

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building Services

MEETING DATE: April 11, 2023

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Adrienne Thompson

PHONE: 234-6650

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Julia Krog

PHONE: 234-6650

ITEM TYPE: Consent Agenda

TIME ALLOCATED FOR ITEM: N/A

AGENDA TITLE:

Approval of Disbursement of \$51,000 of Mendocino County Fish and Game Propagation Funds in Fiscal Year 22/23 Grant Cycle for Three Proposed Projects that Focus on Habitat Restoration and Preservation of Wildlife

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Approve the disbursement of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission in the amount of \$51,000, in fiscal year 22/23 Grant Cycle for three proposed projects that focus on habitat restoration and preserve wildlife.

PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

The role of the Commission is established in Chapter 2.5 of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Code; this role includes recommending expenditures to the Board of Supervisors from the Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund that are in accordance with the requirements of the Fish and Game Code Sections 13100-13104.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Fish and Game Commission is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve recommendations for an allocation of County Fish and Game Propagation Funds in the amount of \$51,000, which the Commission budget has available for this purpose. The Commission met on December 13, 2022 and evaluated and ranked grant applications/proposals from the California Deer Association, the Mendocino Land Trust, and the Mendocino Wildlife Association (attached). During the meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as well as the Mendocino County Board of Supervisor approve the funding. On February 16, 2023, CDFW responded with support for funding the applications as follows:

- A. \$25,000 to the California Deer Association Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration
- B. \$20,000 to Mendocino Land Trust- Bear Resistant Garbage Can Program
- C. \$6,000 to Mendocino Wildlife Association – Ridgewood Ranch Fawn Pen

Also attached to this item is the response from CDFW supporting the grant proposals (1), the draft minutes from the Fish and Game Commission Meeting of December 13, 2022 (2) and the individual score sheets from each Commissioner (3).

ALTERNATIVE ACTION/MOTION:

Do not approve the funding recommendations of the Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission and provide direction to staff.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

<https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/fish-game/grants>

FISCAL IMPACT:

SOURCE OF FUNDING: 2840-862239

CURRENT F/Y COST: \$51,000

BUDGETED IN CURRENT F/Y: Yes

ANNUAL RECURRING COST: None

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: ALL

VOTE REQUIREMENT: MAJORITY

CEO LIAISON: ___
CEO REVIEW: ___
CEO COMMENTS:

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Executed By:
Date:
Note to Department:

Final Status:
Executed Item Number:

BOARD ACTION

Approved _____
 Records Executed _____

Date of Meeting _____
 Referred to _____
 Other _____

Adrienne Thompson

From: Bartlett, Tina@Wildlife <Tina.Bartlett@wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 5:56 PM
To: Adrienne Thompson
Subject: Grant applications review for Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission

Hello Adrienne,
Thank you for requesting our review of the grant proposals. We concur with the funding of these proposals.

Best,
Tina

Tina Bartlett

She/her/hers

Regional Manager

Northern Region

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Mobile: 916-204-9004

601 Locust Street

Redding, CA



Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission
December 13th 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
Location: Zoom Webinar

1. Call to Order at 6:08 by Chair Neumann

Present: Commissioner Vann, Commissioner Pellar, Commissioner Madigan, Vice Chair Pallesen, Chair Neumann

2. Public Expression on Non-Agenda Items

None

3. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2022

Minutes not provided, no action taken

4. Reports

Vice Chair Pallesen gave an update on the Treasures Reports

5. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

5a. Update and Discussion on Riparian Corridor and Wetlands White Paper (Pallesen)

Vice Chair Pallesen gave an update on the progress of the paper he co-wrote with Commissioner Madigan and the presentation he gave to the County Board of Supervisors

5b. Discussion and Possible Action on submitted 2022 Grant Application for Propagation

Funds

A short discussion was held on the number of grants that were received and Chair Neumann insured that all Commissioners had the appropriate information before the Commission began their discussion. Everyone was prepared.

