensive list -- examples**

ALL CATEGORY 1 & 2 PROPOSALS MUST

- Address **safety and feasibility** at individual thru ecosystem scale
- Describe **benefits and risks** of proposed solutions including non-target effects to organisms & environment



Category 1 Grants

WNS Treatment & Management Strategy Grants Examples



Pathogen

- **Biological/chemical controls** that reduce, inhibit, or prevent growth/establishment
- **Genetic/genomic manipulations** to reduce *Pd* ability to proliferate, survive, spread, and/or infect

Host

- **Vaccines or other immune techniques** to reduce host susceptibility

Environment

- **Development of “scalable” delivery systems & implementation; and/or advance registration of mgmt solutions** to reduce WNS impacts
- **Habitat modification or amelioration** to improve WNS-bat survival
- **Test field efficacy/feasibility** across varying settings or **use treatment or mgmt strategies in combination or under varying conditions**
- **Evaluate non-target or collateral effects or environmental impact of mgmt solutions on hibernacula-associated organisms**



Category 2 Grants

WNS Innovation Grants



Seeking Revolutionary Tools, Treatments & Techniques

Category 2 may be

- **Novel ideas** (treatment & tools)
- **Exploratory to produce critical information about the efficacy or application of treatments & tools**
- **Proof of concept** treatment/mgmt strategies developable w/in a year
- Part of a **staged study design**
- Lab studies to **test safety, efficacy, feasibility**



Category 2 Grants

WNS Innovation Grants Examples



Pathogen

- Strategies w/ long term or permanent effect on *Pd* virulence
- New disinfection products/procedures to minimize *Pd* reservoirs

Host

- Ecological/molecular/synthetic or other strategies that reduce WNS impacts on bats

Environment

- Tools which are effective w/ minimal/no access to hibernating bats
- Treatments or habitat manipulations delivered in other than winter season
- New disinfection products/procedures



Category 1 & 2 Grants

Technical Questions?



- NFWF will now present the list of submitted questions – ***Question manger John Wright (NFWF)***
- USFWS and USFS technical advisors will respond
- NFWF will capture all questions & answers; and include them in a BFF FAQ
- Keep your eye on FAQ for updates during RFP period @ www.nfwf.org/bats
- Questions post-webinar? Email: Candace.Leong@nfwf.org



Category 1 & 2 Grants



Category 1 WNS Treatment & Management Strategy Grants	Category 2 WNS Innovation Grants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed solution is in ADVANCED stages of development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed solution is in PRELIMINARY stages of development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Has potential to result in new treatment/tool/technique
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grants may range from \$50k to \$500k	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grants can range from \$50k to \$500k
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project starts within 6 months of award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Project starts within 6 months of award
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects may start any day from 5/19/2017 forward. Awards announcement anticipated 9/17. No guarantee of award. No funds released until grant agreement's active, & project's in compliance w/ Federal, state or local requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects may start any day from 5/19/2017 forward. Awards announcement anticipated 9/17. No guarantee of award. No funds released until grant agreement's active, & project's in compliance w/ Federal, state or local requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed 3 years after award notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed 2 years after award notice



Project Metrics



- Select only metric(s) relevant to your project and something you can accomplish in the BFF project performance period
- Must select at least 1 of the 12 project metrics
- Potential metrics related to:
 - Volunteers
 - Best Management Practices “BMP”
 - Management/governance planning
 - Monitoring
 - Research studies
 - Population
 - Survivorship
 - Disease control



Credit: FWS

If you want to add a metric not on the official list include it in your proposal narrative in the solution or goals/objectives section.



Match



Match

- Match not required, but encouraged 😊
- Match can provide a bump in the scoring
- We hope to see BFF funds leveraged!

Match	Ranking Score
>75%	Excellent
51% to 75%	Good
0 to 50%	Satisfactory



Eligible Entities



Eligible entities

- Non-profits
- Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Local governments
- Municipal governments
- Tribal entities
- Research and educational institutions
- For-profits

Ineligible entities

- Unincorporated individuals



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Ineligible Use of Funds



Funds and match may NOT be used to support:

- Proposals requesting <\$50k or >\$500k
- Outreach and education programs
- Political advocacy
- Fundraising
- Lobbying
- Litigation
- Terrorist activities
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act violations
- Compliance w/ legal requirements including permit conditions, mitigation, settlements





Evaluation Criteria



What we're reviewing for in your proposal:

