



Boone and Crockett Club

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Missoula, MT 59801

APPLICATION FOR WILLIAM I. SPENCER CONSERVATION GRANTS PROGRAM 2017

Since 1948, the Boone and Crockett Club through its William I. Spencer Conservation Grants Program has been investing in research and career development to advance science-based wildlife management and to promote the Club's mission to conserve and manage wildlife, especially big game and its habitat in North America. Nearly every year the Club solicits proposals to address specific research themes.

This year's theme is Chronic Wasting Disease. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues to represent a key challenge in managing cervid populations in North America. New evidence about prion longevity, mechanisms of CWD transmission, detection of the disease in new areas, and a study indicating that macaque monkeys contracted CWD after eating meat from CWD-positive deer raises new questions about this fatal disease. As part of the Club's efforts to provide science-based management solutions, we are soliciting applications to fund research that addresses some critical aspect of CWD that will support management of the disease. Although not limited to these areas of research several key questions could be addressed including: (1) development of a more accurate live animal test; (2) mechanisms of CWD transmission, (3) assessment of population or habitat management techniques designed to mitigate disease spread, such as fire; (4) assessment of currently applied management techniques; and (5) risk mitigation strategies. Further, given the complexity of this issue and need for substantial financial support, we would consider supporting the development of a research consortium designed to develop a proposal that would be submitted to another funding source. Regardless of the topic, the work must be applied and designed to inform management or policy actions. Further, projects should use a hypothesis-testing approach.

Interested and qualified applicants are invited to complete and submit the attached application. Completed applications must be received at the above address by **November 27, 2017** and a funding decision will be made by **January 15, 2018**. Individual grants normally are made for one year only, in amounts based on the scope of the study and the financial needs of the applicant. Grants provided are for \$25,000 or less and multi-partner projects are encouraged.

All approved projects are expected to produce information of scientific and practical value. Recipients of grants are expected to publish their findings in recognized outlets. A final report will be expected as a deliverable product. The Boone and Crockett Club intends to share key project results with members in newsletters and other Club related outlets and include the final report on our website. Unless otherwise specified, grants will be made to the college or university supervising the investigator and project; however, note that the Boone and Crockett Club does **not permit their funds to be allocated for overhead or administrative costs.**

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Part I. Summary

Name of Applicant _____

Title of Study _____

Proposed Starting Date of Project _____

Grant Amount Requested \$ _____ Amount Other Funding Secured \$ _____

Project Abstract: (< 200 words)

Should the Boone and Crockett Club award funds for this study, the under-signed agrees:

- (1) to submit an annual progress report by November 1 of each year including documentation of how Boone and Crockett funds were used;
- (2) to provide 2 copies of any dissertation or thesis, and 2 copies of any other publications that result from this research;
- (3) to provide project photos if requested for use in Boone and Crockett publications or on our website.
- (4) to provide full and proper credit to the Boone and Crockett Club for support of this research in all publications and other appropriate forums.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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Part II. Biography of Applicant

Note: Applicants may submit a curriculum vitae instead of completing this section if it includes all information requested.

Applicant's Full Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Past Education (Schools, degree(s), major & minor) _____

Candidate For _____ Degree in Field _____

At (Institution) _____

Outline employment experiences, if pertinent _____

Part III. Proposal

Research proposals should not exceed 7 single-spaced pages excluding reference, figures, and budget information. Please include a title, introduction and justification, methods (including study design and field methods), anticipated benefits of the study to management, time table for completion, and literature cited. Budget information is requested separately (see below).

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Part IV. Cost Estimate

\$ _____ Estimated Total Cost to Complete Study \$ _____ Request to Boone and Crockett Club

Budget: Itemize expected expenditures in the following categories: Salaries for students, technicians, and other professional; travel; supplies; capital equipment; contract services; and other. In column format, list the amount of funding in each category by amount requested from the Boone and Crockett Club, other secured sources, pending sources, and total budget. Indicate sources of funding.

Budget					
	Description	Requested from Boone and Crockett Club	Secured sources	Pending sources	Total
1.	Salaries				
	Graduate student				
	Technicians				
	Professionals				
2.	Travel				
3.	Supplies				
4.	Equipment				
5.	Contract services				
6.	TOTAL				

Budget Narrative. Please explain and justify how this funding request satisfies the theme and grant objectives

Please identify other organizations mentioned in the budget table who are providing financial support in cash or in-kind for the project and the amount of their support:

Other pertinent information including any special arrangements desired for administration of grant

If you need more space for any of the sections, please attach additional sheets.

Submit the completed application to Jodi Bishop at jodi@boone-crockett.org or Boone and Crockett Club, Attn: Jodi Bishop, 250 Station Drive, Missoula, MT 59801. Electronic submission is preferred. Please direct questions to Dr. Joshua Millspaugh, Conservation Grants Subcommittee Chair, Joshua.Millspaugh@umontana.edu