



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Existing funding opportunities for supporting
African lion conservation activities

1. The Standing Committee, at its 69th meeting (Geneva, November 2017), requested the Secretariat to disseminate to Parties relevant information on existing funding opportunities that can support the implementation of conservation and management plans and strategies for the African lion, and the actions outlined in Decision 17.241, paragraphs a) to j) [see executive summary [SC69 Sum. 6 \(Rev. 1\)](#)].
2. The Secretariat collaborated with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) in collating relevant information, presented in the Annex to the present Notification. The Secretariat noted that the list of potential funding sources may not be complete or exhaustive, and that the size of the grants, the conditions for accessing funding, and the application modalities may change over time. The table in the Annex shows funding opportunities from government agencies and multilateral sources; and from organizations and charitable foundations. The columns indicate: the funding source; the funding programme; the average grant size (where known or indicated); and the path to access funding, with links to relevant websites, and an indication of entitlements for application (where known or as indicated).
3. The Secretariat furthermore wishes to draw attention to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that contribute to African lion conservation efforts. These include, for example, the African Wildlife Foundation, African Parks Network, Born Free Foundation, Ewaso Lions, Gorongosa Lion Project, Lion Guardians, Panthera, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund, Zambian Carnivore Programme, and many others. The Cat Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN/SSC) provides several lion conservation plans and strategies. While these organizations usually do not offer direct funding, they may collaborate with African lion range States and local communities on projects that implement or contribute to lion conservation strategies.

Funding opportunities to support African lion conservation activities

Source	Funding programme	Grant size	Accessing funding
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MULTILATERAL SOURCES			
Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund	Small Grants	USD 15,000	Application process via ConservationGrants website
	Large Grants	USD 150,000 - 500,000	Application process via ConservationGrants website
DOEN Foundation	Dutch Postcode Lottery	Large and Medium grants	Application process via website Available to legal entities Website
European Union (EU)	International Cooperation and Development / European Development Fund	Large grants	Calls for proposals made public on website Available to Governments, NGOs, IGOs
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	Small Grants Programme (implemented by UNDP)	Up to USD 50,000	Application process via website available to Governments, NGOs, IGOs
	Full-sized Projects	Over USD 2 Million	Available to Governments Website
	Medium-sized Projects	Up to USD 2 Million	Available to wide range of stakeholders Website
	Enabling Activities	Up to USD 1 million	Available to Governments and GEF Agencies Website
Germany	International Climate Initiative (IKI)	Large grants	Application process via website Available to Governments, NGOs, IGOs
United Kingdom / Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)	Darwin Initiative Main project funding	Medium grants: GBP 50,000 - 430,000	Application process via website Available to organizations based in any country. Project to take place in specified list of countries.
	Darwin Initiative Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund	Medium grants	Application process via website Available to organizations based in any country. Project to take place in specified list of countries.
	Darwin Initiative Scoping Projects	Small grants	Application process via website Available to organizations based in any country. Project to take place in specified list of countries.
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	Environmental and Global Climate Change	Large and Medium grants	Application process via grants.gov website
US Fish and Wildlife Service	International Affairs Program	Large and Medium grants	Application process via grants.gov website

ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS SUPPORTING CONSERVATION EFFORTS			
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	Conservation Endowment Fund	Average USD 18,000	Application process via website PI must have AZA membership
Chicago Zoological Society	Endangered Species Fund	Maximum USD 5,000	Application process via website Proposals must be endorsed by SSC Specialist Group, AZA, WAZA, or other zoo organizations
Christensen Fund		USD 5,000 - 100,000	Application process via website Available to organizations
Cleveland Metropark Zoo	Africa Seed Grants	USD 1,000 - 3,500	Application process via website
Conservation, Food and Health Foundation		Average USD 20,000	Application process via website Available to organizations
David and Lucile Packard Foundation	Conservation and Science Program	Small, Medium and Large grants	Initial submission of short request via online form Available primarily to NGOs
Disney Corporation	Disney Conservation Fund	Maximum USD 50,000	Application process via website Available to charitable organizations
Earthwatch Research Funding		USD 20,000 - 80,000	Requests for proposals posted on website Available to researchers with a PhD, affiliated with a university, government agency, or science-focused NGO
Endangered Species Chocolate Company		Minimum USD 10,000	Application process unspecified Available to current GiveBack Partners Website
Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust		Small and Medium grants	Application forms available on website Available to charitable organizations registered in the UK
Explorers' Club	Exploration Fund	USD 500 - 5,000	Online application process Available to students Website
Fresno Chaffee Zoo	Wildlife Conservation Fund	USD 2,000 - 4,000	Application via email or post Available to investigators associated with accredited zoo, academic institution, conservation or non-profit organization Website
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation		Varies	Initial inquiry via email Available to non-profit organizations Website
Helen V. Brach Foundation		USD 225 - 50,000	Application process unspecified Website
Idea Wild		USD 50 - 1,500	Application process via website Provides research equipment to students of conservation
Indianapolis Zoo		USD 300,000	By invitation only Website

