

Colorado Field Ornithologists Research Grant 2020

The CFO Research Grant provides financial grants to qualifying individuals or organizations for projects that will have a lasting benefit to Colorado birds and the habitats on which they rely. Grants typically provide full support to projects requiring \$600–\$1,500; however, CFO will also consider partial funding of projects requiring more than \$1,500. The Project Fund Committee requires that the recipients of funding publish a short year-end summary of their funded work in *Colorado Birds: The Colorado Field Ornithologists' Quarterly* and present their findings at the annual CFO convention the next calendar year. Unused funds must be returned.

Note that equipment where use goes beyond the scope of the project (such as cameras, spotting scopes, and office equipment) usually is not funded. Please state if you have received funds from CFO in the past, and, if so, please state the name of the project and year funded. Letters of recommendation are encouraged but not required.

Please submit a **2-page resume** along with a **research proposal** by **December 13th, 2019**.

Guidelines for Research Proposals

Project proposals must be **3 pages** or less in length, using no smaller than an 12-font size Times New Roman or Cambria. **All documents (the project proposal, letters of support and additional documents must be submitted in one (1) single electronic PDF file** to Stephanie Pitt at stephanie.pitt@unco.edu no later than 5:00 PM on December 13th 2019.

- Include a Title of Project
- Purpose/objective of the project
- Brief background placing the research in a broader context
- Significance of research to the greater understanding and conservation of Colorado's birds
- Methods of the project that are concise, with a clear timetable and description of specifically who will be conducting the research, where the research will take place and when the research is planned for
- Statement describing the organization or individual who can ensure the project's completion
- Total budget of the project for completion (in table format)
 - please include financial and volunteer resources from other sources
 - an enumeration of the labor, equipment, and other items required of the project
 - and the total amount of funding requested from CFO
- Budget justification explaining exactly how CFO funds will be used to support the research
- Additional material is optional. Please limit attachments to material that you believe will help the Research Grant Committee to better understand your organization and project.
- The Research Grant Committee will review the proposals and notify applicants of funding decisions by February 7th 2020.
- An article of approximately 300 to 400 words aimed at the general public for publication in the CFO newsletter and posting to the CFO's webpage is required of recipients, in no smaller than 11 font size, describing the project and the work in progress/completed that is/was funded by this grant (preferably with photos). Please use no smaller than 12-font size. This is to be submitted no later than September 1st, 2020.
- Attendance as a Science Session Presenter at a CFO convention is highly recommended for funding recipients, to present their research to the members of CFO and share what has been learned about Colorado birds through the funding of the research.
- Eventual publication of a science article about the research in Colorado Birds by grant recipients is always welcome and encouraged.