



The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) Endangered Species Fund (CBOT ESF) was founded in 1988 by Brookfield Zoo Chicago (BZC) Trustee Jerry Manne and his colleagues at the Chicago Board of Trade. Since that date, the CBOT Fund has supported projects around the globe focused on protecting species threatened with extinction. The CBOT Fund is administered by Brookfield Zoo Chicago in collaboration with an Advisory Committee.

Purpose

The CBOT ESF provides funding, such as strategic seed grants, for conservation related projects in the range of \$1,500 to \$7,000. Each year, approximately \$100,000 in grant funds are awarded. Funding is directed to key research and remediation projects affecting endangered wildlife and habitats worldwide. This includes projects that will quantitatively assess population and environmental status with indications for best conservation strategy and projects that will help achieve sustainable relations between local people and the species of concern.

Application Process

Applications are due August 31. Proposals that are focused around simple, fundamentally sound projects with measurable outcomes that can be reached receive higher priority.

Proposals may be endorsed by an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZA/WAZA, or other major zoo organization. Proposals related to species, ecosystems, or regions in which BZC has a vested conservation interest are given priority.

We request media materials to share more about our grant recipients with the broader conservation community. Please see the last page for the request and provide as much of this information as you are able to.

For any individuals/organizations who are not U.S. citizens/entities, the Zoo checks the most recent OFAC Control List of Specifically Designated and Blocked Persons as well as the Consolidated List established and maintained by the 1267 Committee.

Examples of recent grants include:

- Evaluating the role of vampire bats and turkey vultures in the transmission of disease to endangered Humboldt penguins and pinnipeds at Punta San Juan, Peru
- Sunflowers to stop human/elephant conflict: an evaluation of the palatability and economic viability of an alternative crop
- Investigation of the effects of habitat fragmentation on population dynamics to conserve threatened *Colobus angolensis palliatus* in Kenya
- Using a participative model for the conservation of coral reefs on the Pacific coast of Mexico

Cooperative Conservation Programs

Brookfield Zoo Chicago (BZC) endeavors to engage with the following species conservation programs:

Global Conservation Hubs

- **Cook County Wildlife**
 - Illinois reptile
 - Monarch butterfly
 - Songbird
 - Crane
 - Prairie chicken
 - River otter
- **North American Woods**
 - Mexican Wolf
 - Brown Bear
 - Bison
- **Coastal Waters**
 - Bottlenose dolphin
 - Humboldt penguin
 - Sea lion & Seal
 - Polar bear
- **South and Central American Ecosystems**
 - Panamanian golden frog
 - Andean flamingo
 - Puerto Rican crested toad
 - Red siskin
- **Tropical Forests**
 - Gorilla
 - Okapi
 - Hippo
 - Bongo
 - Orangutan
- **African Savanna**
 - Giraffe
 - African painted dog
 - African elephant
 - Addax

BZC also participates in several cooperative conservation programs with zoos and aquariums, nonprofit conservation organizations, government entities, and others:

- AZA, SSP, and/or SAFE supported conservation programs
- Bottlenose Dolphin Breeding Consortium
- Forest Preserves of Cook County
- Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
- North American Pangolin Consortium
- Punta San Juan Program
- Sarasota Dolphin Research Program
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA Fisheries

Awards

The application process is competitive, with approximately 150 applications received each year for 20 to 30 annual grants.

An Internal Review Committee presents a qualified slate of applications to the Advisory Committee for consideration.

Awardees will be notified by March 1. Funds can be expected mid-April. Final reports are due 1 year after the receipt of the funds along with a final accounting of the grant fund expended. If reporting is not received, funds will be withheld for future projects.

Recipients will recognize the award by placing the verbiage *"Supported by the Chicago Board of Trade Endangered Species Fund Grant administered by Brookfield Zoo Chicago"* and/or using the Brookfield Zoo Chicago-provided grant program logo amongst a list of additional supporters on the grant recipient or organization's websites, publications, presentations, and or tangible products produced by the Award.

For more information about the CBOT Endangered Species Fund, or to submit an application, please email:

CBOT@brookfieldzoo.org



Application

Directions:

Applications must be submitted electronically as one PDF file. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Applications should not exceed three pages.

Project title:

Funding request:

Name(s) of primary researcher(s):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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Does the project have the recommendation of an IUCN Species Survival Committee or other major, internationally known conservation organization, the AZA/WAZA, or other major zoo organization?

If the study involves animal subjects, has the proposal been approved by an IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and/or has the proposal receive appropriate permits?

If yes, please attach IACUC letter and/or permit title, agency and approval documentation.

Please fill in your answer in the space below. If you need additional space, you may send in a 1-page project description and 1-page project methodology.

Project description:

Project methodology:

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Description of the conservation benefit:

Budget justification:

Media Collateral Request

Requested Materials

1. **Project Overview Video**
 - A concise, one-minute video summarizing your project.
2. **Project Photos**
 - A minimum of 3–4 high-quality images that visually convey the essence and story of your project.
 - Include proper credit attributions for all images submitted.
3. **Executive Summary**
 - A written overview of the project designed for promotional use.
4. **Formal References**
 - The formal names of the organization and project(s) as they should be referenced in promotional materials.
5. **Logos (if available)**
 - Provide your organization and/or project logo(s) for marketing use.
6. **Social Media Information (if available)**
 - Relevant social media handles/accounts for tagging purposes on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
7. **Media/Marketing Contact (if available)**
 - Provide a direct contact for media and marketing coordination, reviews, and approvals, including name, title, email and phone number.

Technical Requirements *(not required until awarded)*

For Videos:

- **Length:** Maximum 1 minute
- **Resolution:** High resolution (1280x720 pixels or above)
- **Format:** .mp4 or .mov
- **Subtitles:** Include English subtitles if narration is used.

For Photos:

- **File Size:** Minimum 2 MB
- **Resolution:** 300 ppi (pixels per inch)
- **Format:** JPEG

For Logos:

- Ensure submitted logos are in a high-resolution format suitable for digital and print use.

Executive Summary Guidelines:

- **Word Count:** Between 500 and 1,000 words.
- **Tone:** Avoid political inferences or discussions of policies that may be perceived as partisan.
- **Content:** Highlight all relevant partners and collaborators involved in the project. Clearly articulate the anticipated impact on wildlife conservation, science, and research.