

Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative (MoBCI) Jerry Wade Youth Habitat and Education Program (YHEP) Grants

2015-2016 Call for Proposals

Proposals Due: October 31, 2015

Notification of Award: November 20, 2015

Work Period: December 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016

Final Report Due: July 31, 2016

The Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative (MoBCI) serves as a conduit in providing financial support to private and public organizations or to individuals who have partnerships that carry out bird habitat conservation projects in Missouri. Eligible activities include projects that protect, enhance or restore bird habitats on any lands in Missouri. All projects should be habitat based and not strictly designed for monitoring; however, monitoring can be a component of the project (<10%); some component of effectiveness monitoring is recommended. MoBCI grant funds **cannot** assist applicants with administrative overhead costs. Applicants can include their administrative overhead as match provided that it is **directly** related to the bird habitat improvement project or monitoring of that project being proposed through this current Call for Proposals.

Key Information for Jerry Wade Youth Habitat and Education Program (YHEP) Proposals:

1. YHEP grants are intended to reinforce the commitment of youth and educators to bird habitat conservation (and the environment) by providing modest financial support to projects that improve bird habitats and involve students in grades K-12.
2. Applicants must be members of the Missouri Environmental Education Association (see <http://meea.org/>) who are educators in some capacity.
3. Awards will be made to the educator's school or organization.
4. Youth and partner organizations must be engaged in the project.
5. Each project should educate its participants/students about birds and bird habitat conservation in addition to improving habitat.
6. A dollar for dollar match is required of applicants.
7. MoBCI dollars will be specifically directed to bird habitat improvement goals that meet the needs of birds that utilize native habitats in Missouri and must address at least one of the bird conservation initiatives below.

MoBCI grant projects must be relevant to the goals and objectives of one or more of the major national and international bird conservation initiatives, including the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plans applicable to Missouri, North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan, and the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative. Access to these plans can be found at the following web addresses:

<http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants.php>

<http://www.lmvjv.org/>

<http://www.chjv.org/>

<http://www.partnersinflight.org>

<http://www.waterbirdconservation.org/nawcp.html>

<http://www.shorebirdplan.org/>

<http://bringbackbobwhites.org/strategy/nbci-2-0>

Priority will be given to projects that address priority habitats which benefit priority bird species identified in any of the Conservation Opportunity Areas (COA's) or approved species/habitat restoration plans. For specific information on priority Missouri habitats see the MoBCI web site at www.mobci.net or visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's,

Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy, “Conservation Opportunity Area” web site at http://mdc.mo.gov/sites/default/files/resources/2010/05/4859_2802.pdf

A map of Missouri’s Important Bird Areas can be found at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Projects should benefit an array of bird species, such as grassland birds, forest birds, wetland birds or glade birds. An acceptable project may target one or more high priority bird species, but should include benefits to other avian species, involve habitat and ecosystem level planning and management, and engage partners with shared goals and objectives.

Priority will also be given to projects that engage underserved youth audiences.

Grant awards: The Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative (Grantor) has made \$500 available for YHEP grant(s) during this grant cycle. Individual grant awards are available up to a maximum of \$500 annually. MoBCI grants require a one-to-one match of [local, state, federal, private, or NGO] funds. The match may include acquired realty, partner financial contributions, monitoring and evaluation costs, stewardship costs, volunteer time, etc. Projects which include a significant amount of overhead (i.e., indirect administrative expenses) are strongly discouraged.

Grantees will be required to submit a progress report at the conclusion of the award period that includes both a financial and narrative summary and photographs documenting the project activities.

Application and Review Process:

YHEP grant applications **must** contain the completed application form found at the end of this Call and address the items listed in the “*General Requirements*” section below. Applications must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. October 31, 2015**, at the following email address: hazelwoods@missouri.edu with a subject line of “**MoBCI YHEP Grant.**” Electronic applications **will only be accepted as attachments in MS Word or a PDF format.**

The YHEP Grant Subcommittee will review, score (based on the ranking criteria below), and provide funding recommendations to the MoBCI Steering Committee who will make the decisions regarding awards.

