



To: Natalie Finnie, Director

From: Patrick Davis, Manager, Office of Grant Management and Assistance

Date: October 30, 2023

Subject: Wildlife Preservation Fund, Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities Grant Actions

OGMA posted the grant opportunity this past summer in compliance with the state statute 30 ILCS 155/4, which states that 5% of the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund must be committed to or expended on grants for the maintenance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species. This is a statutory requirement for IDNR every year.

Summary of Recommendations

Total October FY2022 Committee Recommended Funding **\$ 4,000.00**

The Committee recommended funding the only grant application received.

\$ 4,000.00 Willowbrook Wildlife Center at Forest Preserve of DuPage County requested funds to improve the drainage ability on the waterbird enclosure's swimming pond by installing a gravity drain to field tile when the ponds water needs emptied and refilled. Match available was \$0, and match is not required to receive grant funds.

Please indicate approval of the Office of Grant Management and Assistance funding recommendations by signing below. Funds are currently available to award the recommended projects. Upon your decision staff of the Special Funds Section of the Office of Grant Management and Assistance will inform the grantees and IDNR staff of the intent on the use of FY2024 Wildlife Preservation Funds.

Office Recommendation

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Patrick Davis Manager Date
Office of Grant Management and Assistance

AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Natalie Finnie Date
Director of Illinois Natural Resources