- Program Goals, Priorities, and Objectives
- Technical merit
- Complementarity
- Budget

Tip NFWF's "Budget Instructions" provides guidance & useful tools

- Qualifications
- Transferability
- Communication
- Match

Required Financial Documents

Budget Instructions

Indirect Cost Policy

Indirect Cost Calculator

Chart from NFWF Budget Instructions -- link in RFP



BFF Timeline



- **Full proposal due** **May 18, 2017 at 11:59pm EST**
- **Proposal review period** **May – July 2017**
- **Awards announced** **September 2017**

*Dates subject to change so check
www.nfwf.org/bats for most current information*



Useful Documents



✓ Tip: Save 'em, print 'em, read 'em, & read 'em again
@ nfwf.org/bats!

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Proposal Due Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- » PDF version
- » Applicant Tip Sheet
- » Decision Support Tool PDF
- » Proposal Narrative

2017 Bats for the Future Fund Full Proposal Tip Sheet

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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)

A Decision Support Tool for Determining Federal Regulatory Authority over Products for Vertebrate Animals

2017 Bats for the Future *Frequently Asked Questions*



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Eligibility Quiz



Instructions

Answer each question below by selecting the **Yes** or **No** radio button, and click **Submit** to determine your eligibility to apply for this award. All information is required. If you partially complete and wish to return to complete this quiz later, be sure to save your data by clicking **Save**.

Have you read and do you understand the Program Guidelines for this Funding Opportunity, including any match requirements specific to the Funding Opportunity?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Can the reports and deliverables associated with any potential Foundation award for your project be published on the Foundation website?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you certify that you are authorized to submit this request for funding on behalf of your organization?

☐ No ☐ Yes

Upon submission of this page, you will see the outcome of your Eligibility Quiz. If you are eligible to apply for this award, you will have a corresponding To Do item on your **Home** page. If you do not wish to apply for this award at this time, click **Cancel**.

Important: Please proof your answers carefully. You will not be able to revise your answers after submitting.

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57495	Test, Carrie	Full Proposal	Grants	Bats for the Future Fund: 2017	Incomplete	Not Submitted	5/18/2017	View PDF

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Project Details

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Abstract *

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Project Map

Video instructions - <http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/applicants/Pages/mapping-tool.aspx>

Map your project at the finest scale by any of the three options:

Upload Shapefile

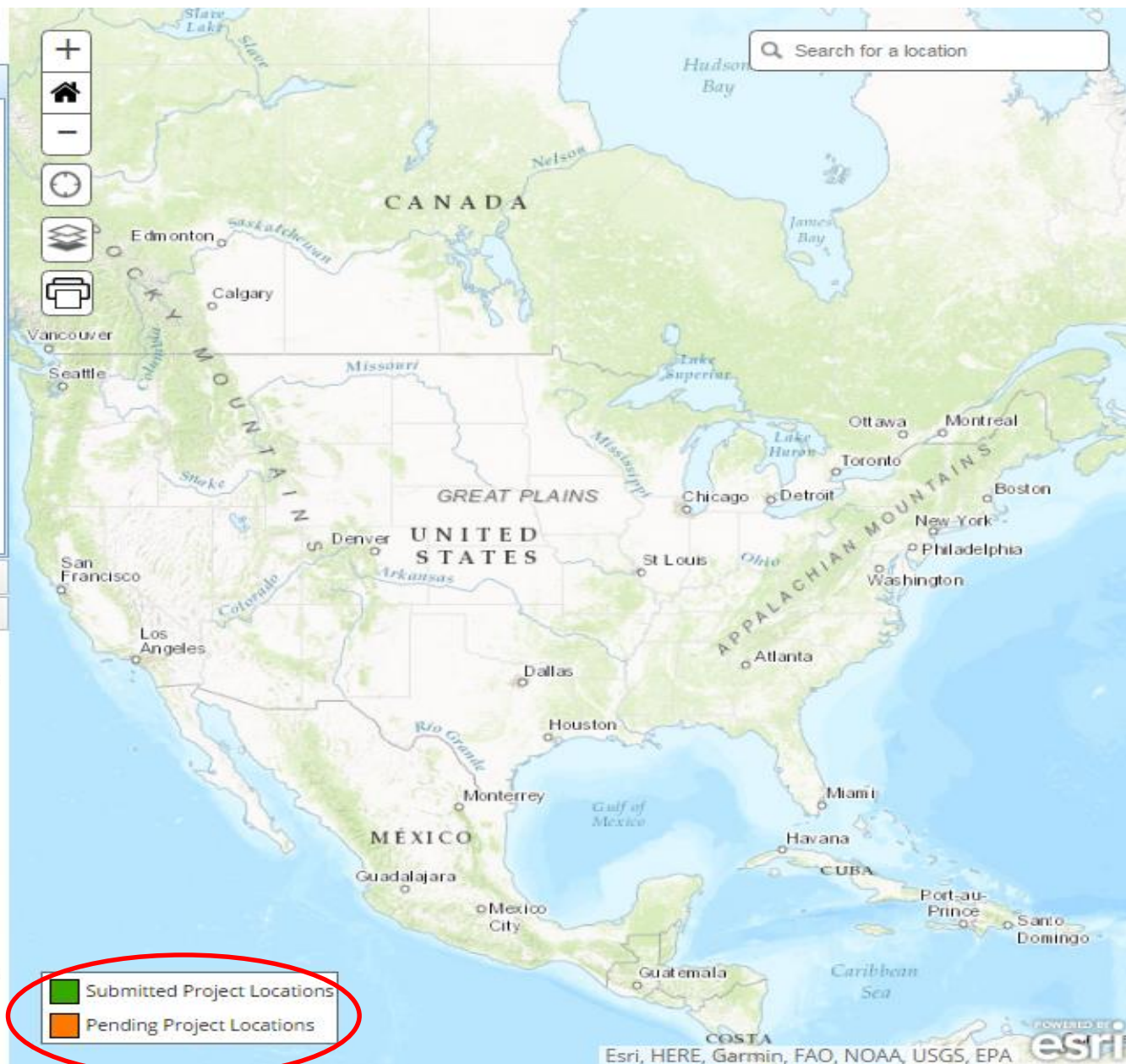
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Project Uploads

