

Counter Assault, Inc. Grant awarded through the Montana Chapter

Guidelines for Support for Projects by Counter Assault, Inc.

Counter Assault, Inc. and the Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society (Chapter) fund projects consistent with their shared mission and goals. The mission of the Chapter is to serve and represent wildlife professionals in all areas of wildlife conservation and resource management. The Chapter fulfills its mission through four main goals: (1) develop and maintain a program that facilitates continuing education and professional development of wildlife professionals, (2) promote sound stewardship of wildlife and their habitats through the application of scientific information, (3) increase public awareness and appreciation of wildlife, and (4) develop an active and diverse membership and maintain an organization that provides excellent service to members. For the purposes of this grant Counter Assault and the Chapter share goals 1 through 3.

Through this grant program, Counter Assault and the Chapter aim to provide funding for a variety of projects that are consistent with our goals. Eligible uses of the funds include supplies, equipment for schools and nonprofit organizations, printing and communications. Ineligible uses include salaries, stipends, per diem and personal equipment. Graduate and undergraduate (Senior thesis) students that are active in wildlife conservation research are eligible to apply.

Funding Availability

Funds are provided annually by Counter Assault, Inc. One grant will be awarded annually up to \$500.00.

Application Process

Summer/Fall 2009 Grant

Proposals are due by July 31, 2009. Proposals will be reviewed by the Chapter's Executive Board and final funding decisions will be made by the Board and Counter Assault, Inc. Grants will be awarded prior to the beginning of Fall Semester. Please note that grants to students will be awarded through their respective university. Neither Counter Assault, Inc. nor Montana Chapter TWS are responsible for paying indirect costs. Proposals may be sent via e-mail to:

Joe Weigand
President, Montana Chapter of The Wildlife Society
joweigand@mt.gov

Questions concerning the grant program may be directed to Joe Weigand at (406) 444-3065.

2010 - 2013 Grants

The Chapter will typically call for proposals at the Annual Meeting in February and in the Summer issue of the Chapter newsletter. Future proposals will be due by November 15th of each year beginning in 2009. Proposals will be reviewed by the Grants Committee and final funding decisions will be made by the Board and Counter Assault, Inc. Grants will be awarded at the Annual Meeting in February. Please note that grants to students will be awarded through their respective university.

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Vanna Boccadori
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
vboccadori@mt.gov

Questions concerning the grant program may be directed to Vanna Boccadori at (406) 494-2082.

Proposal Format

Proposals should be 2-3 pages in length, typed, single spaced, and should contain the following sections:

- a) Title
- b) Applicant's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and affiliation. please provide a Curriculum Vitae and the name of your advisor. c) Please indicate whether the applicant is a current member of the State, Regional, and/or National Chapter of The Wildlife Society.
- d) Scope and Objectives – Provide a description of the background and objectives of the project. Specifically explain how the project relates to both the Chapter's and Counter Assault's mission and goals.
- e) Project Implementation – Provide a brief summary of how project objectives will be accomplished.
- f) Expected Outcomes – Provide a description of anticipated products or outcomes of the project.
- g) Budget and Timelines – Provide an itemized budget for the overall project, showing amount requested, cost sharing (if applicable), and time schedule for the project. h) Supporting Materials – if this is an educational project, please provide pertinent educational materials to the Montana Chapter for review.

Funding requests should not exceed \$500.

Proposal Rating

Proposals will be rated based on the following criteria:

- a) Significance of the proposed project in regard to its research and/or educational value for wildlife conservation.
- b) Adequacy of proposed implementation in relation to the project objectives.
- c) Importance of project in relation to the requested funds.

Acknowledgements

Grant recipients will be expected to present final results or a progress report of their project to the Chapter and Counter Assault within one year of grant allocation. Additionally, grant recipients may be asked to present their project at a future Annual Meeting of the Chapter and/or provide a write-up for the Chapter newsletter. All printed materials supported by Counter Assault, Inc. shall contain an acknowledgement of support.