MOTION: Vice Chair Pallesen made a motion to increase the funding limit to \$51,000, 2nd by Commissioner Pellar. Approved 5-0-0

A presentation was given by Olivia from Mendocino Wildlife on the Fawn Rescue grant. Commissioners asked questions and Olivia was given a chance to respond.

It was decided that Commissioner Pellar would recuse herself from voting on the Mendocino Wildlife grant as she founded the program. Commissioner Madigan would be able to vote on the Mendocino Land Trust grant, it has been over 20 years since she worked as a contractor for them.

Commissioners took a short break to score the remaining grants with the criteria sheets provided to them.

Results

Grant Name	Commissioner Score					Average
	Vann	Pellar	Madigan	Pallesen	Neumann	
Mendocino Wildlife	22	x	17	20	18	19.25
California Deer Associate	23	16	17	23	18	19.4
Mendocino Land Trust	21	19	19	17	20	19.2

A discussion was held again on the individual grants.

MOTION: Commissioner Vann made a motion to approve all grants in full amounts. 2nd by Commissioner Madigan. Approved 5-0-0

A discussion was held on the timelines for getting the grantees the funding. The grant applications with Mendocino Fish and Game Commission approval letter needs to go to the California Fish and Wildlife Commission for approval before it goes before the Board of Supervisors. Vice Chair Pallesen estimated it

would take 3 months before the Board of Supervisors would see that grant approvals on their agenda. Commissioner Madigan took the lead on writing a provisional award letter to the grantees that detailed the next steps.

**7. MOTION: Commissioner Vann made a motion to adjourn at 7:45. 2nd by Commissioner Pellar.
Approved**

The next meeting is February 13th at 6pm. Location and presentation style to be determined.

Ranking of Proposals Submitted for Fiscal Year *** Grant Cycle**

	PROPOSAL TITLE	CRITERIA						Score	additional comments (qualitative analysis of the proposal)	
		1	2	3	4	5	6			
1	Fawn resule	4.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	18.00	vann 22, matigan 17 -lack of experence managing grants, pallsen 20 experences, 18 neumann, pellar not voting	19.25
2	CDA	3.0	3.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	18.00	vann 23, matigan 17-seems like not enough funds for the total project, pallsene 23, pellar 16, neumann 18	19.4
3	MLT	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	20.00	vann 21, matigan 19, pallsene 17-pilot program, pellar 20, neumann 20	19.4

Neumann

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2 California Deer Association	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	23.00	
3 MLT	4.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	17.00	
4								
5								
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Mendocino County Fish and Game Commission
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RANDALL VANN

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	1	2	3	4	5	6		
1 Mendocino Land Trust	3	3	4	3	4	4	21	I 3 Great Preventive approach.
2 Hammerhead Lake	3	4	4	4	4	4	23	I 2 Good use of funds and will work well with funds awarded by other groups
3 Mendocino Wildlife	3	4	4	3	4	4	22	I 2 Very good plan for helping and returning struggling wildlife to the wild.
4								
5								
5								

Vann

Criteria for Assessing Grant Applications to the Mendocino County Fish & Game Commission (Version 3.0 – Jan. 2015)

	CRITERIA	WAY TO MEASURE IT	RANKING
1	<p>Meets Fish & Game Code Sections and Restrictions</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 3 CA Deer Assn.: 3 MLT: 3</p>	<p>Explicit statements in the grant proposal describing which section(s) of the code the activities match up with</p>	<p>0 = no sections mentioned in the application or implied 1 = sections mentioned; but no description provided 2 = sections mentioned; inadequate description provided 3 = sections mentioned with adequate description 4 = sections mentioned; description clearly and fully demonstrates all proposed activities match with code</p>
2	<p>Work proposed is feasible</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 3 CA Deer Assn.: 2 MLT: 3</p>	<p>Methods are clearly outlined and detailed with attached calendar schedule of activities</p>	<p>0 = methods are not mentioned 1 = methods are mentioned; but no details provided 2 = methods are partially and inadequately detailed 3 = methods are adequately detailed but no clear schedule 4 = methods are clearly and fully detailed with calendar schedule</p>
3	<p>Work benefits the local ecology</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 3 CA Deer Assn.: 3 MLT: 3</p>	<p>Proposed activities contribute to improved habitat and/or increased survivorship</p>	<p>0 = activities have no [in]direct positive impact on local ecology 1 = activities have an indirect positive impact on local ecology 2 = activities have a potential, but unclear direct positive impact 3 = activities have a clear and direct positive short-term impact 4 = activities have a clear and direct positive short-term and long-term impact</p>

