



Town of Seabrook Island

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Environment & Wildlife Grants **2024**

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Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grant Program Program Guidelines

PURPOSE

Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grants will be awarded by the Town of Seabrook Island to provide support funding for programs and activities designed to preserve and protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, enhance environmental and wildlife conservation efforts, or which improve citizen participation, satisfaction, and sense of place.

ELIGIBILITY

An Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grant may be awarded to (1) an organization operating and established as a non-profit entity under state and/or federal law; or (2) an organization established to advance a common interest or cause but prohibited by its written rules and guidelines from operating for a profit, including but not limited to, charitable associations, social clubs, trade and professional groups, or sporting clubs. An eligible organization must open its membership to all persons. Organizations formally associated with a national, state or local political party will not be eligible. All activities for which grant funding is sought must be lawful under state and federal laws and conform to all ordinances, regulations, and other rules established by the Town of Seabrook Island. Town Council always has the right to amend or limit eligibility criteria.

GRANT AWARDS

Funds will be awarded in amounts ranging from \$250.00 to \$2,500.00. The total amount of grant funds available each calendar year will be determined by, and shall not exceed, the amount included for the Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grant Program in the annual budget ordinance approved by the Town Council. Not all appropriated funds need be expended if qualifying applications are not received. Organizations may apply for more than one grant; provided, however, the total amount awarded to any organization shall not exceed \$2,500.00 in any calendar year.

APPLICATION

Organizations wishing to apply for an Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grant must complete and submit an application form to the Town Clerk during the calendar year for which the grant funds would be expended.

For the 2024 calendar year, grant applications will be accepted starting April 1, 2024. The first review of applications will take place on April 11, 2024, and will be completed within 45 days. Applications received after the first review will be considered in the order in which they are received and will be approved or disallowed within 60 days of receipt. Applications will be accepted until the earlier of October 1, 2024, or upon the commitment of all available grant funding for 2024.

Please return completed grant applications to:

Town of Seabrook Island
Attn: Town Clerk
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455

REVIEW

Grant applications will first be reviewed by the town's Environment and Wildlife Committee. The Environment and Wildlife Committee shall have the authority to establish rules for reviewing applications, including asking for additional information, suggesting changes to the application to ensure it conforms with all grant criteria, and/or requesting an in-person or virtual presentation to better judge the application.

Upon reviewing each grant application, the committee shall make a recommendation to the Town Council as to whether the application should be approved (in whole or in part) or denied. The Town Council shall have final authority in approving or denying grant applications.

DELIVERY OF GRANT FUNDS

Organizations receiving funding from the Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grant program shall submit to the Town Clerk all necessary documentation, including invoices and/or paid receipts, documenting the organization's commitment or expenditure of awarded grant funds. All disbursement requests will be reviewed and approved by the Town Administrator. Upon approval, a disbursement check will be issued to the organization. Disbursement requests must be received no later than December 15th of the calendar year within which the grant was awarded. Grant funds that are uncommitted or unspent at the end of the calendar year will be returned to the town's General Fund.