



SCI Foundation Conservation Matching Grants Eligibility Criteria and Application

Conservation Matching Grant Projects

Conservation Matching Grants help SCI Chapters accomplish conservation projects that further the mission of SCI/F. At the same time, they build partnerships with state and federal agencies, organizations and other SCI Chapters. SCI Foundation, as an organization, is proud to fund Chapter projects because they portray how hunters are seriously involved in conservation.

Conservation efforts include those projects that lead to the sustainable management of natural resources. The trend is to consider conservation not only in terms of huntable game populations, but also as the maintenance of functioning ecosystems which sustain quality habitat for all wildlife species. Since the costs associated with conservation efforts are escalating, no one organization can conserve wildlife on their own. Public and private coalitions are quickly becoming a mode by which significant conservation projects can be implemented. Such coalitions allow SCI/F to form and to participate in associations which further its mission of on-the-ground conservation.

Safari Club Chapters should strive to keep conservation-related projects mission oriented and aligned with the goals developed in SCI Foundation strategic planning sessions. Conservation grant requests should be aligned with the following criteria:

➤ **Wildlife Management**

Wildlife management refers to the active implementation of techniques or equipment to manage wildlife populations or their habitats. Examples of management projects may include:

- Population surveys, monitoring projects and species inventories
- Development and implementation of wildlife management plans
- Purchase of equipment for state agencies to conduct management prescriptions
- Reintroduction and translocation of species where they once occurred
- Habitat manipulation or enhancement projects

➤ **Research**

Research projects should be credible programs carried out by qualified individuals with specific objectives. These objectives should enhance our abilities to sustain habitat and populations of all wildlife.

- Research of predators and their influence on prey
- Behavior and ecology of a species
- Development and evaluation of wildlife management techniques, population surveys and modeling

- Wildlife disease research
- Species habitat associations, habitat quality and habitat modeling
- Studies of hunters and their interaction with wildlife and with each other (qualitative and quantitative surveys)

➤ **Enforcement**

Enforcement includes activities associated with regulating wildlife use such as harvesting, access, and the enforcement of wildlife laws. Examples of enforcement projects may include:

- Supporting state agency anti-poaching efforts (purchase of animated anti-poaching decoys)
- Supporting state agency enforcement efforts (purchase of enforcement equipment)

Conservation Eligibility Criteria

1. To be eligible for a matching grant, a Chapter must be in compliance according to the SCI/F bylaws quoted in Article XVI, section 1 through 5. Grant requests from Chapters/Committees in existence for less than 12 months will be reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Matching Grants Committee only.

2. After receiving matching grant funds, each recipient Chapter must provide the Conservation Grants Subcommittee Chairman or SCIF Conservation staff a formal written report regarding the project. Submission of photographs is encouraged. **The report must contain the following information:**

- How and when the money was spent.
- How the matching grant/project contributed to the conservation goals of SCI/F.
- How the matching grant/project benefited the recipient of the funds.
- The publicity and public relations value realized by the local chapter or SCI/F.
- The name, address and phone number of the person, company or organization that received the funds and the name, address and phone number of the representative of such recipient who is most knowledgeable regarding the contribution made by SCI/F and the local chapter.
- Inclusion of any video footage or digital images and permission for SCI/F to use them as SCI/F wishes, including but not limited to the SCI/F website and SCI/F TV or video productions. Any format is acceptable.

❖ **PLEASE NOTE: Failure to submit a formal written report may result in denial of any future Matching Grant applications.**

3. A Chapter or Chapter Sables Committee is limited to \$2,000 in Conservation matching grants per year. A chapter cannot receive a matching grant in excess of 50% of the chapter's 30% payment to SCI/F or 50% of what the chapter invested in the project. Matching Grants will not be awarded to both a Chapter and its Chapter Sables Committee for the same project.

5. No matching grant can be given to any political party campaign, or be used for any political purpose, even if it is related to wildlife conservation such as a ballot initiative.

6. A receipt or proof of payment must be secured from the ultimate recipient/benefactor.

7. Projects must be submitted within 12 months of their completion to be considered for conservation matching grant funds.

Conservation Application Procedure

1. Please send your application with proof of Chapter payment (e.g., copy of cancelled check, front and back; thank you letter; bank statement by email, fax or mail to:

Michelle Tacconelli
SCI Foundation Conservation Department
501 2nd St NE
Washington, DC 20002 USA
Fax: (202) 543- 1205

Or

mtacconelli@safariclub.org
Subject line: *Chapter's Name Matching Grant*

2. Please include in your request all available information and detail to include:

- Background regarding the application,
- A detailed description of the program or project to be supported,
- An explanation of how this expenditure of funds will assist the recipient of the funds,
- Information on how this expenditure of funds will support SCI Foundation conservation goals,
- Any other related information available

Be sure to specify the amount of money that will be contributed by the local chapter and the amount of money that Safari Club International Foundation is being asked to contribute.

Please specify to who the SCIF grant should be sent, which is typically the SCI Chapter or the project administrator.

3. The Conservation Grants Subcommittee will review all applications arriving at the Washington DC Office quarterly (September, December, March, and June). The subcommittee will ensure each chapter is in compliance with SCI/F Bylaws and that the project is within matching grant guidelines before a grant is awarded.

4. Once a funding decision has been made on a matching grant application, the Chapter will be notified by SCI Foundation staff. Checks will be processed and sent to the address supplied by the Chapter. SCI Foundation staff will contact a Chapter for additional information if necessary to make a funding decision, and these applications will be approved pending the necessary information identified within the Matching Grants Guidelines.

Payment

1. IF THE CHAPTER HAS REQUESTED A FULL MATCH (100% OF THE TOTAL CHAPTER CONTRIBUTION), SCIF WILL SEND THE CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR. SCIF will provide a check that matches the Chapter's contribution. (e.g., the SCI Michigan Chapter contributes \$2,000 directly to Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a bear

study and requests \$2,000 SCIF matching grant to be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

2. IF THE CHAPTER HAS REQUESTED A REIMBURSEMENT (50 % OF THE TOTAL CHAPTER CONTRIBUTION), SCIF WILL SEND THE CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE CHAPTER. The Chapter can directly fund the entire amount of the grant to a respective project to receive a full credit for the contribution. SCI/F will then reimburse the Chapter, (e.g., the SCI Michigan Chapter contributes \$4,000 directly to Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a bear study and requests the maximum of \$2,000 in a SCIF matching grant as reimbursement to the Michigan Chapter).

CONSERVATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

To be eligible for a matching grant, a chapter must be 990 compliant and have submitted their 30% for the fiscal year

Chapter Name: _____

Submitted By: _____

SCI Chapter Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Postal code: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____

Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____ Fax: _____

Matching Grant Project (Include a detailed description of the program or project to be supported)

Explanation of how this project will support the Conservation/Education/Humanitarian goal of SCI/SCIF.

What kind of acknowledgement is your chapter or SCI receiving due to this project?

Amount Contributed by Chapter: \$ _____ Amount Requested from SCIF for project: \$ _____

Name of Chapter or Organization to receive SCIF matching amount: _____

Contact name: _____ Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chapter Representative

Please send completed application and supporting documents to:

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