4	<p>Work benefits hunting and fishing opportunities</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 3 CA Deer Assn.: 3 MLT: 3</p>	<p>Proposed activities contribute to hunting and fishing opportunities</p>	<p>0 = activities do not contribute positively to hunting and fishing opportunities. 1 = activities indirectly contribute positively to hunting and fishing opportunities. 2 = activities have a potential, but unclear direct positive impact. 3 = activities have a clear and direct positive short-term impact. 4 = activities have a clear and direct positive short-term and long-term impact.</p>
5	<p>Applicant(s) work(s) well and cooperatively with related agencies</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 2 CA Deer Assn.: 3 MLT: 4</p>	<p>Applicant(s) is/are recognized professionally and known for positive collaborative relationships</p>	<p>-5 = applicants have a known, and negative history with local agencies 0 = applicants have no known professional recognition, and no known collaborative history with local agencies 1 = applicant(s) are recognized professionally for their contributions; but have no known collaborative history with local agencies 2 = applicant(s) are recognized professionally and have minimal collaborative history with local agencies 3 = applicant(s) are recognized professionally and have a positive and longer-term collaborative history with local agencies 4 = applicant(s) are recognized professionally and have an excellent and long-term collaborative history with local agencies</p>
6	<p>Proposed activities represent the “best use” of limited Commission funds</p> <p>Mendo Wildlife: 3 CA Deer Assn.: 3 MLT: 3</p>	<p>Proposal demonstrates efficient and effective use of the Commission’s limited funds</p>	<p>0 = Effectiveness is vague. 1 = Effectiveness is partially clear. 2 = Effectiveness is clear, but some activities are questionable. 3 = Effectiveness is clear and all activities are effective. 4 = Effectiveness is clear, all activities are effective and the applicant(s) is/are leveraging or matching the funds requested.</p> <p>Total Scores: Mendo Wildlife: 17 CA Deer Assn.: 17 MLT: 19</p>

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1	Fawn Rescue-MWA- Traci Pellar Recused							N/A	
2	MLT-Bear Proof Trash Can match-	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	20.00	
3	Hammer Horn Campground- Rebuild ADA-	3.0	3.0	0.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	16.00	
4									
5									
5									

Pellar



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2022 Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration Proposal

Background

The purpose of this project is to assist in improving/restoring the Hammerhorn Lake Campground and the surrounding Hammerhorn Lake's recreational opportunities within Mendocino County. This project will take place on Mendocino National Forest (MNF) and will restore many of the opportunities the ADA compliant campground boasted before the 2020 August Complex burned the area. The project would use the requested CDFW funds to restore many features within the campground and immediate area. The requested CDFW funds will be used to restore the campground's wheelchair accessible pathway, restrooms, and the ADA compliant fishing dock that were all damaged or destroyed during the August Complex fire. Funding will also contribute to general campsite restoration and cleanup. This project will aid in post-fire forest recreational recovery by allowing the Mendocino National Forest to host a much needed ADA accessible campground in the area. This project has been developed by Modoc National Forest with support of California Deer Association Ukiah Chapter, California Deer Association, and others. The estimated cost of this phase of the project is \$25,000.

Project Overview

The Hammerhorn Lake Campground is a unique feature of the Mendocino National Forest. Hammerhorn Lake provides recreational fishing opportunities on the Covelo Ranger District. Small fishing piers on the lake were initially built regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Accessible trails from Hammerhorn Lake Campground lead to the Hammerhorn Lake which neighbors the camping area. Additionally, Hammerhorn Lake is the only ADA accessible fishing lake on the west side of the Mendocino National Forest. The USFS has expressed their desire to keep this lake, its piers, and handicap accessible trail as part of the campground and to restore fishing and general recreational opportunities to the public on this site.

