

2021 Bats for the Future Fund – Applicant Webinar



Credit: Ann Froschauer, USFWS



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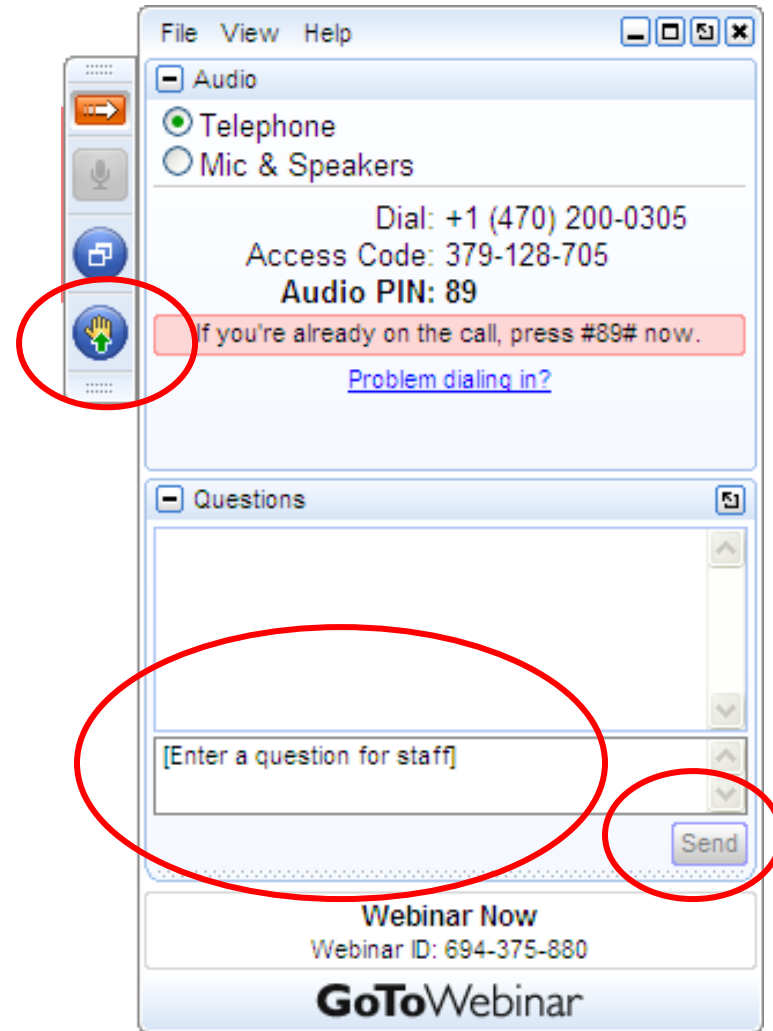
QUESTIONS?

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- ✓ Send question to John.Wright@nfwf.org following conclusion of the 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 and referenced documents can be found at: www.nfwf.org/bats



Agenda

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Easygrants Online Application and Proposal Walk-Through
- 3) BFF RFP
- 4) Additional Questions?



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BFF Funding Opportunity

The screenshot shows a navigation bar with four buttons: "My Tasks", "My Grants", "Profile", and "Apply For Funding". Below the navigation bar, there is instructional text: "To access a task below, click the task name link in the Task column" and "Peer Reviewers: To view the proposal you are reviewing please click". At the bottom of this section, there are two buttons: "Apply for Funding" (circled in red) and "View All My Tasks".

The screenshot shows the main content area of the application. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: Home, Change Password, FAQ, Log Out, and Return to Staff Module. The main content area has a header with "My Tasks", "My Grants", "Profile", and "Apply For Funding". Below the header, there is a link "Click here to respond to an RFP or to a solicited request" and a list of instructions: "Listed below are the current funding opportunities accepting applications. To view more details on the Funding Opportunity, click Guidelines next to the opportunity." and "If you have been provided an RFP code please click the link at the top, then enter your code. Please note that the code is case sensitive." Below this is a section titled "Available Funding Opportunities" with a table of grants.

