

WRNC Cage Building Grant

Modified October 26, 2022

Two \$1,000.00 grants will be awarded to help defray costs for two current (dues paid) WRNC members to use for cage building. WRNC requires that these **cages be built to meet the 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:**

- **Two 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.
- 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 building of the cage. [This will allow you to use some previously purchased materials (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 an email to the Cage Committee Chair 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 Cage Committee Chair 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 two grant recipients** will be made by the Board of Directors during the annual Symposium (January), and the recipients notified immediately following that decision.

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Cage Building Grant Application Form

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Are you a WRNC member? Yes _____ No _____

Are you licensed? Federal _____ State _____

How long have you been actively rehabilitating? _____

List the reasons you feel that you qualify for this grant and document your need. Indicate what the cage will be used for, **attach** a diagram with dimensions and a description of what you plan to build, and whether this meets the Minimum Standards Guidelines for that species. Attach an estimate of cost and materials to be used:

List three references (rehabilitators and veterinarian): You must include name, address, and phone number. (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 purposes of building 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,

Signature: _____

Return by November 1st, annually, to:

Sea Biscuit Wildlife Shelter, ATTN Mary Ellen Rogers, 1638 E Beach Dr, Oak Island, NC 28465 or
maryellenrogers@bellsouth.net