



# County of Marin Community Service Fund Program Application Form

**Application Date** March 10, 2021

**Fiscal Year** July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

## Organization Information

**Full Legal Name:** WildCare

**Organization URL:** <https://www.discoverwildcare.org>

## Mission

### Mission/purpose of your organization:

WildCare's mission is to advocate for wildlife for a sustainable world. Since 1994, our Wildlife Hospital has provided life-saving treatment to more than 120,000 wild animals, and our education programs have connected more than one million children and adults with the region's magnificent wildlife and natural areas. Today, WildCare delivers world-class medical care in our open admission wildlife hospital, together with exceptional environmental education, community engagement, and effective advocacy for the protection of wildlife and our shared habitat. We help people live well with wildlife.

WildCare provides emergency treatment to 4,000 orphaned and injured wild animals from 200 species per year. In 2020, over 75% of wildlife rescuers were based in Marin County. Current patients in care include □dozens of migrating songbirds, including pine siskins poisoned by Salmonella, orphaned baby squirrels, a young Red-tailed Hawk unable to fly, and two Cooper's Hawks likely hit by cars.

### Description and quantifying impact of COVID-19 pandemic on your organization or the residents that it serves.

The pandemic has severely impacted our staffing and volunteer capacity: Our regular roster of 15 staff members and 35 volunteers has been cut by 70% to 6 staff and 8 volunteers daily. For additional safety, this "skeleton crew" has been further divided into alternating pods, meaning only half the capacity is available on any given day, with more work for everyone. Meanwhile, demand for our services has continued to grow: In 2020, over 190 orphaned squirrels were brought to WildCare — twice the usual number — as well as evacuees from a Napa wildlife hospital due to September's Glass Fire. This year, 109 pine siskins infected with deadly Salmonella have been brought in for care. With many people working from home, more are noticing the impacts of human activity on our wild neighbors: collided with windows, hit by cars, maimed by housecats. They bring injured songbirds, small mammals, and other wildlife to the Center, confident they will receive quality care in a safe, secure environment.

## Grant Request Information

**Program/Project Name:** Wildlife Hospital Facility Repair

### Summary description of your project:

We will replace rotted flooring in 5 essential wildlife enclosures — two baby raccoon runs and three bird and mammal cages, installing predator-proof screening around them, and install a rain roof over two adjoining educational animal enclosures.

**Amount Requested Dollar:** \$6,002.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$12,004.00

### Description of the proposed project/program, including the proposed project's goal(s), and the nature of the costs in specific terms, i.e. materials, labor costs, etc. Specifics of how the requested County funds will be used.

Funds will be used for essential repairs to our bird and mammal caging, providing a safe and secure environment for the animals in our care. Last year rats gnawed through our enclosures, leading to the death of two patients and rendering the cages uninhabitable. Your support will help us replace the rusted wire mesh on two mammal "runs" and allow us to build more durable frames overlaid with galvanized hardware cloth to protect patients' food sources and prevent them from harm. Funds will also be used to fix three bird and mammal enclosures which require replacement of the rotted runner boards where the walls and cement floors meet to prevent predators from entering.

It will also allow us to install a new rain roof over two enclosures housing two residential educational Ambassador animals, providing protection against rain during the winter and minimizing direct sunlight to help control the temperature of their enclosures in the summer. Our contractor and staffer will observe proper COVID-19 safety precautions during performance of the project by wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining appropriate social distancing measures. 50% of the project will be funded by County support.

**List of all community interests that will be affected by the proposed project/program and the public benefit to be derived from it:**

As Marin County’s only wildlife hospital, WildCare has been a unique and valued community resource for over 40 years. Facility repairs will let us continue to deliver the quality of care our community has grown to expect for the 4,000 orphaned and injured patients we receive each year. As an essential wild animal lifeline, WildCare gives hope to thousands of residents who care about the wildlife in our neighborhoods.

Our hospital provides significant relief for Marin County police and fire departments and Marin Humane’s animal control services, alleviating the burden on city and county infrastructure of dealing with nearly 10,000 wildlife-related phone calls each year and the medical care of thousands of injured animals. In 2020, over 2/3 were rescued within the County and brought to WildCare for treatment.

Our center also houses our Wildlife Ambassadors, 16 birds, mammals, and reptiles who inspire the 35,000 Marin children and adults who visit our center each year. These animals are often our students’ first up-close wildlife experience. (During COVID-19, virtual wildlife encounters are a key component of our Terwilliger Nature Education distance-learning programs on Zoom.) The caging upgrade project is essential to the success of WildCare’s mission. Without usable cages we will have no space to condition patients for release, forcing us to send them to wildlife hospitals in surrounding counties if space allows — a significant strain on staff and volunteers. This will also cause additional stress to the animals in transport and a higher risk of secondary injury and/or parasite transmission, as well as putting more stress on the resources of our sister centers. As guardians of our educational Wildlife Ambassadors, we are required to provide safe and secure housing for them: Our USFW and CAFW permits mandate multiple options for sheltering our animals against the elements. Not doing so would be in violation of these agreements and devastating for the animals.

**The total amount received for the past three fiscal years:**

Year	Amount	Project
2019 - 2020	\$1,000.00	Security cameras for WildCare
2018 - 2019	\$1,000.00	Repair and repaint floors and walls in 3 medical rooms and main hall of WildCare’s Wildlife Hospital
2017 - 2018	\$2,230.00	Replacement of graphics wrap on Nature Van

**List of County funding received for this project or others.**

Marin County Community Service Fund (formerly Supervisor’s Fund): \$20,000 for WildCare’s wildlife medical treatment program, interactive virtual environmental education program, and numerous volunteer opportunities in Marin County

Marin County Fish & Wildlife Commission: \$2,612 for Terwilliger Nature Education Program materials and supplies

**Project/program can be completed if amount received is less than requested amount of Community Service funds.**

Applicants are encouraged to leverage funding from other non-County sources, and priority will be given to requests that represent no more than 50% of total project cost. To demonstrate all sources of project funding, including other County sources, please provide a project/program budget below. Please fill in as applicable, and round to the nearest dollar.

<b>Project Funding Sources</b>	<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Funding Requested</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Notes</b>
County CSF		\$6,002		
Federal Grant				
State Grant				
Individual Contributions		\$6,002	\$6,002	
Other Local Agencies		\$0		
In kind services				
Other			\$0	
<b>Total Sources</b>		\$12,004	\$6,002	
<b>Project Expenses</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Spent to Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Personnel Costs		\$8,320	\$640	<i>Contractor, Facilities Manager</i>
Services and Supplies		\$3,684	\$313	<i>lumber, wire mesh, roof panels, gutters, toolkit</i>
Capital			\$0	
Other				
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$12,004	\$953	