Available Funding Opportunities			Due Date
Grants			
<input type="radio"/>	Alaska Fish and Wildlife Fund 2021	www.nfwf.org/afwf	10/21/2020 11:59 PM ET
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Bats for the Future Fund: 2020	www.nfwf.org/bats	11/12/2020 11:59 PM ET
<input type="radio"/>	Desert Terminal Lakes Restoration Fund 2020	www.nfwf.org/programs/desert-terminal-lakes-restoration-fund	10/20/2020 11:59 PM ET
<input type="radio"/>	Emergency Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance 2020	www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-life-distress/emergency-prescott-grants	12/31/2020 11:59 PM ET
<input type="radio"/>	Impact Directed Environmental Accounts 2021	www.nfwf.org	9/30/2020 11:59 PM ET
<input type="radio"/>	Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big Game and Migration Corridor 2021	www.nfwf.org/programs/rocky-mountain-rangelands/improving-habitat-quality-western-big-game-winter-camps-and-migration-corridor	11/18/2020 11:59 PM ET

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.

Save

Cancel

Submit

Your Easygrants Home Page

My Tasks

Easygrants ID	Primary Contact/PI	Task	Program Name	Funding Cycle Name	Status	Outcome	Due Date	
64867		Full Proposal	Grants	Delaware River Restoration Fund 2019	Incomplete	Not Submitted	4/11/2019	View PDF
64926		Full Proposal	Grants	New England Forests and Rivers Fund 2019	Incomplete	Not Submitted	4/25/2019	View PDF
66218		Full Proposal	Grants	Bats for the Future Fund: 2019	Incomplete	Not Submitted	9/19/2019	View PDF

Project Information

Project Details

Project Title *

Project Start Date *

M/d/yyyy



Project End Date *

M/d/yyyy



Description *

Limit: 1000 characters

Remaining: 1000

Abstract *

Limit: 1500 characters

Remaining: 1500

Project Budget

Requested Amount *

Save

Save and Continue

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

- Select a Zip file(.zip) containing a shapefile(.shp,.dbf,.prj) from your local file system.
- The shapefile must be of POLYGON geometry type.
- The shapefile must not exceed 1 MB.

