

# Chimney Swift Tower Grant

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*Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina, Inc.*

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## Why?

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Chimney Swifts, migratory birds that help decrease our dangerously high insect pest population, are in decline due to loss of habitat. Fortunately, Chimney Swifts are well adapted to man-made structures, so it is possible to create nesting habitat specifically for Swifts. If you are a member of an environmentally active group, an individual environment enthusiast, a WRNC member or nonmember, you may want to construct and maintain a Chimney Swift tower in your area to encourage Chimney Swifts, acrobatic insectivores who vacuum the sky at dawn and dusk, to return to your community each year. Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina, Inc. (WRNC) would like to help. Our organization is offering a \$500.00 grant to assist you or your group to undertake this valuable conservation project.

## Requirements:

- A. North Carolina residents are eligible to apply for the WRNC Chimney Swift Tower Grant Program and must complete and submit the application (addendum) to WRNC **no later than November 1st**, annually.
  - B. Two references, with contact information, must be provided.
  - C. Selected tower location must be in North Carolina and approved by Parks and Recreation of the town before construction begins (if tower is to be erected in a public park or access area) or approved by the landowner, if tower will be erected on private land other than your own. **Provide images/picture(s) of proposed location site with application.**
  - D. A tower must be **constructed and maintained** in accordance with the guidelines contained in the book "Chimney Swift Towers, New Habitat for America's Mysterious Birds," by Paul D. and Georgean Z. Kyle, which will be provided to you if your grant request is approved. For further research and personal procurement of the Kyle Chimney Swift Tower booklet, guidance is provided online at [www.chimneyswifts.org](http://www.chimneyswifts.org).  
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[www.chimneyswifts.org/page16.html](http://www.chimneyswifts.org/page16.html)                      [www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/chimswtower.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/chimswtower.html)
- Note:** A selected tower site must be a minimum **10' by 10' cleared area** to accommodate Chimney Swift flight and dive patterns.
- E. Tower construction must be **completed within three months after receiving WRNC grant monies.**
  - F. A completed tower must be **branded with the erecting organization's name (i.e. Boy Scouts of America, Onslow County, Troop 507 and as stated, "funding assisted by Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina, Inc."** on erecting organization's personal choice of wall or display panel.
  - G. A **picture of the completed tower** and **copies of receipts** for materials purchased in an amount not less than 90% of total grant money awarded must be sent to the address provided below.

**Submit application by November 1<sup>st</sup> annually, to:**

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