Ranking Criteria:

Proposals will be ranked by the Jerry Wade YHEP Grant Subcommittee based on the following:

- Audience (15 points)
- Priority habitats conserved (i.e., Important Bird Areas, Conservation Opportunity Areas) (5 points)
- Bird conservation initiative plan goals and objectives addressed (10 points)
- Learning goals for trainees – educational content (10 points)
- Priority bird species addressed (15 points)
- Partnerships developed (10 points)
- Assessment plan (10 points)
- Use of project as a model for other projects/organizations (5 points)
- Capacity of the organization(s)/individual(s) to accomplish the project (10 points)
- Budget (10 points)

General Requirements: (maximum of five pages for entire proposal)

- Descriptive Title of Grant
- Purpose of Grant (Clearly define audience, goals, objectives, or activities to be achieved with applicable time lines.)
- Project Location (include map if helpful)
- Project Description including educational learning goals and teaching plans
- Habitat types, birds, and other wildlife benefitted
- Project Calendar (work period is December 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016)
- Measurable Outcomes (Identify specific and measurable outcomes that will be used for tracking progress)
- Measurable Deliverables (Describe products or services that will be provided by the grantee. Note: Mandatory deliverables for the final report include 3-5 good quality digital photographs of people conducting project actions and 1-2 photos clearly illustrating habitat improvements.)
- Budget (Include Grant Request Amount and source of match dollars/volunteer effort/materials.)

- Lead organization, point-of-contact, and their capacities (Provide names, titles, addresses, electronic addresses and phone numbers of parties who can answer questions relating to the agreement; if applicable, include a list of NGO Board members and officers.)
- List of partners involved in the project and point-of-contact for those other partners (same as above for Lead Organization)
- Fiscal Responsibility/Management (Describe fiscal management and identify grantee fiscal agent. This person will be contacted to establish a formal agreement after the notice of award.)

Deadlines:

All grant proposals **must be received by 5:00 p.m. October 31, 2015**. The YHEP Grants Subcommittee will notify applicants of their status by November 20, 2015 and indicate reasons for rejection and/or suggestions for making the proposal more competitive. Funds will be available December 1, 2015. Final reports will be due July 31, 2016, at the conclusion of the award period.

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Jerry Wade Youth Habitat and Education Program – Application Form

The Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative (MoBCI) will award grants up to \$500 each to purchase materials or supplies to engage youth and their educators in habitat improvement to benefit birds. Awards will be made to the recipient's school or organization. Matching dollar for dollar contributions are required. This grant is open to any Missouri Environmental Education Association (MEEA) member, whether a formal or non-formal educator. **GRANT RECEIPT DEADLINE: 10/31/2015. Email completed application to: hazelwoods@missouri.edu** Notification: 11/20/2015. Funds available: 12/01/2015. Final report due: 07/31/2016.

Your Name _____

Descriptive Title of Grant _____

Your School or Organization _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

1a. What audience do you plan to reach? (Check all that apply) Preference is given to projects that reach underserved audiences.

rural urban suburban
 Minority (Afr Am, Hisp, Other) disabled low income

1b. How many youth will be impacted by this project?

Preschool Grades K-2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12 College

2a. What priority bird habitat improvements do you plan? (Check all that reasonably apply.)

habitat creation habitat enhancement habitat restoration habitat protection other

2b. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe your priority bird habitat improvement project:

3a. What national or international bird conservation initiatives will your work address? (Check all that apply.)

North American Waterfowl Management Plan Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plans applicable to Missouri
 North American Waterbird Conservation Plan U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative other

3b. In 2-3 sentences, briefly describe your project's link to these plans and the priority habitats that you will conserve:

3c. List the priority bird species impacted by your work.

4. Detail your learning goals for the trainees.

5. Partnerships to accomplish bird habitat conservation are strongly encouraged. In 2-3 sentences detail your partners in this project and their contributions to the effort.

6. How will you know you have accomplished your project goals? Give details in 2-3 sentences.

7. Describe what you plan to purchase with the up-to \$500 Jerry Wade YHEP award, itemizing any individual cost over \$50. Detail the source and amounts of your matching dollars. Explain how you will use your purchases to accomplish your bird habitat conservation goals.

Please use the other side, or attach separate sheets to augment general requirements detailed in the Call for Proposals.