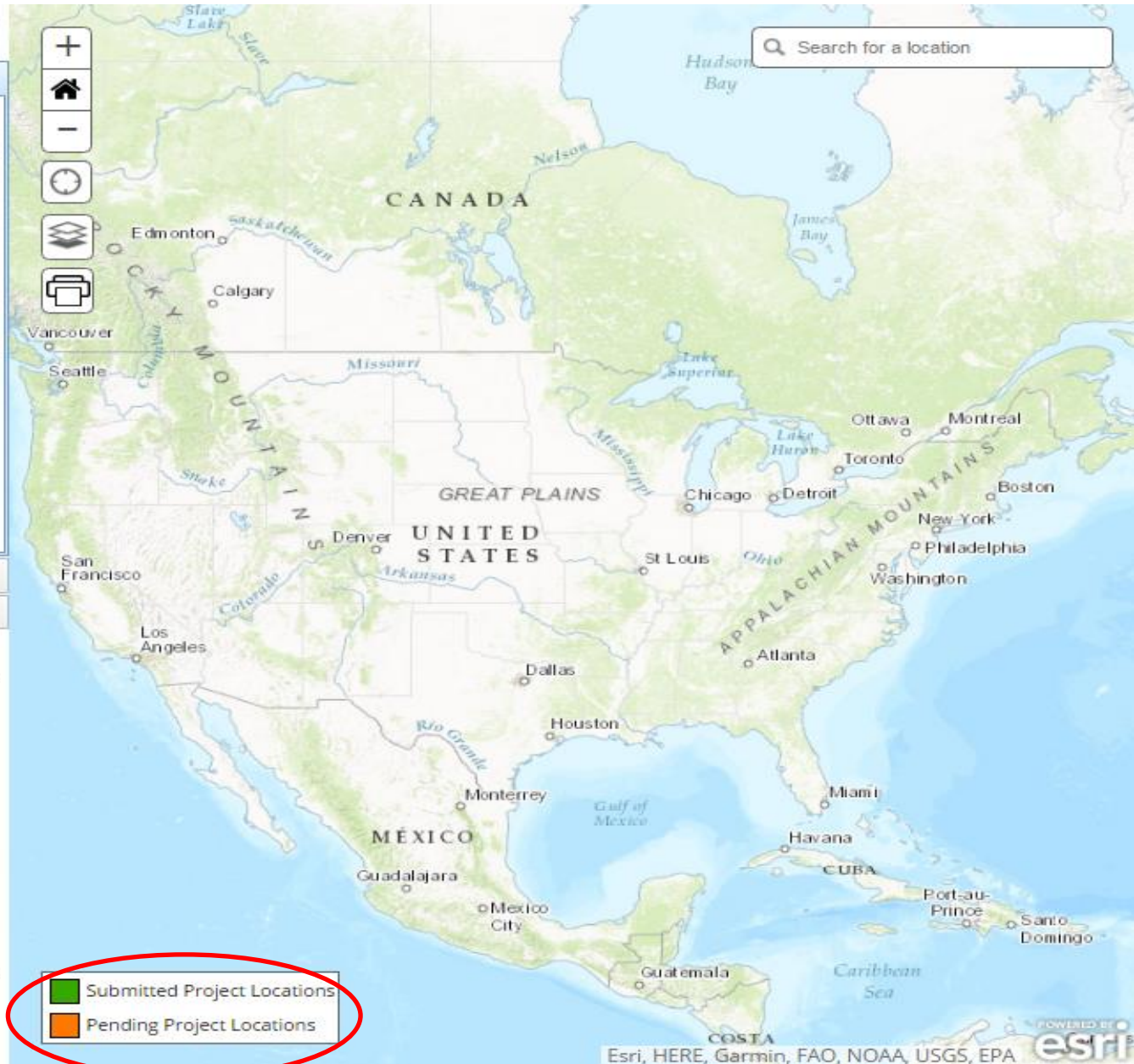
No file chosen

Select By Geography

Draw a Custom Area

My project area:

- Submitted Project Locations
- Pending Project Locations



Project Information Uploads

Upload Checklist

Upload Type	Required	Template	File Types Allowed	Max Uploads	Max File Size	Max Pages	Max Words	Max Characters
BFF Proposal Narrative	Yes	BFF Proposal Narrative	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	12	No Limit	No Limit
Project Map	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Landowner Permission Letter	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Resumes	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Statement of Litigation	Yes	Statement of Litigation	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	6	No Limit	No Limit
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Yes		.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
GAAP audited financial statements	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
IRS Form 990	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
A-133 Audit	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Indirect Rate Agreement	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Other Documents (10 page limit)	No		.doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .pdf, .ppt, .pptx, .rtf, .xls, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	10	No Limit	No Limit

Uploads

Choose Upload Type + Add files... Start upload Cancel upload

Project Metrics

Select Metric



Show:

Search:

Add	Metric		Strategies	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Research - # studies used to inform mgmt		Planning, Research, Monitoring	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Research - # research studies completed		Planning, Research, Monitoring	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Survivorship - Mortality rate		Species Outcome	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - # of species benefitting		Species-specific Strategies	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - # sites protected		Species-specific Strategies	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - # of sites that remain uncontaminated		Species-specific Strategies	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Monitoring - # sites being monitored		Planning, Research, Monitoring	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - # of sites with persistent populations		Species-specific Strategies	Recommended
<input type="checkbox"/>	BFF - Disease control - Fungal load rate		Species-specific Strategies	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

Select All

Add Selected

Close

Project Budget

	Budget	
▼ <u>Personnel</u>		\$0.00
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
▼ <u>Equipment</u>		\$0.00
Equipment		\$0.00
▼ <u>Materials and Supplies</u>		\$0.00
Materials and Supplies		\$0.00
▼ <u>Contractual Services</u>		\$0.00
Subcontract/Contract - Per Agreement		\$0.00
Subgrant - Per Agreement		\$0.00
▼ <u>Other Direct Costs</u>		\$0.00
Other Direct Costs		\$0.00
▼ <u>Indirect Costs</u>		\$0.00
Indirect Costs		\$0.00
<u>Total Direct Costs</u>		\$0.00
<u>Total Indirect Costs</u>		\$0.00
<u>Total Costs</u>		\$0.00

***Total Costs on Budget page must equal Requested Amount on Project Information page exactly**

Project Budget

Requested Amount *

Save

Save and Continue

Matching Contributions

Matching Contribution Editor

Instructions

Enter the required matching contribution details below. 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 Matching Contributions list page. Fields marked with a red asterisk (*) are required for final submission for most programs. **Click Help for examples and instructions.**

Status *	→	<input type="text" value="Pledged"/>
Source *	→	<input type="text" value="Bat University"/> Enter the name of the person or Organization providing the Matching Contribution
Source Type *	→	<input type="text" value="Non-Federal"/>
Type *	→	<input type="text" value="In-kind"/>
Description *	→	<input type="text" value="Donated use of university laboratory facility for 2 weeks to test efficacy of Name treatment. Daily use cost \$1,000. \$1,000 x 10 days = \$10,000"/> Limit: 250 characters Remaining: 106
Amount *	→	<input type="text" value="\$10,000.00"/>