John Ball Zoo	Wildlife Conservation Fund	USD 750 to 2,500	Application form on the website Available to investigators associated with accredited zoo, academic institution, conservation or non-profit organization
Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund		Medium and Large grants	Application process via website Available to groups or organizations
Kohlberg Foundation		Small, Medium and Large grants	By invitation only Website
Lee and Ramona Bass Foundation		USD 35,000 - 200,000	Application process not specified
Levinson Foundation		USD 30,000	Available to various organizations, application process not specified Website
Linden Trust for Conservation		USD 100 - 560,000	By invitation only Website
Lion Recovery Fund		Up to USD 150,000	By invitation only Available to NGOs and other entities Website
Liz Claiborne and Art Ortengber		USD 1,000 - 650,000	By invitation only Website
Lynn Chase Wildlife Foundation		Not specified	Not accepting applications Website
Memphis Zoo	Conservation Action Network (CAN)	Not specified	By invitation only, led by Memphis Zoo staff Website
Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund		Maximum USD 25,000	Application process via website Available to anyone directly involved in species conservation
Morris Animal Foundation	Research grants for animal health	Up to USD 50,000 per year	Application process via website Available to scientists researching animal health
Nando Peretti Foundation		Not specified	Application process via website Application system opens December 2018 Recipients unspecified
National Geographic	Big Cats Conservation	Maximum USD 50,000	Application process via website Available to individuals and organization
	Early Career Grant	USD 5,000 - 10,000	Application process via website Available to early career conservationists
	Exploration Grant	USD 10,000 - 30,000	Application process via website Available to experienced project leaders
	Species Recovery	Maximum USD 50,000	Application process via website Available to individuals and organizations
Phoenix Zoo	Conservation and Science Grants	Up to USD 3,000	Application process via a two-part process available through a link on the website Recipients unspecified
Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium	Conservation and Sustainability Fund	USD 1,000 - 3,000	Application process via website Recipients unspecified

Rainforest Trust	New Protected Areas	Large grants	Application process via website Available to NGOs based in the country of the proposed protected area
Regina Bauer Frankenberg Foundation		USD 40,000 - 125,000	Application process via website Available only to USA-based NGOs
Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens	Satch Krantz Conservation Fund	USD 1,000 - 5,000	Application process via online application Available to individuals
Roger Williams Zoo	Sophie Danforth Conservation Biology Fund	USD 1,000 annually	Application process via website Available to organizations
Rufford Small Grants Foundation		Up to GBP 6,000	Application process via website Available to individuals or small groups
SeaWorld and Busch Gardens	SeaWorld and Busch Gardens Conservation Fund	USD 10,000 - 25,000	Application process via website Available to NGOs, Governments, schools and universities
Shared Earth Foundation		Small grants	New partners or unsolicited applications not accepted Website
SOS Save Our Species	Threatened Species Grants	USD 25,000 - 800,000	Available to Governments, NGOs, IGOs Website
	Rapid Action Grants	Up to USD 25,000	Available to Governments, NGOs, IGOs Website
Van Tienhoven Foundation		Maximum EUR 20,000	Application process via website Available to NGOs and scientific institutions
Wallace Genetic foundation		USD 5,000 - 2,000,000	By invitation only Website
Wallace Global Fund		USD 1,000 - 250,000	Application process via website Available to NGOs
Whitley Fund for Nature	Whitley Awards	GBP 40,000	Application process via website Available to individuals from low income countries
	Continuation awards	GBP 70,000	Application process via website Available to individuals from low income countries who are previous winners
Wild Felid Legacy Scholarship		USD 5,000	Application process via website Available to Graduate level university students involved in wild felid research
Woodland Park Zoo	Wildlife Survival Fund	USD 2,000 to 5,000	Upon recommendation by Woodland Park Zoo curators Website
Zoo Boise	Zoo Boise Conservation Fund	Small and Medium sized grants	Currently not accepting applications. Website