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Dear Partner in Bat Conservation:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department's Bat Management Program is pleased to announce the availability of State Wildlife Grant funds for bat conservation work, and hereby requests grant proposals. Proposals should address specific priority actions as identified in the Arizona Bat Conservation Strategic Plan (ABCSP). The ABCSP, a collaborative effort between the Department and the Arizona Bat Resource Group, delineates specific areas of concern for management, research, inventory and monitoring, 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. A proposal application is attached.

1. Projects should address a Goal, as outlined in the Goals and Objectives section of the ABCSP. Within each goal section, priority actions are identified to direct efforts. In many cases, specific projects are suggested, some pertaining to a particular locality or species. These actions do not constitute a complete list of projects that should be undertaken, but are examples of suggested actions. Local managers should identify the goals that apply to their areas of authority, set priorities for actions to address these goals, and identify specific projects within these actions to carry out. Projects must benefit bats in the state of Arizona.
2. Funding source: State Wildlife Grant; Funding amount: \$40,000.00 (subject to funds availability); Single or Multiple awards may be made.
3. Proposals that promote broad project participation create community partnerships, or foster collaborative efforts among diverse stakeholders in the conservation community are preferred.
4. Proposals must be received by Friday, May 26, 2006 at 5:00 pm. Project proposals should be sent electronically to amcintire@azgfd.gov.
5. Announcements will be made in late June/early 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 bat conservation in Arizona.

Sincerely,

Angie McIntire

Bat Management Coordinator