

Notification of the 2024 North American Bluebird Society Grants Program

NABS, Inc. is a non-profit education, conservation, and research organization and our mission is the promote the recovery of bluebirds and other native cavity nesting bird species of North America.” Accordingly, NABS offers annual competitive grants in support of that mission.

The NABS By-Laws mandate: 1) a Zeleny Fund wherein monies are put aside and are to be used only for the support of grants and, 2) that the Society can award grants in three areas: research, conservation, and education. **A more comprehensive description of the NABS grants, including Requests for Proposals (RFP), and guidance for application is given on the NABS web site (<http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/grants/>).** All three types of grants will be offered in 2023.

Larry Zeleny Research Grants. Research Grants are competitive and are applications are invited via a Request for Proposals (RFP). RFPs are published on the NABS website as noted above. Research grants must be submitted by COB October 31, 2022 and awardees will be notified of their selection by February 1, 2023. Two kinds of research grants are recognized: 1) basic research grants which examine some aspect of bluebird (or other native cavity nesting species) biology, ecology, or life cycle (e.g., a study of nestbox parasites on chick health) or, 2) applied research grants (e.g., finding more effective ways of defeating nest box predators. The NABS Grants Committee evaluates the proposals and recommends those for funding.

John Kujanik Education Grants Support for ideas pertaining to the development of books, fact sheets, pamphlets, DVDs or other video products, or other kinds of media which can serve the purpose of educating bluebirders and/or the public about bluebirds and bluebirding (as well as other native cavity nesting species) can be submitted to NABS for consideration as an education grant. Education grants can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated by the NABS Education Committee which will recommend funding to the Board of Directors (subject to funds available).

Art Aylesworth Conservation Grants Proposals that deal with broader scale issues related to bluebird recovery might be candidates for a NABS conservation grant. For example, NABS recently participated in the funding of a three-year project to re-introduce Western Bluebirds to an area of North America where they had been extirpated. Such projects might be considered for a NABS conservation grant. Conservation grants can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated by an *ad hoc* committee which will recommend funding to the Board of Directors (subject to funds available).

Other Research Grants For this program a typical grant is an Investigator initiated project, but NABS also has several topics areas that could involve data collection on bluebirds from the scientific literature (e.g., bluebird survey data from continental-wide surveys, e.g., BBS, eBird or CBC) and then conducting analysis on, and or geocoding this data in a manner consistent with addressing NABS questions. Contact the NABS Grants Committee chair for more information: bdaniel@cinci.rr.com.