

WRNC Cage Building Grant

Modified October 2019

Three \$500.00 grants will be awarded to help defray costs for three current (dues paid) WRNC members to use for cage building. WRNC requires that these **cages be built to meet the 4th edition (2012) IWRC/NWRA "Minimum Standards Guidelines"**. In order to prevent awarding this money and not having it used for the cage building, the **WRNC Board of Directors requires several safeguard measures:**

- **Three other rehabilitators (WRNC members), as well as the veterinarian** that the applicant works with for their injured wildlife are required to vouch for the need of the person applying for the grant. They would verify that the person is indeed actively rehabilitating a medium-to-large volume of animals, is known to them as a rehabber in good standing, and holding current state and/or federal licenses. Board members will verify this information by phone calls and/or emails.
- The **veterinarian must also vouch for the need** of the person applying for the grant.
- The **Board may ask to have a copy of the applicant's statistical records** to use as proof-of- need as well.
- The applicant must sign a **Promissory Note stating that a minimum of 90% of the money will be used** only for the purchase of materials used in building of the cage. [This will allow you to use some previously purchased materials (wood, nails, bolts, wire, etc.) without forcing you to buy more just to satisfy the total grant amount.]
- The **three initial people vouching for the applicant** will also be required to confirm that the cage has actually been built. Board members will again verify this by phone calls.
- The **Board requires that a final color photograph** be submitted once the cage has been built. The photo may be used as publicity for the grant program and an article in the next newsletter.
- The **Board requires a copy of the actual receipts** for the cage building supplies once the cage building is complete.
- **A time limit of 90 days** is standard from the time the check is issued to the time the cage has been completed. Acceptable extenuating circumstances documented in a letter to the Board before expiration of the 90 day period may result in formal grant time extension with a new completion date. (There may be extenuating circumstances that are acceptable to increase this time period, but they must be put in writing and the Board notified for the reason for the delay, and a completion date must be set, with the promise to adhere to it.) However, failure to comply with the new date will result in the Board asking for the money to be returned and issued to another recipient.

Time Frame:

- Applications are **due by November 1st**, annually.
- **All WRNC members in good standing (dues paid and no wildlife infractions) are encouraged to apply** for a Cage Building Grant in accordance with the eligibility requirements and instructions contained herein. Preference will be given to those members who have not previously been awarded a WRNC Cage Building Grant.
- The **selection for the three grant recipients** will be made by the Board of Directors in December and the recipients notified immediately following that decision. Recipients will be announced in the newsletter and at the annual symposium banquet.

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Cage Building Grant Application Form



Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Organization: _____ (if individual request, enter N/A)

Are you a WRNC member? Yes _____ No _____ Are you licensed? Federal _____ State _____

How long have you been actively rehabilitating? _____

Provide a brief summary of your rehabilitation/education activities for the previous fiscal or calendar year (can attach additional sheets) _____

List the reasons you feel that you qualify for this grant and document your need. _____

Indicate what the cage will be used for, the dimensions and a description of what you plan to build, and whether this meets the NWRA/IWRC and/or NCWRC guidelines for that species (attach add'l sheets, drawings)

Where will the cage be built/assembled? (address) _____

If this is not your own property, do you have written permission to build at the location? _____

Proposed timeline for use of this grant _____

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Plan of action for covering any costs over \$ 500 associated with the proposed cage construction

Provide itemized list including cost of the specific expenses to be covered by this grant

1) _____ 4) _____
2) _____ 5) _____
3) _____ 6) _____

List three references (rehabilitators and veterinarian): You must include name, address, phone number and email address. (Please indicate if the reference person is a current member of WRNC.)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

By signing this application I agree that if I am awarded a cage grant I will use monies received exclusively for purchase of materials for a new pre-release cage (or expanding/repairing an existing cage.) I will submit copies of dated receipts within 90 days after receiving monies, for materials purchased in an amount not less than 90% of total grant money awarded. Upon completion of project I will submit a color picture of the cage,

Acceptance of this grant constitutes a contract between WRNC and the recipient. Therefore, if the grant recipient does not fulfill the requirements stated above in the allotted time frame (with or without a WRNC approved extension) or does not utilize the funds for their intended purpose, a reimbursement of the grant funds (\$500.00) must be made to WRNC as scheduled by the Grant Coordinator.

Signature: _____

Return by November 1st, annually, to:

Mary Ellen Rogers, 1638 East Beach Dr, Oak Island, NC 28465 or
seabiscuitshelter@yahoo.com