



Small Grant Program Proposal

California - Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Purpose: Provide funding for fisheries-related projects in California or Nevada. The goal would be to fund at least 2 awards totaling \$3,000. This money can be used to get a project started or to supplement funding from other sources.

Process: Application open period from **March 20-May 5, 2023**, with a 2-week review period, and 2 weeks for the Grant Committee to make selections. The Grant Committee would be responsible for reviewing and selecting grantees by June 2, 2023. The Grant Committee would include the Travel and Grants Chair, one volunteer from the Executive Committee, and the officers.

Funding Priorities: Projects that further the mission of the American Fisheries Society and the strategic objectives of Cal-Neva Chapter will be targeted for this funding. The mission of AFS is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fisher resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. The chapters of AFS look to advance the Society goals by coordinating member activities related to information exchange, outreach, and aquatic stewardship with their geographic region.

Application: Must be a member to apply, but applications can be submitted for groups (i.e. student sub-units). Applications must use 1-inch page margins, 11-point font, and must not be longer than 2 pages. The following information must be included:

1. Project Title
2. Name of AFS member of Subunit seeking funding
3. Applicant's Member Number
4. Applicant's contact information (position, address, phone number, and emails)
5. Co-Applicant information, if warranted
6. Total estimated project cost and amount of funding provided by other entities (identify sources)
7. If selected, how would the funds be used?
8. Will this funding allow for completion of the project or will you still need additional funds?
9. General project timeline, included estimated time to completion
10. Do you have the permits required to complete this work?
11. Project description – Describe how project aligns and furthers AFS's mission and Ca-Neva AFS' objectives.

NOTE: This program will not provide funding to projects that are mandated through regulatory actions

Criteria: The following criteria will be used when scoring the applications. Does the proposal:

1. Promote AFS's mission and Cal-Neva's objectives?
2. Incorporate and promote science-based management, conservation, or understanding of fisheries resources?
3. Elevate the visibility of fisheries issues to a broad audience?
4. Need the Cal-Neva grant to complete the project?
5. Additional benefits to the Cal-Neva chapter or AFS?
6. Have the required permits to complete the work?
7. Followed application instructions

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