

The WDD Project Grant

Wildlife Detection Dogs e.V. (WDD) is a non-profit association with the aims of exchanging information on the training and use of wildlife detection dogs on a European level, establishing this methodology and developing a certification for wildlife detection dogs. The WDD project grant is aimed at projects that actively use wildlife detection dogs in science or nature conservation projects or that directly or indirectly serve the development or validation of the "wildlife detection dog" method.



1. Eligibility for funding

All natural persons and legal entities under private and public law with European residency are eligible to apply. Funding for projects that have already been started is possible, as well as follow-up funding for projects that have already been funded or previously funded elsewhere.

2. application documents

For the WDD project grant application, please submit an informal project outline (maximum 5 pages) which must contain the following information:

- title of the project
- information about the applicant (address, telephone, e-mail, project leader, contact person, the form of organisation or affiliation)
- if applicable, information on cooperation partners and other supporters of the project (with the name of a contact person in each case)
- own preliminary work/qualifications and current status of the project
- objectives of the project
- intended work plan and timetable of the project
- list of what the grant money is to be used for within the project
- perspective of the project

The complete application documents must be sent digitally (preferably as a pdf file) in German or English to projektfoerderung@wildlifedetectiondogs.org.

3. application and decision deadlines

The WDD project grant is granted once a year, the application deadline is 1 October each year (date of receipt). Incomplete applications and applications received after the application deadline cannot be considered for the respective application period. Confirmations of receipt will be sent within 2 weeks after the application deadline. Within 12 weeks after the application deadline, applications will be evaluated and the decision will be communicated to each applicant by e-mail. Please refrain from enquiries until that time.

4. eligibility criteria and selection process

Applications will be submitted to a committee for decision, which will review and evaluate the applications. The committee is composed of the Association Board, WDD members and, if applicable, members of the WDD Scientific Advisory Board. The committee decides on the allocation of funding by majority vote, the right to appeal is excluded. Of importance for the evaluation of the project is a clear reference to the topic "Use of wildlife detection dogs in science or nature conservation". Preference will also be given to projects that are scientifically accompanied and evaluated. We particularly support applicants who involve institutions from other sectors of society in their project (for example, political decision-makers, authorities, nature conservation associations, scientific institutions, companies and associations). During the selection process, we reserve the right to ask questions to the applicant if necessary.

5. amount of funding

The funding amount for this funding year is €1000 and is granted in form of an earmarked, lump-sum and non-repayable grant. The full amount will be paid after submission of a report after completion of the project or an intermediate report (for long-term projects).

6. disbursement of the grant

By accepting the WDD project grant, the grantee agrees to write a summary of the most important results of the project and to make it available to the WDD digitally. This will be published on the WDD website. Only after receipt of such a project (intermediate) report, the funding amount will be released for payment and transferred to a named account. Scientific theses or publications that are developed within the project funded by the WDD project grant should - in prior consultation with the WDD - mention in the acknowledgement section that this work was financially supported by the WDD e. V. (www.wildlifedetectiondogs.org).

7. revocation of funding

The WDD project grant can be revoked if

- conditions for the grant have subsequently become no longer applicable
- the applicant has made false statements about relevant facts or has concealed such facts
- the project has been discontinued

8. applications and contact

Please send questions about the WDD project grant by e-mail to:

projektfoerderung@wildlifedetectiondogs.org

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