

Conserve Wildlife Matching Grants Program Ranking Criteria Form

Applicant: _____ Project Title/Subject: _____
 Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Enter points in yellow column ↓

								YES / NO
1)	Does the project address an action described in the Wildlife Action Plan? (with page # identified)	YES = Proceed with ranking NO = Proposal should not be considered for funding						YES / NO
2)	Will the project beneficially impact populations or habitats of NJ's species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) or fill data gaps for SGCN?	(no benefit)	1	2	3	4	5 (great benefit)	
3)	Does the project complement a new or significant ENSP initiative (such as WAP, CHANJ, or other), and/or result in a product that the ENSP can use to inform or direct future work?	(no complement)	1	2	3	4	5 (highly complements)	
4)	Does the project engage the public in a significant way, raising awareness of the public's responsibility to actively conserve wildlife?	(no awareness)	1	2	3	4	5 (high awareness)	
5)	Are project activities well-suited to achieving the stated goals and objectives?	(not well-suited)	1	2	3	4	5 (very well-suited)	
6)	Is the project a good fit for the applicant/organization? Does it complement existing programs within the organization?	(poor fit)	1	2	3	4	5 (excellent fit)	
7)	Does the applicant have relevant expertise/experience with the species, habitat, or activity proposed? If requesting a grant for educational materials or outreach products, did the applicant provide examples demonstrating the necessary skills?	(no experience)	1	2	3	4	5 (strong experience or skill)	
8)	How achievable are the project objectives given the one-year completion requirement? (1 year timeline is required by rule)	(unachievable)	1	2	3	4	5 (very achievable)	
9)	Does the project bring together traditional and nontraditional partners, capitalizing on shared resources and interest?	(no partnership)	1	2	3	4	5 (strong partnership)	
10)	Is the project responsive to regional as well as local needs?	(not responsive)	1	2	3	4	5 (highly responsive)	
11)	Is this award providing critical funding to complete the project? (Intent of rule is to provide key match for projects)	(funds not critical)	1	2	3	4	5 (provides critical funds)	
12)	Does the project have the support of local or county agencies, civic groups, etc., as evidenced by letters of endorsement submitted on the applicant's behalf?	(no support)	1	2	3	4	5 (strong support)	
13)	Has the applicant secured or designated the matching funds to cover at least 50% of the project cost, as required? (If match is met score 4; if match exceeded score 5. Monetary match representing at least 25% of the grantee's share must be identified.)	(match not met)	1	2	3	4	5 (match exceeded)	

Total Points: _____
Score (%): _____

Recommendation of Committee Member: _____