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Project Map	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
Letters of Support	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
Landowner Permission Letter	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
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Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Yes		.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
GAAP audited financial statements	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
IRS Form 990	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
A-133 Audit	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit
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Project Metrics

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Search:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Monitoring - # streams/sites being monitored	?	Planning, Research, Monitoring	Recommended
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<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Population - # sites occupied by species	?	Species Outcome	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - BMP development - # BMP recommendations developed	?	Planning, Research, Monitoring	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - # individuals protected	?	Species-specific Strategies	Recommended

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Project Budget

▼ <u>Personnel</u>	
Personnel + 📄	\$0.00
▼ <u>Travel</u>	\$0.00
Domestic Airfare - Per Flight + 📄	\$0.00
International Airfare - Per Flight + 📄	\$0.00
Train - Per Ticket + 📄	\$0.00
Rental Car - Per Day + 📄	\$0.00
Taxis - Per Trip + 📄	\$0.00
Mileage - Per Mile + 📄	\$0.00
Gasoline - Per Gallon + 📄	\$0.00
Per Diem (M&IE) - Per Day + 📄	\$0.00
Lodging - Per Night + 📄	\$0.00
Meals (No M&IE) - Per Meal + 📄	\$0.00
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TIP! “Total Costs” on BUDGET page MUST = “Requested Amount” on PROJECT INFORMATION page

➤ Project Information

➤ Project Budget

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Regulatory Compliance



Proposals must show planning for, knowledge about and secure compliance w/federal, state and local laws and regulations

TIPs

- Start pre-consultations w/relevant agencies
- Secure landowner permission and document it (email or letter)
- Plan & budget time/resources to get necessary approvals in BFF workplan and budget
- Make sure the “Permits” section of online application is complete
- Review draft article [*A Decision Support Tool for Determining Federal Regulatory Authority over Products for Vertebrate Animals*](#) (link in RFP)
- Consider and address state and local regulations

Project Permits and Approvals

Permits and Approvals - Click Help for Examples and Instructions Editor



Instructions

Please describe the Permits or Approvals that are required for this project by completing the fields below. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required. Click **Save** regularly to save your work. **The system will timeout and you will lose unsaved work if you do not save at least once every hour.** Click **Save and Close** to save and return to the Permits list page. Click **Help** for examples and instructions.

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A-133 Audit is required and has not been uploaded.	
Project Map is required and has not been uploaded.	
BFF Proposal Narrative is required and has not been uploaded.	
Metrics	✗ Incomplete
✗ At least one metric is required.	
Budget	✓ Complete
Matching Contributions	✓ Complete
Permits and Approvals	✓ Complete



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