Guidelines for Grant Applicants

1) Grant money shall only be used for projects to promote the enjoyment, understanding, and conservation of Texas' bird populations.

2) This grant source is available to undergraduate or graduate students, clubs, and organizations such as non-profit groups who are doing research, citizen science projects or public education/awareness about birds and bird conservation. This grant is not intended to support research or management performed by federal or state agencies.

3) Applications on behalf of projects to be funded with these grants should limit requests to a maximum of $1,500 ($2,500 for graduate student studies).

4) Application content should pertain to actual implementation of bird conservation projects, research projects, or public education/awareness projects, etc., that are specifically focused on the conservation of birds in TEXAS

Examples of previous grant recipients:

- bird surveys (point surveys, banding, etc.) within Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

- chick mortality studies

- "how to help birds" brochures, posters and signs

- public education programs

- physiological and behavioral research projects (habitat requirements, predators, feral cats, etc.)

- construction of bird blinds and viewing areas

5) The grant application, not to exceed 3 pages, should include a description of the project, list of objectives, budget, a statement of other financial support, and a brief resume of the applicant. Applications can be made anytime during the year. Grants will be considered as long as funds are available. Grant requests are generally scheduled for review at the April and October Board meetings but may be considered at other times.

6) At the end of the grant period, (24 months or earlier) the grantee is required to submit to the Grant Committee a brief report of the project results and how the grant money was used.

7) The grant recipient may be asked to present the results of their project at a TOS meeting as a formal presentation or as a scientific poster or submit an article to the TOS newsletter.

Applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

1. E-mail the PDF form to treasurer@texasbirds.org

2. Print and mail the request to:

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