Save and Close

Close

Permits and Approvals

Regulatory Compliance

Proposals must show planning for, knowledge about and secure compliance with federal, state and local law and regulation

TIPS

- Start pre-consultations with relevant agencies as soon as possible
- Secure landowner permission and document this (via email or letter)
- Plan and budget time and resources needed to obtain necessary approvals in BFF workplan and budget
- Make sure the “Permits” section of online application is complete
- Review 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
- Refer to NEPA, ESA, and NHPA templates found at www.nfwf.org/bats

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.**

Agency - Contact Person *

Status *

Permit/Approval Description *

Limit: 500 characters

Remaining: 383

Anticipated Submittal/Approval Date * 

Save and Close

Close

Easygrants Full Proposal Submission

- Uploads
- Metrics
- Budget
- Matching Contributions
- Permits and Approvals
- Review and Submit**
- FAQ
- Help
- Log Out
- Return to Staff Module

View Full Submission

View PDF

Submission

Validation Status

Page Name	Status
Contact Information	✓ Complete
Organization Information	✗ Incomplete
✗ Primary Organization is required	
Project Information	✗ Incomplete
✗ Project Title is required.	
✗ Project Start Date is required.	
✗ Project End Date is required.	
✗ Description is required	
✗ Abstract is required.	
✗ Requested Amount is required.	
Project Location	✗ Incomplete
✗ Project Location Description is required.	
✗ Project Location Country(s) is required.	
Map	✗ Incomplete
✗ Please confirm your project has been accurately mapped.	
Uploads	✗ Incomplete
✗ Statement of Litigation is required and has not been uploaded.	
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent is required and has not been uploaded.	
GAAP audited financial statements is required and has not been uploaded.	
IRS Form 990 is required and has not been uploaded.	
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

Bats for the Future Fund 2021 Request for Proposals

Applicant Webinar:	TODAY
Proposals Due:	Thursday, April 29th
Review and Notification:	May-June
Awards Announced:	July 2021
Grant Agreement Issued:	within 3 months (typical)
Grant Implementation:	2 to 3 years
Awards: \$25k to \$250k each*	
Match: 50% of request is encouraged	

***If a higher amount is requested, contact NFWF staff in advance for guidance**



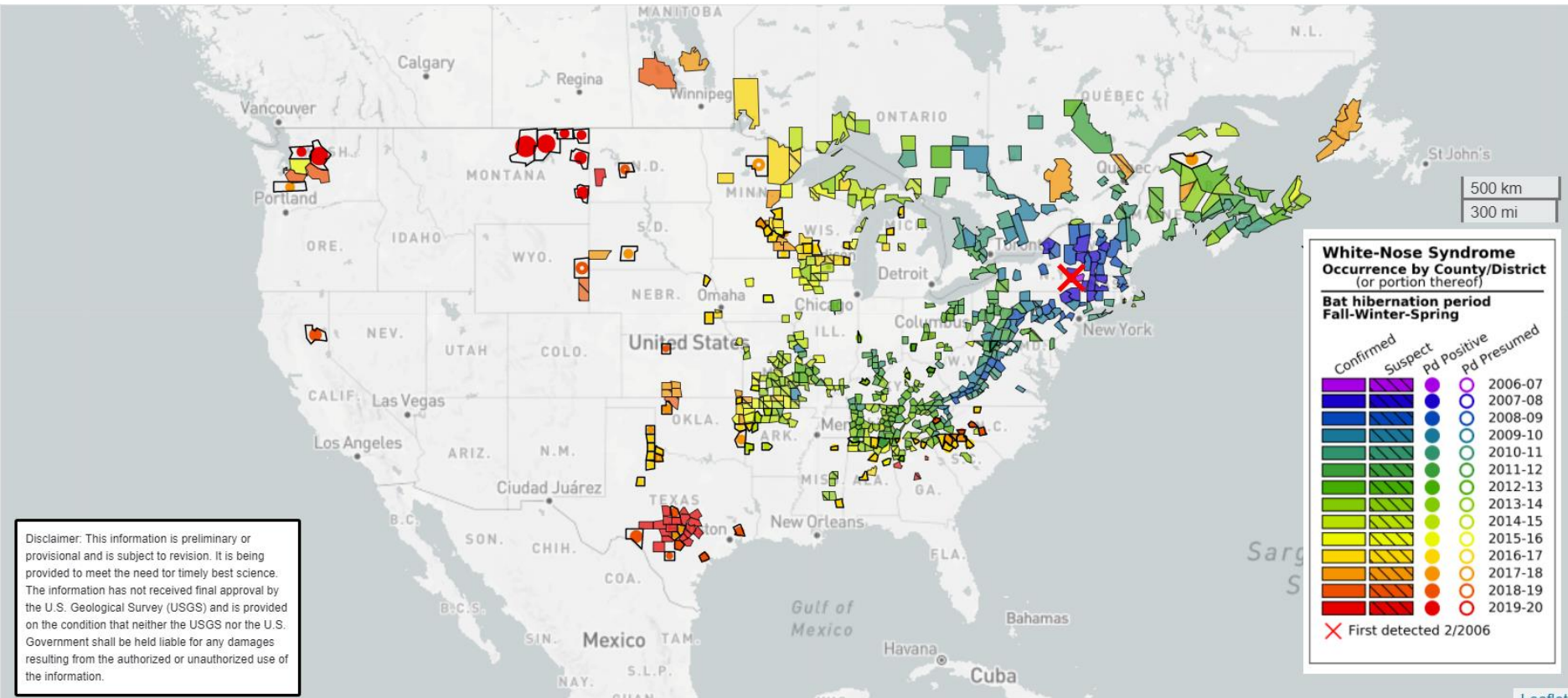
2021 Bats for the Future Fund Objectives