California Deer Association (CDA) has the experience, resources, capacity, and partners to complete this project on time and on budget. In the past three years, CDA has managed over \$9.5 million of restoration implementation funds for 31 similar grant projects. CDA grant funders include:

- State agencies – WCB (Wildlife Conservation Board), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), SNC (Sierra Nevada Conservancy),
- Federal agencies - USFS, USFWS, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Science (NRCS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and others.

This project will work in coordination with the California Deer Association Supplemental Project Agreement with the Mendocino National Forest. CDA's current projects within the MNF encompass post-fire restoration of the campground areas by Hazard Tree Removal within the campground and along roadside, burnt/salvage timber removal, and erosion protection measures. All project activities have been determined and cleared through the collaborative partnership between CDA and MNF.



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2022 Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration Proposal

Work Plan

The project restoration activities for the Hammerhorn Lake Campground are defined below;

ADA Restroom

The campsite's handicap accessible restroom will be cleaned and restored for public use. The breather pipes that burned in the wildfire will be replaced to accommodate for restroom exhaust flow, as is necessary for proper restroom function

Paved Walkway

The damaged walkway that leads to Hammerhorn Lake from the campground will be restored for full access. General cleaning of the walkway will take place. The rebuild/repair deemed necessary during initial scoping will be a part of this restoration effort, and will include rebuilding the handicap accessible ramp and walkway to the viewing/fishing dock

Fishing Dock

The burned, unsalvageable fishing dock will be removed from the site and rebuilt to ADA standards for handicap access

Campsite

The campground will be cleared from debris, weeds, and other residual outcomes from the fire. Individual campsite designation posts that were destroyed at each of the campsites will be reestablished by the installation of new 8in. x 8in. ground posts spanned by accompanying horizontal posts

Surveys and clearances have been completed to allow for this work. The actions in this project are categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, pursuant 36 CFR S220.6(d)5 "Repair and Maintenance of Recreation sites and facilities," 36 CFR S220.6(e)1

**Additional funding/restoration opportunities below for a possible phase II, which would exceed the scope of work & budget of the above ask of \$25,000*

This project is scalable to include:

- *Rebuilding of the upstream water pipe that supplied additional water to the lake and recreational area that was damaged and/or burned entirely in the fire*
- *Repair of the chlorination plant that provided potable water to the campsite prior to the fire*
- *Replacing burned picnic tables*
- *Rebuilding the destroyed fire rings at campsites*



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2022 Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration Proposal

Site Photos



Remnants of the handicap accessible pathway to the lake that was destroyed in the 2020 August Complex





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2022 Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration Proposal

Handicap accessible bathroom to be restored with a new breather pipe and additional interior maintenance



Campsite with overgrown weeds and vegetation that will be treated/removed





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2022 Hammerhorn Lake Campground Restoration Proposal

Hammerhorn Lake



Burned pipes that fed the Hammerhorn Lake prior to the 2020 August Complex



Western Pond Turtle in Hammerhorn lake before the 2020 August Complex

Mendocino County Fish & Game Project Proposal Summary Sheet

(This must be the first page of the submitted proposal)

