

## **Summary of 2025 ACFW Grant Requests**

### **01 - International Bird Rescue**

The goal of this project is to ethically, and effectively address known-and- ongoing Negative Human-Wildlife Interactions (AKA human-wildlife conflicts) in Alameda County

\$5,000 Partial

Conserving and protecting Alameda County wildlife by providing emergency treatment and care to Alameda County birds negatively affected by human impacts.

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International Bird Rescue

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### **02 - KIDS for the BAY (a project of Earth Island Institute)**

Watershed Action Program in Oakland and Hayward Schools

\$5000, Partial

KIDS for the BAY is requesting partial funding for our Watershed Action Program (WAP) for four Oakland and two Hayward elementary school classes. A total of over 330 students, teachers, and family members will be reached through this program. In the WAP, students become inspired environmentalists, learn about the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, and help to improve the health of fish and wildlife habitats in Alameda County through Environmental Action Projects, trash cleanup projects and water conservation. KIDS for the BAY targets under-resourced schools in low-income, urban areas that would not otherwise have the opportunity to engage in hands-on environmental education.

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03 - Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue  
Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education in Alameda County  
\$5,000, Partial

Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue respectfully requests funding from the Alameda County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund for urban wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, release, and educational programs in Alameda County. A hundred percent operated by volunteers, Yggdrasil educates the public through programs, website resources, and phone hotline in addition to rehabilitating abandoned, injured, and confiscated wildlife. We partner with and work in cooperation with Oakland and Berkeley Animal Services as well as California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

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04 – Earth Team  
One Billion Wings: Pacific Flyway Awareness and Restoration of Critical Habitat in Alameda  
\$5,000, Partial

Earth Team proposes activities that engage disadvantaged public high school students as paid interns for one year to develop community's awareness of Alameda's Pacific Flyway sites, while engaging in surveying and restoration activities in wetland habitats used by migrant birds. The project focuses on three Pacific Flyway sites where both bird surveys (using Merlin for citizen science engagement), and restoration events with trash and litter control, invasive removals and water quality monitoring will take place. Locations include the Oakland Estuary, MLK Shoreline, Alameda Base and Don Edwards (Coyote Hills).

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05 - Alameda County Resource Conservation District

Using Scent Dogs to Detect Northwestern Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) Nests

\$5,000, Partial

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To enhance nest detection efficiency and cost-effectiveness, we propose using trained scent detection dogs to detect WPT nests at Zone 7 Water Agency's Patterson Ranch property. If successful, this innovative, non-invasive method could become a scalable tool for locating and protecting WPT nests in at-risk areas, leading to improved conservation outcomes.

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Name to appear on check: Marilyn Harvey, CEO

06 – Sulphur Creek Nature Center

The California Connection: Preserving Native Wildlife at Sulphur Creek Nature Center

\$5,000, Partial

We are applying for the funding of animal care supplies which will include: food, materials for cage upgrade, and veterinary supplies. Funding for education will aid in purchasing bio facts for our programming.

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Sulfur Creek Nature Center

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07 - San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory  
Snowy Plover Recovery in Alameda County  
\$4,958, Partial

Snowy Plover surveys, nest monitoring, color banding, and habitat enhancement Snowy Plovers regarding in Alameda County.

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08 – Tri Valley Conservancy  
Western Burrowing Owl Artificial Burrow Enhancement Project  
\$4,845, Partial

Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) seeks funding to construct and install four artificial burrows for Western burrowing owls (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*) in Livermore, CA to address habitat loss and support this California Species of Special Concern and CDFW candidate species. Due to urban development and land use changes, natural burrows have declined, threatening local populations. Artificial burrows provide long-term nesting sites, reducing predation risk and improving breeding success.

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