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Dear Partner in Bird Conservation:

The Arizona Bird Conservation Initiative (ABCI) is pleased to announce the availability of State Wildlife Grant (SWG) funds for bird conservation work, and hereby requests grant proposals.

Proposals should address specific priority actions as identified in the Arizona Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plan (BCP). The BCP identifies priority species and habitats, and establishes objectives for bird populations and habitats in Arizona, delineating specific areas of concern for management, inventory/monitoring, research, and education that should be addressed in Arizona by land managers, wildlife managers, and scientists. The following guidelines are important to consider when preparing your proposal.

1. Projects should address a priority bird species and/or habitats, as provided in the BCP Plan, and must benefit birds in the state of Arizona. Preferred projects will focus on habitat restoration/enhancement and/or inventory/monitoring, although other categories will also be considered. Generally, projects should fall into the following basic categories:

**Habitat Restoration and Enhancement:** These projects should be conducted to benefit priority species and habitats.

**Inventory and Monitoring:** These projects should be conducted to determine current distribution and seasonal bird habitat associations and to evaluate the effects of land management actions on priority species.

**Research:** These projects should be conducted to facilitate adaptive management to benefit priority species and habitats.

**Education and Outreach:** These projects should be conducted to benefit priority habitats or species, by promoting education and outreach activities that heighten general public awareness of birds and their habitats.

2. Proposals will be evaluated using several ranking factors as discussed in the Project Application Information Sheet (page 1 of application package).
3. Funding source: State Wildlife Grant; funding amount: \$140,000.00 (subject to funds availability). Multiple awards may be made.
4. Proposals must be received by Monday, June 19, 2006 at 5:00 pm Arizona Time. Project proposals should be sent electronically to [juarez@azgfd.gov](mailto:juarez@azgfd.gov). In addition, a signed hard copy should be sent via regular mail to: Edwin Juarez, ABCI Coordinator, Arizona Game and Fish Department/WMNG, 2221 W. Greenway Rd., Phoenix, AZ, 85023.



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5. We anticipate the announcement of the awards will be made in late July.
6. Note: All information in grant application other than applicant's name will remain confidential during the evaluation process. Once grants are awarded, the applications will become available for public inspection. Trade secrets or other proprietary information will remain confidential even after grants are awarded.

Thank you for your interest in bird conservation in Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin Juarez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edwin Juarez  
ABCI Coordinator

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Enclosure