1. Contractor: Mendocino Land Trust (MLT)
2. Type of Contractor: A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, land conservation organization
3. Taxpayer/Organizational ID/EID Number: ██████████
4. Street Mailing Address: PO Box 2058
5. City, State, Zip Code: Fort Bragg, CA 95437
6. Contact Person: Sean O'Rourke
7. Telephone Number: (707) 962-0470
8. Email address: sean@mendocinolandtrust.org
9. Website address(es): https://www.mendocinolandtrust.org/
10. Project Title: Mendocino Countywide Residential Bear Resistant Garbage Can Distribution Program
11. Fish and Game Code Section 13103 Category: Section 13103(h) and (m)
12. Amount Requested (\$): \$20,000.00
13. Objectives: The objective of the program is to support areas of the County where black bears and other species have been food-conditioned to residential garbage cans. The grant would provide residents with a 50 percent cost share to purchase a bear resistant 96-gallon trash can (BRC) for individual use. It is estimated that an individual BRC would cost \$250. MLT would work with the County, CDFW, and the local haulers to advertise the program with distribution of the BRCs managed by the local haulers to residents on a first come, first serve basis. Priority distribution will be given to high conflict areas including the Brooktrails area and areas north of Fort Bragg.

Benefits of the project include the securing of garbage cans which will prevent bears from accessing garbage cans and helping to reduce CDFW resources on dealing with food-conditioned bears which may include trapping, relocating, and destroying food-conditioned bears. Securing garbage is critically important to the safety of residents and their pets, especially those living in the rural areas where bear habitat meets residential development. It is estimated that if 60 percent of a neighborhood has BRCs then the bears would leave that area alone. As noted in the 2016 USDA report on Innovative Solutions to Human-Wildlife Conflicts, "One of the more long-term and sustainable strategies for reducing human-bear conflicts in urban and suburban areas is the elimination of human-related food sources, such as trash, bird feeders, and petfood." This program would help provide a long-term solution to human-wildlife conflicts pursuant to F&G Section 13103(h) that supports predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife and Section 13103(m) which allows for other expenditures for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

Pending the success of the initial program, the program may be expanded with the intent to seek additional funding.
14. Specie(s) Benefited: Species benefited include black bears, raccoons, foxes, possums, skunks, and other species.
15. Work Schedule: Starting in early 2023, MLT will coordinate with the County, CDFW, and local haulers to promote the program. Interested residents will contact their hauler to order a BRC, hauler will deliver the BRC, and MLT will reimburse the hauler for 50 percent of the cost of the BRC. Program to be completed in 2023.

16. Site Location (include reference to nearest city, town, and/or prominent landmark: **Countywide with priority to high conflict areas.**

17. Site Location – GPS Coordinates: **N/A**

18. **We would also like to be considered for funding** from the Ft. Bragg-based Salmon Restoration Association <http://www.salmonrestoration.com/> (for salmon habitat enhancement/restoration, salmon conservation, or salmon education projects). _____ YES **X** _____ No.

Please also fill out the following, if applicable:

19. Stream: **Program could protect streams countywide from trash entering waterways.**

20. Tributary to: **N/A**

21. Major Drainage System: **N/A**

The deadline for receiving proposals is 5:00pm, October 15, 2022.

Proposals must be submitted by email as a PDF, .DOC, .DOCX, .TXT, or ZIP file to the Commission at: mendofishgamecommission@gmail.com. **Applicants must also mail or hand-deliver eight double-sided copies** to the Commission c/o County Planning & Building Services.

Grant applicants are encouraged to attend the Tuesday, November 8, 2022 meeting of the Commission at the County Farm Advisor's Conference Room, 890 N Bush Street, Ukiah, CA beginning 6:00 pm, to make a brief (5 minute) presentation regarding their proposal.

Applicants without personal computers or internet access to the Commission website can request assistance from County branch libraries in Ukiah, Ft. Bragg, Willits, Coast Community (Pt. Arena), and Round Valley (Covelo) to download and print the application materials. *Note: County library personnel can also assist with scanning and emailing completed proposals.*

For additional information, please call Fish and Game Commission at (707) 234-6094, or email the Commission at mendofishgamecommission@gmail.com.

Mendocino Countywide Residential Bear Resistant Garbage Can Distribution Program - Proposed Budget

Total Budget Requested	\$20,000
MLT Administrative Costs of 10%	\$2,000
Total Funds for Residential BRCs	\$18,000

Note: One BRC is estimated to cost \$250. The program would cost share 50% of the BRC with the resident paying half the cost or \$125 for a BRC. The resident would purchase the BRC through their local hauler and MLT would pay the hauler \$125 per BRC. This split would provide 144 BRCs to residents. The split and costs may be subject to modification based on the BRC cost and interest in the program.

