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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
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October 8, 2024

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

31 October 8, 2024

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**FISH AND WILDLIFE PROPAGATION FUND GRANT AWARD
(FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Recommend approval to award grant funds from the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission Propagation Fund to the Animal Tracks, Inc., during the calendar year 2024.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund Grant request in the amount of \$10,000.00, to support the work of Animal Tracks, Inc.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote education, conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

At its meeting held on April 10, 2024, the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission approved a grant request from the Animal Tracks, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, to purchase supplies and provide medical attention for the animals being housed and cared for at the AT facility located in Agua Dulce, California.

Animals Tracks works to educate the public and school children of all ages on what makes a good pet. The exotic pet, which is brought in illegally, lacks domestication and therefore does not look to humans for guidance or a life of confinement. AT wants to educate people on how to live with native wildlife in a more symbiotic way by encouraging them to take more responsibility in creating a safe environment for their family, pets, and wildlife roaming their neighborhood. AT does that by telling people how these animals help humanity in a wide variety of ways (seed spreading, rodent control, pollination, Lyme disease control, etc.). In addition, AT gives forever homes to Fish and Wildlife, injured wildlife, abandoned exotic pets, trade animals, and retired movie/entertainment animals. AT has started its educational tours again, and a program called "Wildlife Educator for a Day". Weekdays are open for schools to tour the facility and interact with the animals.

Animal Tracks, Inc. strives to educate the public through outreach and up-close animal encounters, while providing a safe and happy home for animals that cannot be returned to their natural habitats. The animals get to live in habitats that are created just for them, with the proper nutrition, excellent health care and loving human interactions.

The grant requested will help support Animal Tracks, Inc., ability to cover supplies needed for the animals and improve equipment and provide medical attention for the animals that are housed at the AT facility.

Since 1952, the Commission has supported activities and projects that promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife in the State of California and County of Los Angeles.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions uphold the County's Strategic Plan Goals to Foster vibrant and resilient communities, by enhancing the community's knowledge and understanding of conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife (North Star 2.F.iv); Support Efforts to Engage Children and Families: Identify philanthropic and other funding opportunities to extend programs and services for underserved youth and families, including early learning programs and mobile literacy services. In addition, the event will provide a safe and healthy environment increasing accessibility to County cultural, recreational, and learning programs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact to the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover the cost. The Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to Fish and Game code violations in Los Angeles County.

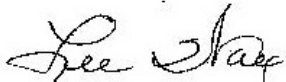
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13100 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. It includes enhancing fish and wildlife activities including protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This Board action enhances the education, conservation and the propagation of fish and wildlife thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Wax
Chair

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE
COMMISSION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

10:00 AM

2. Presentation and consideration of a grant proposal from the Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT) in the amount of \$15,000.00, to ensure that AT can continue to safely house animals that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, and AT's ability to provide outreach and education to the public of the threat to wildlife through human-wildlife interactions. (24-1158)

Stacy Gunderson, Executive Director, Animal Tracks, Inc., (AT), provided a brief overview of AT's mission and services. She stated that AT's mission is to take in wild and exotic animals that cannot be released back into the wild and give them a permanent protective home. AT has taken in and is housing 500 foxes from Iowa and other states.

Commissioner Etter stated that he recently visited the AT's animal sanctuary, and that he feels that AT is doing a great job housing animals, educating the community through human and animal interaction, which fosters a healthy understanding and respect for animals, especially those in the wild.

Chairperson Lee Wax stated that due to budgetary concerns, the F&W Commission is willing to support AT's work, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

After presentation, on motion of Chairperson Lee Wax, seconded by Vice Chairperson John Resich, the Commission approved the grant request from the Animal Tracks, Inc. (AT), in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be taken from the LACFW Propagation Fund, to ensure that AT can continue to safely house animals that cannot be returned to their natural habitats, and AT's ability to provide outreach and education to the public, of the threat to wildlife through human wildlife interactions, with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Lee Wax, Vice Chairperson John Resich, Commissioner James W. Etter, Commissioner Hugo Garcia, and Commissioner Dr.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND WILDLIFE
COMMISSION**

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM Animal Tracks

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Animal Tracks, Inc.
[As it appears on (501)(c)(3) IRS Letter]

ADDRESS 10234 Escondido Canyon Road

CITY Agua Dulce STATE CA ZIP CODE 91390

EMAIL info@animaltracksinc.org

PHONE NUMBER 805-341-2515 FAX _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$15,000

BOARD CHAIRPERSON Nancy Bianconi

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Stacy Gunderson

CONTACT PERSON Stacy Gunderson

TITLE Director

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) 805-341-2515

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME \$216,888 AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES \$247,189

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 01/01/2024 AND ENDING 12/31/2024

Nancy Bianconi 04/06/2024
SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON DATE

Note: Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission. If you have any questions, you may contact the Fish and Wildlife Commission staff at fish&game@bos.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-1431.

For all areas that are not applicable, please indicate N/A in the area.

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One Page Project Summary

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Background on Applicant:

Purpose and goals:

Summary of current activities:

Geographic area served:

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Major sources and dollar amount of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

History of all grants received from the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission:

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Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

Statement of purpose and goals:

Action plan to meet objectives:

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Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

Project budget and timetable:

Sources of other support for project:

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Current status of project:

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

Proposed method of evaluating results:

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Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

Please attach the following supporting documents, if applicable:

- Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501(c) (3)
- Organization's Most Recent Audited Financial Statement
- Organization's Most Recent IRS Form 990

ATTACHMENT A

CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE CODE

§ 13103. Expenditures from fish and wildlife propagation fund; purposes

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
- (c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
- (d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
- (e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
- (f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- (g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- (h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
- (i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.
- (j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3

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percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

- (k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
- (l) Cost incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.
- (m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

(Amended by Stats.1990, c 764 (A.B. 4039), § 3; Stats.1991, c. 561 (A.B.722), § 2.)