Request for Proposals: Avangrid Foundation Wildlife Rehabilitation Grants 2020

Applications Accepted: September 9, 2020 – October 8, 2020

It was a ‘match made in heaven’ for Wildlife Works and AVANGRID to join together to support wildlife welfare. The relationship has been beyond positive, and AVANGRID has been instrumental in helping Wildlife Works to improve our facilities and provide optimum care through the upgrades we have been able to achieve through the wildlife partnership grant program.”

—Beth Shoaf, Founder and Executive Director - Wildlife Works

Avangrid Foundation is an independent, pro-bono, mission-driven, 501(c)(3) organization that serves as the primary philanthropic arm of AVANGRID in the United States, with a focus on building sustainable communities and helping at-risk “persons” (and wildlife!)

In collaboration with our family of companies, including our Wildlife Protection Program (WPP) team, the Foundation provides opportunities for wildlife rehabilitators to apply for grants to support their operational capabilities and expand outreach to communities historically in and around our utility service areas and wind and solar facilities. Numerous rehabilitation centers nationwide, which treat a variety of injured wildlife - from mammals to reptiles to birds - have received funding from the Avangrid Foundation to help improve care and services since 2016.

The goals of the grants include:

- Support community/regional wildlife rehabilitation centers caring for injured wildlife;
- Support outreach to the public to improve knowledge and awareness of wildlife resources and renewable energy; through providing information, training, and resources;
- Foster a relationship with rehabilitation centers to enhance mutual awareness, aid their understanding of the value of energy/renewable energy, and strengthen relationships with the environmental community where we have an operating presence.

This year we are committed to expand funding opportunities and geography to reach rehabilitators everywhere AVANGRID does business, including organizations focused on coastal and marine life.

Many of the partnerships established through this program have spanned multiple years, deepening our collaboration and collective ability to make real positive impact for the good of the animals and our environment.
Here are some highlights from recent rounds of funding:

**Arizona - Liberty Wildlife** provides care to ill and injured wildlife with the support of partners like Avangrid Renewables and the Avangrid Foundation. According to Megan Mosby, Executive Director, the additional enclosures and enclosure improvements made possible by recent financial support helped Liberty rehabilitate a record number of wildlife this year, including endangered and threatened species like California condors, bald and golden eagles and more.

**New Mexico - Hawks Aloft**, an avian research, conservation, and rescue organization in New Mexico, received funding to support their volunteer-based Raptor Rescue Program and a new incubator to help baby raptors grow. In addition to rescue, Hawks Aloft has worked closely with nearby Route 66 Elementary School to provide ‘Living with the Landscape’ programming, engaging and educating roughly 400 students and teachers in avian conservation through multiple classroom visits, a field trip, and a hands-on conservation project. In classroom sessions, Hawks Aloft educators are accompanied by live, non-releasable raptors (Ambassadors) who provide an interactive experience and help bring the educational topics to life.

**Pennsylvania - At Wildlife Works** in Youngwood, Pennsylvania, the grant allowed the organization to upgrade its technology and set up remote monitoring capabilities, reducing stress on its avian patients while ensuring they remain safe and sound around the clock. Plus, this feature doubles as an educational tool for Wildlife Works, enabling visitors to view the rehabilitating raptors in real time through a monitor in the front lobby! In previous years, Foundation funding has helped purchase a tractor, reducing time and manual labor spent on upkeep and maintenance and allowing Wildlife Works to focus on what matters most – the care and recovery of its birds.

**Eligibility Requirements & Information:**

- Eligible 501(c)(3) organizations or qualified entities may apply.
- Organizations whose primary mission includes wildlife rehabilitation.
- Organizations with more than one year of operating activity.
- Organizations that hold current, applicable permits from the appropriate agencies to handle and rehabilitate wildlife.
- All organizations must complete and e-mail a funding request by midnight on October 8, 2020 to avangridfoundation@avangrid.com
- Application Link
- **Note: if your organization was awarded an Avangrid Foundation grant in 2019, you must submit a Project Update Form in order to be considered for 2020.**

For additional information on Avangrid Foundation funding guidelines please visit this link or visit www.avangridfoundation.org.

**Please note that preference may be given to:**

- Organizations operating in proximity to where AVANGRID has an operating presence. To learn more visit this link.
- Organizations that rehabilitate avifauna, including raptors, other large birds & shorebirds
- Organizations that rehabilitate/protect bats
- Organizations that rehabilitate threatened and endangered wildlife (all)
• Organizations that rehabilitate marine life

Successful award notification will be made October 31, 2020 via email. Grant award selection will be based on responsiveness to identified criteria.

For Information contact: avangridfoundation@avangrid.com

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