



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ZOO KEEPERS

**Bowling for Rhinos Conservation Resource Grant Submission Guidelines**

AAZK Grant application forms can be found at [AAZK.org](http://AAZK.org)



**General Grant Guidelines**

The Bowling for Rhinos Conservation Resource Grant (CRG) is a competitive grant awarded annually to a project focused on research and conservation benefiting rhino, their ecosystems, and/or the communities supporting them. This grant is made possible by the Conservation Resource Fund supported through AAZK's signature event, Bowling for Rhinos.

**Application Deadline**

November 1 the year prior to the project date

**Qualifications**

Applicants need not to be AAZK members nor affiliated with AAZK in order to apply. However, preference may be given to AAZK members and AAZK Conservation Partners. This grant is only open to non-profits.

**Notification**

The BFR Program, Grants Committee and AAZK designees will review all Grant applications. Grant winners will be notified within forty five (45) days. BFR and the Grants Committee reserve the right to extend this deadline with necessary.

**Grant Sum**

2% of the Bowling for Rhinos funds raised by AAZK chapters and donors annually is utilized towards the BFR CRG. Specific funding availability may be obtained by contacting [BFR@AAZK.org](mailto:BFR@AAZK.org). The BFR Program and Grants Committee reserve the right to split the funds among applicants, if applicable.

**Submission Guidelines**

Applications are accepted starting January 1 of each calendar year.

The Grant Application is a **fillable PDF document** that should be completed and signed **electronically**. In order for full functionality, please open and complete the application in Adobe Reader© or Adobe Acrobat©.

**A complete application shall include:**

- Completed Grant Application Form
- 2 letters of support
- A complete *curriculum vitae* (CV)

The application packet should be compiled into one (1) PDF document (preferred) and emailed to BFR CRG Coordinator Selenia Murillo at [BFR@AAZK.org](mailto:BFR@AAZK.org) ATTN: BFR CRG with a copy to [Ed.Hansen@AAZK.org](mailto:Ed.Hansen@AAZK.org) or mailed to:

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*Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered for review.*



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**Grant Stipulations**

**Project Requirements**

Successful proposals will reflect AAZK values and meet award criteria in one of four categories:

1. ***In-situ Rhino Conservation and Research***: field research or conservation project focusing on African or Asian rhino species
2. ***In-situ Community, Educational, or Medical Program***: community education, school support or medical programs in Africa or Asia
3. ***In-situ Species Conservation***: field research or conservation project that focuses on any species sharing the same ecosystem with Javan, Sumatran, Black, or White Rhino
4. ***Ex-situ Rhino Conservation and Research***: zoological research project on a rhino species that partners with a rhino conservation entity operating in Asia or Africa, combined with a tangible benefit to an in-situ conservation project

**Upon Grant Award**

- Your name is the account identifier for transactions with the AAZK Administrative offices.
- All funding shall be utilized for the purposes stated in the Grant Application. AAZK shall be notified immediately if the proposal changes or is cancelled.
- Funds are allocated on a reimbursement basis only and are subject to approval by the Chief Executive Officer of AAZK.
  - **Original receipts** should be sent to the AAZK Administrative Offices with your name on each as an identifier along with an address to send reimbursement.
  - A copy should be sent to the IOC Chair.
  - Receipts will be reviewed within ten working days. Approved reimbursements will be allocated after the review process is complete.
- Reimbursement may also be received at the National Conference if receipts are submitted and approved during the conference.
- AAZK shall receive a summary of the work completed on July 1 following the year of award.
- Grant recipient will be asked to write a report on the conference for the AAZK *Animal Keepers' Forum*. This will be sent to the Editor of the *Forum*. A copy of this report should also be sent to the International Outreach Committee Chair.
- Recipients are encouraged to similarly report to their institution.
- Members who have been awarded this grant CANNOT reapply for one (1) grant cycle, twelve (12) months.
- Applicants awarded any or all of the Grant fund will be permitted to apply for any of the grants available upon the next date of submission with the exception of the Grant they were awarded. The applicant shall not be permitted to reapply for the same grant they were initially awarded for one (1) grant cycle, twelve (12) months.
- Failure to comply with any of the above mentioned regulations may result in the revocation of the grant at any time.



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**Grant Stipulations (Cont)**

**Upon Grant Rejection**

- If an applicant is not awarded any part of the grant fund, the applicant will be permitted to apply for any of the grants available upon the next date of submission.
- Applicants who do not receive any of the grant fund will be notified within forty five (45) days of the grant deadline. BFR and the Grants Committee reserves the right to extend this deadline as necessary.

**Contact Information**

**AAZK Bowling for Rhinos Program**

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