

2023 Bats for the Future Fund – Applicant Webinar



Credit: Ann Froschauer, USFWS



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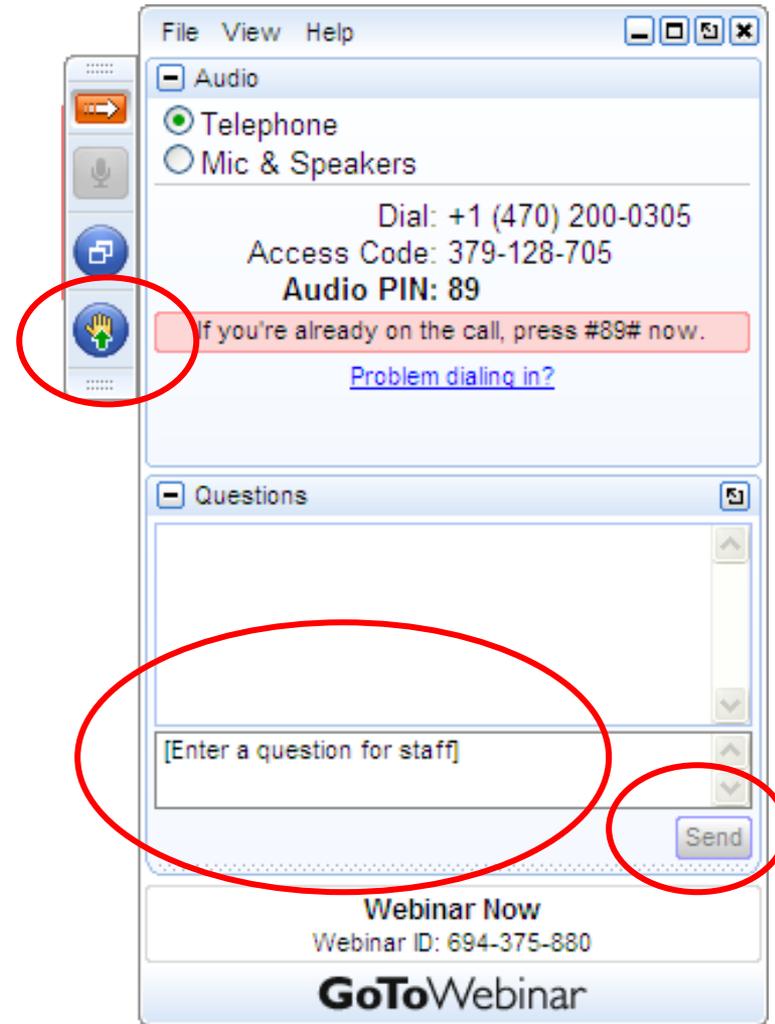
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- ✓ Send question to John.Wright@nfwf.org following conclusion of the webinar.
- ✓ See the FAQ document for BFF applicants.

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



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Bats for the Future Fund 2023 Funding

Up to \$1million available



Bats for the Future Fund 2023 Request for Proposals

Applicant Webinar:	TODAY
Proposals Due:	Thursday, April 27th
Review and Notification:	May-June
Awards Announced:	August 2023
Grant Agreement Issued:	within 3 months (typical)
Grant Implementation:	No more than 3 years. Projects that achieve proposed outcomes within two years are preferred.
Awards: \$50k to \$250k each*	
Match: 50% of request is encouraged	