- Prevent exposure and/or enhance ability to withstand WNS
- Help bat populations recover
- Support innovative and collaborative research leading *directly to deployment* of treatments, tools or strategies



Credit: Ann Froschauer, USFWS

BFF Epidemiological Focus



Note: Map is illustrative, not definitive

Program Priorities: Overarching

- Meaningful impact on survival of bat populations
- Adaptive implementation of conventional and/or experimental actions
- Sound study design to monitor/evaluate results
- Focus on implementation in the field
- Research needs to show path to implementation
- Cross-disciplinary approaches and collaborations are encouraged

Program Priorities: Two Categories

1. Field treatments/management tools that prevent exposure of bats to *Pd* or improve survival from WNS
2. Field treatments/management tools/conservation strategies that help WNS-affected bat populations recover



All Project Metrics

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- Acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Metrics: Preventing exposure of bats to infectious *Pd*

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- Acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Metrics: Improving survival from WNS

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- Acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Metrics: Helping WNS-affected bat populations recover

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- Acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities

- Non-profit 501 (c) organizations
- U.S. Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Local governments
- Municipal governments
- Tribal Governments and Organizations
- Research and educational institutions
- For-profits

Ineligible entities

- Unincorporated individuals



Ineligible Use of Funds & Equipment Guidance

Funds/Match may *not* be used to support:

- X Species competition, distribution, movement and habitat use studies
- X Unrelated monitoring studies
- X Development of WNS detection methods or tools, UNLESS the development is directly related to deployment of a treatment method
- X Outreach and education programs
- X Political advocacy, lobbying, etc.

Refer to the RFP for the full list of ineligible uses of BFF grant funds

***Equipment:** rent equipment where possible and cost-effective **or** use matching funds for purchase*

Funding Availability and Match

Awards: \$25k to \$250k each*

Match: 50% of request is encouraged

Grant Agreement Issued: within 3 months (typical)

Grant Implementation: 2 to 3 years

**If a higher amount is requested, contact NFWF staff in advance for guidance*



Evaluation Criteria

- **Program Goals and Priorities**
- **Technical Merit**
- **Cost-Effectiveness**
 - **Assessment of direct costs *and***
 - **Indirect costs**
- **Qualifications**
- **Complementarity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Transferability**



Additional Resources

Refer to the below documents when working through your application (found at nfwf.org/bats):

- **BFF RFP**
- **BFF Tip Sheet**
- **NEPA, NHPA, ESA Templates**
- **FAQ Sheet**

Questions?

- Webinar will refer to the FAQ sheet found at www.nfwf.org/bats for a compendium of questions and answers.
- NFWF will capture questions and answers throughout the application period, and update the FAQ sheet accordingly
- Questions post-webinar? Email: John.Wright@nfwf.org

Timeline – Key Dates BFF 2021

Full Proposal Due Date	April 29, 2021 11:59pm Eastern time
Proposal Review Period	May-June
Awards Announced	July 2021

Refer to www.nfwf.org/bats for the most up-to-date program information

NFWF Contacts

Final Q & A



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