



**Denver Field Ornithologists Grant
Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
2024**

Grant applicant's Information:

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Project goals:

Provide specialized food and medical supplies for wildlife in need.

Location where project activities will take place:

Front Range of Colorado from North of Pueblo to the Wyoming border.

Timeline:

The 2024 calendar year

Conservation project methods to be used:

We request support for the purchase of species-specific foods and medical supplies that are vital for the healthy development of young wildlife and the recovery of adults from injuries and illness.

Nutritious foods are critical wildlife in our care. We continually solicit and receive in-kind food donations for adult patients (dog/cat food, bird seed, fruits/vegetables). However, orphaned young need species-specific formulas from specialty retailers. Recuperating adults often require specialized foods such as live fish, crickets, waxworms, and fruit flies—which the public does not have ready access to.

Highly specialized medical supplies (tubes, gavages) allow us to effectively feed birds like doves, which are very susceptible to aspiration and stress during feeding. We always need bandages and wraps for injuries as well as vaccines, antibiotics, pain medication, needles, and syringes. With appropriate foods and well-stocked supplies, Greenwood stands ready to offer emergency services to help wildlife.

Detailed Budget:

Budget Items	Amount
Specialized Food and Formula	\$19,000
Medications, Vaccines, and General Medical Supplies	\$33,500
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$52,500</i>

Letter of support:

Dr. Jen Shoonmaker – Associate Veterinarian - NVA Compassion-First

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (GWRC) in interest of the DFO Education and Conservation Grant.

I have been involved with GWRC for staff and public education projects for several years, and more recently, for professional veterinary services. GWRC provides excellent care for wildlife patients and would benefit from financial support to continue to strengthen their efforts in both avian conservation and education. GWRC fully utilizes their ability to use each species and individual bird’s ecology to formulate the best well-rounded plan for both rehabilitation and animal’s future success, which in turn works towards conservation efforts as well. GWRC has a great ability to utilize their skills and resources in a way that is efficient and far-reaching.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of GWRC as they seek support and funding for both education and avian conservation projects that benefit patients, wildlife, community, and ecology.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schoonmaker, DVM, MSc
Veterinary Consultant

List of previous publications:

National Geographic
National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (NWRA)
The Denver Post
Boulder Daily Camera
Longmont Times
Redstone Review
Mapleton Stroll
Lyons Recorder
Inside Edition
Denver Westword
The Lark Bunting
Lefthand Valley Courier
Estes Park News
CBS – Denver and national digital print
The Denverite
Colorado Public Radio – digital print
Yellow Scene Magazine