



Amphibian Ark

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You can find the Grant Application Forms at www.AmphibianArk.org

PROGRAM GRANTS GUIDELINES

Amphibian Ark's program grants are intended to support conservation projects for amphibian species that cannot currently be saved in the wild, with a primary focus on *ex situ* actions, and in partnership with appropriate field activities. Projects mainly dealing with field-based conservation are encouraged to apply elsewhere.

This application is for newly-launched *ex situ* rescue projects, with funding available for 1- 3 years. Funded programs will receive up to US\$7,000 in the first year. Additional funds will be available for year 2 (up to US\$5,000) and year 3 (up to US\$3,000) if projects have met their stated objectives and applicants have submitted required reports in a timely manner.

Species must have been assessed as in need of *ex situ* rescue or research by a [Conservation Needs Assessment](#). If your species does not have an assessment, please contact us at grants@amphibianark.org before submitting an application.

PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Name(s)--please list project lead first.
- Email
- Project Title
- What institution(s) do you work for and/or will support this project?
- What country will this project be based in?



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Species

- What species is the focus of your program? Please use the scientific name.
- Will your project occur in this species' range country? **Please note that range country programs are strongly preferred.**
- What is the global IUCN Red List Category for this species? If this species has a more threatened status in a National Assessment, please indicate under "Other."
- Has the focal species been recommended for *ex situ* rescue through AArk's Conservation Needs Assessment or an equivalent assessment process (indicate in "Other")? **Please note that this is a requirement.** If your species has not yet been assessed, please contact us at info@amphibianark.org. You cannot proceed with this application without an assessment.
- Please provide a link to the Conservation Needs Assessment or equivalent assessment.
- Do you plan to work with an analog species first? If so, please provide the scientific name. Note: Starting an *ex situ* program with a closely related, but less threatened species (an analog species) is sometimes necessary if there is little known about husbandry and breeding techniques for the focal species. If you do plan to start with an analog species, please be clear throughout the application which steps and methods refer to the analog vs. focal species.
- Where will you be obtaining individuals of the focal and/or analog species?
- Do you already have the permits to transport animals from the wild or another institution? If yes, please provide details (permit number, governing body, etc.) If not, please explain.
- How many individuals (male vs. female) will you be starting with?
- What collaborations do you currently have or plan to have in place for the holistic conservation of this species (e.g., *in situ* components)?

Amphibian Husbandry Experience

- Please summarize your (project lead and/or team's) experience with amphibian husbandry.
- What institution will host your *ex situ* program?
- Please summarize the proposed host institution's experience with amphibian husbandry, if any.



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- If your institution is **new** to amphibian husbandry, please go through our Institutional Readiness checklist [here](#) before submitting your application.

Project Description

How many years do you anticipate needing funding from AArk?

Please keep this time frame in mind as you answer the following questions.

Introduction

Please include a brief background, threats to the species, current or proposed mitigation actions, goals, and anticipated outcomes. Be sure to explain how this work will help address the threats to the species.

Methods

Please explain the methods you plan to employ during each phase of this project (e.g., obtaining individuals, facility set-up, animal care, eventual release back into the wild).

Annual Milestones

Please summarize the goals and expected outcomes for each year (at least 3) of your proposed *ex situ* project.

Timeline

Please provide a timeline of work, ideally beyond the granting period. If you would prefer to submit a timeline as a separate document, write "separate document" below and submit to grants@amphibianark.org.

Biosecurity

What biosecurity protocols will be in place for this project? Please be detailed.

Challenges

What do you anticipate will be this project's biggest challenge(s)?

Eventual Release

The ultimate goal of Amphibian Ark programs is to release species in rescue programs safely back into the wild. Please elaborate on your long-term plans to do so, as well as the conditions that would need to be in place to make this possible.

Contingency Plan

What is the contingency plan if the project leader and/or institution can no longer support this project in the long term?

We require 3 support letters:



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- One letter of institutional support. This letter must verify that the institution a) is aware that the applicant is proposing this project, and b) will provide the necessary resources, time, and space to complete the proposed work for the duration of the project.
- Two letters of endorsement from recognized conservation leaders at organizations unrelated to this project.

Funding

- Total funding amount requested from Amphibian Ark for Year 1 of this project (up to US\$7,000):
- Please list your sources of **institutional support** (e.g., facility, staffing) and **other funding** (indicating whether each application is still in progress or if funding has been acquired).
- How do you plan to financially sustain this project beyond the Amphibian Ark granting period (maximum 3 years)?
- Submit a budget, with distinction between funds requested from Amphibian Ark and other sources. All costs should be in US dollars.

Grant Recipient Requirements

If you receive an Amphibian Ark Grant, the following will be required:

1. Bank account details for the institution (not an individual) must be provided within two weeks of being notified of grant approval.
2. Signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between the director of the recipient institution and AArk within two weeks of being notified of grant approval.
3. 3-4 photos of species and/or facilities for announcement of grant winners.
4. A progress report and photos 6 and 12 months after funding is received.
5. Husbandry guideline draft within six months of acquiring animals (using AArk's Amphibian Husbandry Guidelines template). Existing examples are available on the AArk website for reference.
6. Action plan draft within six months after funding is received.



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7. Final progress report twelve months after funding is received.
 - a. Additional reports after year 2 and year 3 if the program continues to receive AArk funding as per the MOU.