GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund was established in 1999 by the family of Lauren Townsend, a vibrant and inspiring young woman who was a class valedictorian and co-captain of the girls' volleyball team at Columbine High School. Lauren was one of 13 victims killed in the shootings on April 20, 1999.

Lauren worked at an animal hospital and loved everything from wolves to spiders and any other animal that needed protection. “We established the fund to honor Lauren's love for animals and learning,” said Dawn Anna, Lauren’s mother. She would be humbled to know that she is still able to help others even after her death. The fund awards grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.

Grants from the fund range from $500 - $5,000 and the fund typically awards a total of $15,000 - $20,000 annually.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are open to organizations that meet the below criteria. Smaller nonprofit organizations are particularly encouraged to apply.

- Organizations with United States 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
- Organizations with a focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation.
- Organizations seeking funding for a specific project or program.
- United States 501(c)(3) Organizations must not exceed the maximum of $250,000 in annual operational revenue for the most recent fiscal year.
- Organizations based in the United States including those with projects operating Internationally.

The fund does not award grants for:

- Administrative expenses (including salaries and other general operating costs).
- Lobbying activities.

Note: If in the last three years you have been awarded two or more grants from the Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund, you are not eligible for funding this year. You are welcome to reapply in the next year’s funding cycle.

DUE DATE

Applications must be submitted online by Tuesday May 18, 2021 by 5:00pm MST.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
On the online application, applicants will be required to submit:

• A brief overview of the organization’s mission, history, and goals.
• A summary of the organization’s programs and services.
• A summary of the project to be funded and amount requested.
• Organization’s current budget and most recent balance sheet.
• A budget for the project or program that funding is being requested for.
• Most recent United States 501(c)(3) determination letter.

PREVIOUS GRANTEES
If you received a grant in 2020 from Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund and would like to reapply for funds, you will be required to submit a final report on the work funded by the previous application.