



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

## **Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund 2011 Grant Application Guidelines**

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 learning and animals," 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 in the United States that focus on animal welfare or wildlife preservation. Organizations that need funding for a specific project and smaller nonprofit organizations are particularly encouraged to apply. Agencies that have received awards in the past are welcome to reapply.

**Nonprofit organizations focused on animal welfare or wildlife preservation that would like to be considered for funding should submit a Grant Request postmarked on or before May 11, 2011 to:**

The Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund  
c/o The Denver Foundation  
55 Madison Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, CO 80206

To be considered, Grant Requests must include the following:

- 1) A concise summary of the organization's mission, history, and goals
- 2) A concise summary of the organization's programs and services
- 3) The amount of the grant request and a detailed description of how the money would be utilized
- 4) The organization's current budget and most recent balance sheet

(Please note: IRS Form 990 is **not** acceptable as a substitute for the above.)

- 5) A copy of the organization's nonprofit letter of exemption showing (501)(c)(3) status

***Grant proposals must be signed by the nonprofit organization's Executive Director and include his or her contact information.*** A letter will be sent out to all applicants regarding the selection committee's decision on or before June 24, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Bellina at 303-996-7348 or [kbellina@denverfoundation.org](mailto:kbellina@denverfoundation.org).

One to five grants are made each year. The following are the animal welfare and wildlife preservation organizations that have received grants from the Lauren Townsend Memorial Wildlife Fund over the last five years:

- Archway Wild - \$3,000 for cage and habitat improvements
- Bluff Lake Nature Center – three different grants in the amounts of \$4,000, \$4,000, and \$5,000 in support of wet meadow and lake habitat restoration projects and other preservation and education projects
- Castleton Ranch Horse Rescue - \$1,500 toward expanding the Lauren Townsend Memorial Paddock, \$1,000 to support the immediate needs of horses who arrive at the rescue center, and \$1,000 toward the purchase of two 24' x 24' corrals
- Center for Native Ecosystems - \$1,500 to support the I-70 Safe Passages Project
- Colorado Reptile Humane Society - \$2,000 toward building an improved and permanent box turtle habitat
- Ellicott Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - \$7,000 toward building a permanent, outdoor mammal enclosure and expenses related to food and medical care for animals being rehabilitated
- Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center - \$4,000 to provide Raptor Ambassador Programs to area children and toward purchasing resource materials for the organization's Wildlife Discovery Trunks
- Max Fund - \$1,250 for the purchase of an anesthesia machine for the new cat shelter and \$4,000 toward the purchase of an air conditioner for the organization's main dog kennel area
- Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - \$1,500 toward feeding and medical treatment of animals and the construction of a permanent outdoor turtle habitat
- Sisters Animal Sanctuary - \$2,000 toward renovating a building that is part of the Feral Cat Habitat Project
- Southwest Wildlife Foundation - \$4,500 for the purchase of materials for building an enclosure for three Mexican gray wolves, \$2,000 toward the construction of a coatimundi enclosure, and \$5,000 to purchase a storage freezer for animal food
- The Wildlife Experience - \$4,000 for expenses related to 'Lauren's Live Animal Days' for the 2010-2011 academic year, \$2,500 for the purchase of a wildlife sculpture for the new Children's Wildlife Discovery Trail, and \$4,000 for expenses related to 'Lauren's Live Animal Days' for the 2009-2010 academic year
- Wild Animal Sanctuary - \$4,000 for use toward the construction of a tiger habitat
- W.O.L.F - \$1,250 for habitat improvements and \$2,500 towards adding containment areas to enclosures

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