

Zoo Boise – Basic criteria for the former grant process

This was the application criteria for the first five years of the program. After that we decided to form longer term partnerships with two or three groups to have a larger impact and not fund just one year of various projects. We sought out those partnerships as there was not an application process for that.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for funding from the Zoo Boise Conservation Fund, groups must meet each of these requirements:

- Applying organizations must be based in the United States and have a valid tax identification number. (Typically means they are a 501(c)(3) organization.)
- Projects must focus on animals currently found at Zoo Boise or in the zoo's Master Plan (pages 6 & 7). Notable species that are not eligible are elephants, marine mammals and fish, among others.
- Grant requests must be in the range of \$5,000 to \$30,000.
- Zoo Boise believes that conservation goals can best be reached without the support and understanding of the people living around wildlife. Therefore, projects that receive funding must work with the local communities or demonstrate how the project will benefit the local community in addition to the wildlife.
- If selected as a grant recipient, a large photo, at least 3' at 240 dpi, of the primary species must be provided by the organization for Zoo Boise's use.

Restrictions

The Zoo Boise Conservation Fund will not fund the following:

- Capital Campaigns (building construction or renovation).
- Organizations that practice or promote partisan or legally defined discriminatory policies relating to race, creed, gender, religion or national origin.
- Projects involving legal action, lobbying or political activities.
- University overhead or indirect costs.
- International conservation groups without a U.S. based office and IRS tax identification number.
- Multi-year grants.

Funding Priorities

The Zoo Boise Conservation Fund is committed to funding projects involving species that are found in Zoo Boise's collection or Master Plan. Projects considered for funding should involve at least one of the following issue areas:

- Habitat restoration
- Wildlife conservation and management
- Community-based conservation, including eco-tourism
- Conservation education, including workshops and trainings
- Scientific research related to natural history, ecology, habitat, national park inventories or biological assessments, although preference will be given to the above issue areas. In the past, the Zoo Boise Conservation Fund has not supported dissertation projects.