



2026 Research Grants

Submission deadline: Dec. 31, 2026

CFO Research Grants provide financial awards to individuals or organizations for projects that will have a lasting benefit to Colorado birds and the habitats on which they rely. Grants provide support up to \$2,000.

To apply, please submit all required documents (the research proposal, 2-page CV with contact details and contact information for 2 professional references, along with any additional documents) in **one (1) single electronic PDF file** to grants@cobirds.org no later than **11:59PM on December 31st 2025.**

Guidelines for Research Proposals

Research proposals must be **3 pages** or fewer in length (single-spaced, 12-point font).

- 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
- Concise methods of the project, 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
 - the total amount of funding requested from CFO
 - Note that equipment where use goes beyond the scope of the project (such as cameras, spotting scopes, and office equipment) is not usually funded.
 - Unused funds must be returned to CFO.
- Budget justification explaining exactly how CFO funds will be used to support the research
- If you have previously received funds from CFO, please state the name of the funded project and year in which it was funded in your application.

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.

Review

The Research Grant Committee will review the proposals and notify applicants of funding decisions by March 15th 2026.

Reporting Requirements

At the end of the funding period we will request an article of approximately 400 to 500 words written for the general public for publication in the CFO newsletter and posting to the CFO's webpage. This will include a description of the project and the work in progress or completed that was funded by this grant (preferably with photos). We will contact recipients with additional information.

CFO strongly encourages grant recipients to present the results of their funded research in the Science Session at a CFO convention. Presenting funded research allows the CFO members, who fund these grants, to learn about Colorado birds and the supported research efforts.

Eventual publication of a full-length science article about the research in [*Colorado Birds*](#) by grant recipients is always welcome and encouraged!