

CFO Project Fund—Overview

The CFO Project Fund 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 funding ranging from \$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/or present their findings at the annual CFO convention the next calendar year. Those choosing to present their findings rather than submitting to *Colorado Birds* will also need to include a short written summary suitable for posting on CFO's website. Unused funds must be returned to CFO.

Please submit a *curriculum vitae* along with a **research proposal**

Guidelines for Proposals

Proposal Contents

- 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 with clear timetable and description of specifically who will be conducting the research
- Statement describing the organization or individual who can ensure project completion and accountability
- 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 amount requested from CFO
- Budget justification; explain exactly how CFO funds will be used in the research

Note that equipment use that 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.

Additional material is optional. Please limit attachments to material that you believe will help the Project Fund Committee to better understand your organization and project.