

Wildlife Welfare Cage Building Grant

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Applications should be submitted to Paige Person, Wildlife Welfare Training Team Chairman. All WWI members in good standing (dues paid and no wildlife infractions) are encouraged to apply for a Cage Building Grant in accordance with the eligibility requirements and instructions found on the application form. Many thanks to WRNC (Wildlife Rehabbers of North Carolina) for allowing us to use their Cage Grant guidelines.

NOTE: Preference will be given to those members who do not have a large cage already, who have been rehabbing for at least a year, and have a suitable location with trees in their yards for shade for possible soft releases. A site inspection may be done. The selection for the three grant recipients will be made by the WWI Training Team.

Instructions and application form follow.

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- Three other rehabilitators (WWI members), are required to vouch for the need of the person applying for the grant. They would verify that the person is indeed actively rehabilitating a medium-to-large volume of animals, is known to them as a rehabber in good standing and holds current state and/or federal licenses. The WWI training team will verify this information by phone calls and/or emails.
- The applicant must sign a Promissory Note stating that a minimum of 90% of the money will be used only for the building of the cage. [This will allow you to use some previously purchased materials (nails, bolts, wire, etc.) without forcing you to buy more just to satisfy the total grant amount.]
- The three initial people vouching for the applicant will also be required to confirm that the cage has actually been built. WWI Training team members will again verify this by phone calls.
- The Training Committee requires that a final color photograph be submitted once the cage has been built.
- Copies of the actual receipts for the cage building supplies must be submitted once the cage building is complete.
- A time limit of 90 days is standard from the time the check is issued to the time the cage has been completed. Acceptable extenuating circumstances documented in a letter to the Training Committee expiration of the 90 day period may result in formal grant time extension with a new completion date. (There may be extenuating circumstances that are acceptable to increase this time period, but they must be put in writing and the Training Committee notified for the reason for the delay, and a completion date must be set, with the promise to adhere to it). However, failure to comply with the new date will result in WWI asking for the money to be returned and issued to another recipient.

Cage Building Grant Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone #: _____
E-mail: _____ Are you licensed? Federal ____ State ____

How long have you been actively rehabilitating? _____

Provide a brief summary of your rehabilitation/education: _____

List the reasons you feel that you qualify for this grant and document your need: _____

Indicate what the cage will be used for, the dimensions and a description of what you plan to build, and whether this meets the NWRA/IWRC guidelines for that species (attach add'l sheets, drawings): _____

Where will the cage be built/assembled? List address, and is this your home? _____

If this is not your own property, do you have written permission to build at the location? _____

If you are not building the cage yourself, who will be building the cage? _____

How long do you expect it will take to have the cage finished? _____

Plan of action for covering any costs over \$500.00 associated with the proposed cage construction: _____

Provide itemized list including cost of the specific expenses to be covered by this grant:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

List three references (rehabilitators): You must include name, phone number and email address.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

By signing this application, I agree that if I am awarded a Cage Building Grant, I will use monies received exclusively for the purpose of building a new pre-release cage (or expanding/repairing an existing cage). I will submit copies of dated receipts within 90 days after receiving monies, for materials purchased in an amount not less than 90% of total grant money awarded. Upon completion of this project, I will submit a color picture of the cage. Acceptance of this grant constitutes a contract between WWI and me, the recipient. Therefore, if I as the grant recipient do not fulfill the requirements stated above in the allotted time-frame (with or without an approved extension) or do not utilize the funds for their intended purpose, a reimbursement of the grant funds (\$500.00) must be made to Wildlife Welfare, Inc.

Signature: _____