Mendocino Countywide Residential Bear Resistant Garbage Can Distribution Program - Letters of Support

Good morning Sean

I am writing to offer the Department's support of the Countywide Bear Resistant Trash Can Distribution Program. Securing attractants like garbage will have a positive impact on Mendocino County residents and bears by reducing human-wildlife conflict in areas where bears have been food-conditioned to residential garbage cans. Specifically, areas like Brooktrails and Inglenook have increasingly experienced issues with bears getting into garbage cans, and the Department believes residents in these neighborhoods will benefit from this program, as will the local bears.

Thank you for your work in getting this program off the ground, if you have any questions or if I can offer assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Andria Townsend

Environmental Scientist, Wildlife Program
Mendocino County
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
660 S. Main Street, Suite A, Willits, CA 95490
(707) 738-3099

Hi Sean,

I understand the Mendocino Land Trust will be applying for a grant up to \$20,000 for the purchase of "bear carts" in the rural areas of Mendocino County. Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc. supports the grant and looks for assistance in providing carts to SWOW's customers due to the increase in bear activity in our service areas. We currently have purchased "bear carts" from Rehrig Pacific and provided them to our customers in Brooktrails Township CSD and other areas. Unfortunately due to the continual need we have found it quite expensive to continue to purchase carts to help handle the problem. Any support from the grant program will be appreciated.

Gerald W. Ward (Jerry)
Solid Wastes of Willits, Inc.
PO Box 1425
Willits, CA 95490
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BROOKTRAILS TOWNSHIP

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October 7, 2022

Mendocino Land Trust
215 South Main Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

Re: Fish and Game Commission Grant – Bear Cans

Dear Mr. Kramer:

In coordination with Supervisor Haschak, staff has learned of your intent to file a grant application with the County Fish and Game Commission to acquire bear cans in areas of unincorporated Mendocino County, including Brooktrails. Review of the grant application language indicates that under *Fish and Game Code Section 13103(h): Predator control actions for the benefit of fish and wildlife*, acquisition of bear cans would qualify for a grant award.

In order to reduce impacts to waterways and bear species behavior from garbage can strikes, the Township **supports** your application to acquire bear cans for eligible solid waste customers in the Brooktrails subdivision of Mendocino County. Bear cans also help prevent ancillary garbage impacts to waterways and wildlife from other animals like raccoons, cats and birds.

If helpful, our staff is willing to work with you to identify residences or neighborhoods that have experienced bear strikes. We can also offer another outreach option to educate and provide solid waste security to customer accounts and our forested environment. Please feel free to contact me if our staff can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tamara Alaniz
General Manager

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2. Type of Contractor: **Non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization**
3. Taxpayer/Organizational ID/EID Number: [REDACTED]
4. Street Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 430**
5. City, State, Zip Code: **Laytonville, CA 95454**
6. Contact Person: **Olivia Grupp**
7. Telephone Number: **951-852-0513**
8. Email address: **oligrupp@yahoo.com**
9. Website address(es): www.mendowildlife.com; www.fawnrescue.org
10. Project Title: **Ridgewood Ranch Fawn Pen**
11. Fish and Game Code Section 13103 Category: **(b) temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife**
12. Amount Requested (\$): **\$6,000**
13. Objectives: **See attached pages**
14. Specie(s) Benefited: **Black-tailed Deer**
15. Work Schedule: **Work will be completed by April 2023**
16. Site Location (include reference to nearest city, town, and/or prominent landmark: **Ridgewood Ranch, south of Willits, CA (see attached map)**
17. Site Location – GPS Coordinates: **39.32174 N, 123.31100 W**
18. **We would also like to be considered for funding** from the Ft. Bragg-based Salmon Restoration Association <http://www.salmonrestoration.com/> (for salmon habitat enhancement/restoration, salmon conservation, or salmon education projects). _____ YES No.