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



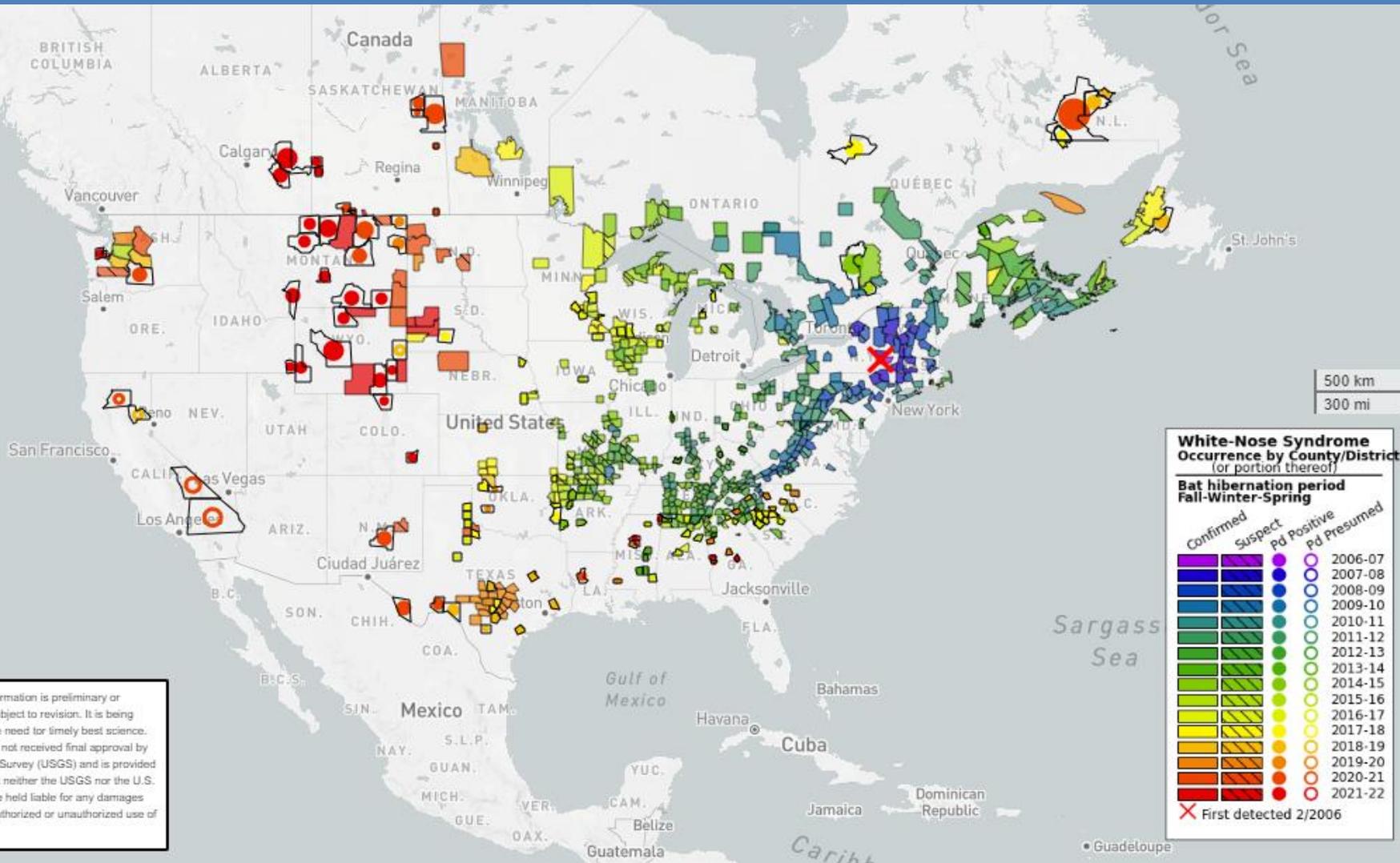
2023 Bats for the Future Fund Objectives

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



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BFF Epidemiological Focus



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Note: Map is illustrative, not definitive

Program Priorities: Overarching

- Implement strategies that will have a meaningful impact on survival of bat populations
- Adaptive implementation of conventional and/or experimental management actions with a sound study design
- The most competitive proposals will aim to implement treatments and management solutions to minimize the short and long-term impacts of the disease and encourage recovery in persisting populations
- Cross-disciplinary approaches and collaborations are encouraged

Program Priorities: Two Categories

- Deliver treatments or implement management tools and strategies that **prevent exposure of bats to infectious Pd or improve survival from WNS**. Sound study design to monitor/evaluate results
- Deliver treatments or implement management tools or habitat conservation strategies in the field that help WNS-affected bat populations to **recover from the impacts of WNS**. Research needs to show path to implementation



Community Impact and Engagement

- Projects that incorporate outreach to communities, foster community engagement and pursue collaborative management leading to measurable conservation benefits are encouraged.
- When possible, projects should be developed through community input and co-design processes. Additionally, projects should engage community-level partners (e.g., municipalities, NGOs, community organizations, community leaders) to help design, implement, and maintain projects to secure maximum benefits for communities, maintenance, and sustainability post-grant award.

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*

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Metrics: Improving survival from WNS

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Metrics: Helping WNS-affected bat populations recover

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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

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Evaluation Criteria

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



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Confirm Login ID / Email

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Listed below are the current funding opportunities accepting applications. To view more details on the Funding Opportunity, click Guidelines next to the opportunity.

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Available Funding Opportunities

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Grants				
<input type="radio"/>	Bats for the Future Fund 2022	www.nfwf.org/bats	4/28/2022 12:00 AM ET	
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<input type="radio"/>	Conservation Partners Program - January 2022	www.nfwf.org/programs/conservation-partners-program	3/2/2022 11:59 PM ET	

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Project Information

Due: 4/28/2022 11:59 PM ET **Easygrants ID: 75077**
Wright, Llewellyn |
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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
- Has your organization been suspended or debarred from any government contracting process? 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**.

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Eligibility Quiz Answers

You are eligible.

	Your Answers	Qualified Answers
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Has your organization been suspended or debarred from any government contracting process?	No	No

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Easygrants ID	Primary Contact/PI	Task	Program Name	Funding Cycle Name	Status	Outcome	Due Date	
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75077	Wright, Llewellyn	Full Proposal	Grants	Bats for the Future Fund 2022	Incomplete	Not Submitted	4/28/2022	View PDF

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Upload Type	Required	Template	File Types Allowed	Max Uploads	Max File Size	Max Pages	Max Words	Max Characters
BFF Full Proposal Narrative 2022	Yes	BFF Full Proposal Narrative Template 2022	.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
Resumes	No		.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
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
Applicant Controls Questionnaire	Yes	Applicant Controls Questionnaire Template	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Applicant Demographic Information Form	Yes	Applicant Demographic Information Form	.xls, .xlsx	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, .png, .rtf, .xls, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	10	No Limit	No Limit

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+ Add files...
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There are no grant documents attached.