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Mendocino County Fish & Game Project Objective:

We have been providing care for injured and orphaned black-tailed deer fawns since 2018. The facility operates as a satellite facility under Fawn Rescue of Sonoma County's rehabilitation license and is the only facility in Mendocino County. Over the last 5 years we have rehabilitated and released 30 fawns back into the wild. Typically fawns come to us starting in April to late July. All fawns are released at 4 months of age, at which time they are weaned and able to survive on their own. Release locations vary but are generally on ranches that allow limited hunting and border public land.

It has become evident that a second pen would greatly benefit the fawns. Multiple pens will allow for fawns to be grouped by age, provide for the more specific dietary needs of individual age groups, and allow for less handling at release time. Multiple pens will allow for segregation of sick or injured fawns requiring more care. Population size in each individual pen will be reduced, decreasing potential for disease spread and population density stress.



The secondary facility will provide for better grouping by age

Volunteers at the second facility will work cooperatively with me for fawn intake, evaluation, treatment, and dietary needs throughout their 4 months in captivity. Release sites will be evaluated, and dates adjusted to meet fawn readiness. Release days are schedule around favorable weather conditions to minimize stress.

The grant funds will be directly used to build a pen meeting, or exceeding, the minimum standards for wildlife rehabilitation. The contractor who built the current pen has provided a quote for the work, which is attached. Once grant funds are awarded the project can be completed within 4 weeks.

Milestones:

- Grant award
March 15, 2023
- Hire contractor
March 29, 2023
- Set posts
April 10, 2023
- Install wire-
April 13, 2023
- Install privacy screen
April 15, 2023



Current pen located in Willits

Mendocino Wildlife Association will fund all portions of the work above the grant amount and purchase the privacy screen. There are no administrative costs associated with this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments:

- 1-Location map
- 2-Letter of Support/Landowner Permission
- 3-Quote from Olenik Fence Company



Proposed location of pen on Ridgewood Ranch
16200 Hwy 101
Willits, CA



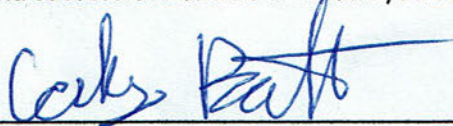
October 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you about a wonderful opportunity we have here at Ridgewood Ranch to participate in the Fawn Rescue in Mendocino County. Here at Ridgewood Ranch we have a group of people, headed up by Erin Holzhauser, who are committed to participating in wildlife rescue. This year we were approached by those who have been involved in the fawn rescue in the past and were informed that a new place would have to be found. We walked around our property and found a few places that might work. The most promising area is under lease by The School of Adaptive Agriculture in the orchard they have in the lease. They decided they would only do a trial for 1 year which will not work for our purposes.

We have areas perfect for this project 1) close enough to the community for volunteers to reach but far enough away to keep the fawns feral 2) many volunteers wanting to learn and help with the project 3) trailers and 5000 acres to help release the fawns when they are old enough to be in the wild. What we need is fencing and shelter (from predators, severe weather and human contact) to keep them so that we can continue fawn rescue in perpetuity . Any help you are able to give to secure this fawn rescue here at Ridgewood Ranch would be a blessing and would be gratefully accepted by all those wanting to make this a safe and successful transition. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Cody Bartholomew



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Olenik Fence Co.

Estimate

Number: E951

Date: October 13, 2022

Bill To:

Mendocino Wildlife Association
P.O.Box 430
Laytonville, Ca. 95454

Pay To:

Olenik Fence Co.
P.O.Box 411
Willits, Ca. 95490

Fawn Enclosure

Description	Amount
250 ft. of 8 ft. tall non climb fencing	
2 7/8 corner posts schedule 40 , 1 5/8 bracing all in cement	
10 ft. tall T posts heavy duty in between metal posts	
2- 4 ft. wide 8 ft. tall walk thru gates, 1 5/8 pipe with nonclimb wire on them	
Material & Labor Totals	7,985.00
Total	\$7,985.00