Project Information

Project Details

Project Title *

Project Start Date *

Project End Date *

Description *

Limit: 1000 characters

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Abstract *

Limit: 1500 characters

Remaining: 1500

Project Budget

Requested Amount *

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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

- 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.

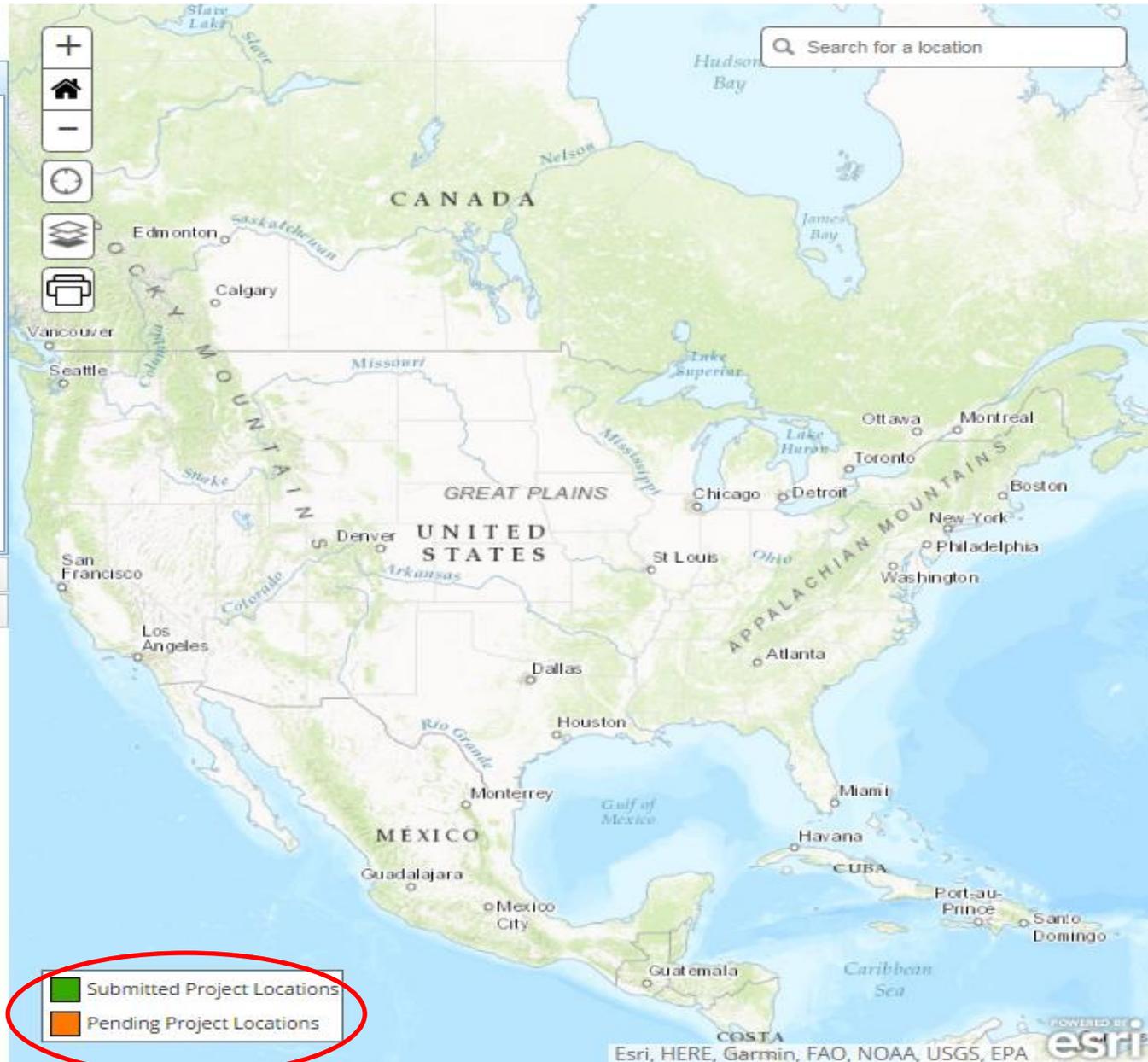
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Select By Geography

Draw a Custom Area

My project area:

- Submitted Project Locations
- Pending Project Locations



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.**

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Permit/Approval Description *

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✗ Abstract is required.	
✗ Requested Amount is required.	
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✗ 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

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 2023

Full Proposal Due Date	April 27, 2023 11:59pm Eastern time
Proposal Review Period	May-June
Awards Announced	August 2023

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

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