



Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance Science & Conservation Granting Application Form

Thank you for considering Rocky Mountain Goat Alliance (RMGA) as your partner in mountain goat conservation, research and public education. To be considered for RMGA funding support, please follow all directions and provide the necessary information requested in each section. Failure to do so could result in the rejection of the request or delays in the granting award process.

RMGA is seeking applications for mountain goat research and habitat enhancement projects that:

- address a clearly identified research need or information gap,
- have broad relevance for mountain goat habitat and conservation, and
- have long-term implications for the future of mountain goats.

Section 1: Submission Guidelines

1.1 Who is Eligible to Apply?

Any non-profit organization, government agency or individuals working in partnership with an organization can apply if they have a suitable project. Successful applicants will be expected to follow the RMGA Granting Agreement, which includes the requirement to submit a final report to RMGA. Submit completed grant applications to: info@goatalliance.org.

1.2 Funds Requested

Grants up to \$5,000 USD per project, per year will be rewarded. Multi-year granting will not be awarded but applicants can apply for funding for the same project for more than one year.

The Committee has discretion in extraordinary circumstances as to the dollar values assigned to specific projects.

1.3 What Expenditures are Ineligible?

Ineligible expenditures include:

- Ongoing operational or administrative costs*;
- Permanent staff positions;
- Capital costs over \$5,000 USD;
- Emergency funds or deficit financing;
- Travel or meals for conferences and seminars;
- General fundraising;
- Retroactive work; and,
- Land acquisition.

*RMGA granting does not typically pay for facilities and administrative costs, but in special circumstances will consider funding a maximum of 13% of these costs.

NOTE:

Applicants are responsible for ensuring they have the proper licenses and approvals required to carry out the project and have complied with all the requirements of their organization.



1.4 Grant Submissions

Grand submission periods:

- April 1st - September 30th
- October 1st - March 31st

Applications are reviewed during the second week of the month following the closing of each submission period.

1.5 Products/Deliverables:

This Products/Deliverables section of the funding application form provides you, the applicant, with an understanding of the RMGA's expectation for project updates, sharing of results and conclusions. This application in its entirety will be reviewed by the RMGA Science and Conservation Committee and Board and may be used to showcase projects or to garner conservation project support through RMGA member outreach and social media efforts. This is in addition to any publishing efforts pursued or required of the applicant by other funding sources and/or sponsors.

Reporting will be detailed in the granting agreement of each project. Final reporting to the RMGA can be as simple as a 1-3 page project report, or as complex as a manuscript or peer reviewed journal paper. Our goal for applicants is to ensure that the RMGA and Conservation Committee effectively understand what the funding support and project achieved. Please also include in final reports:

- Formal journal submission (if applicable);
- Abstract/summary for the RMGA conservation blog and social media;
- Project photos/videos for our RMGA conservation blog and social media.

RMGA reserves the right to share all materials submitted with credit and may at times, seek follow-up information to address member or agency inquiries and to keep informed as we truly will be interested in learning as much as we can from the work of applicants.

1.6 Submission Materials and Process

Submit this form in .PDF format along with all applicable supporting documents (maps, imagery, prior relevant research). **Letters of support are not required but are highly encouraged.**

1.7 Application Evaluation

All applications will be evaluated by the Science & Conservation Committee using the rubric (Appendix 1.)



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Appendix 1: Scoring Rubric:

This rubric will be used by the review panel to provide the applicant with a decision and direction for additional detail that may be required.

Scores are on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score.

	EXCEPTIONAL - 5	VERY STRONG - 4	STRONG - 3	MODERATE - 2	INSUFFICIENT - 1
Researcher & Program	Acknowledged as a leader in terms of research excellence, accomplishments, and service.	Research excellence, accomplishments, and service are superior to others.	Research excellence, accomplishments, and service are significant .	Research excellence, accomplishments, and service are reasonable .	Research excellence, accomplishments, and service are below an acceptable level .
	Impact and importance of the work is clearly evident and groundbreaking .	Impact and importance of the work is clearly evident and influential .	Impact and importance of the work is evident .	Impact and importance of the work is somewhat evident .	Impact and importance of the work is not clearly evident .
Proposal Merit	Proposed research project is clearly presented, is highly original and innovative and is likely to have impact by leading to groundbreaking advances in the area and/or leading to a technology or policy .	Proposed research project is clearly presented, is original and innovative and is likely to have impact by leading to advancements .	Proposed research project is clearly presented, is original and innovative and is likely to have impact .	Proposed research pr project is clearly presented, has original and innovative aspects and may have impact .	Proposed research project, as presented lacks clarity , and/or is of limited originality and innovation .
	Objectives presented in the application relate highly to RMGA grant program priorities.	Objectives presented in the application have an above average relationship to RMGA grant program priorities.	Objectives presented in the application have a good relationship to RMGA grant program priorities.	Objectives presented in the application have a reasonable relationship to RMGA grant program priorities.	Objectives presented in the application have a limited or no relationship to RMGA grant program priorities.
	Goals are clearly defined .	Goals are defined and short-term objectives are planned .	Goals are clearly described .	Goals are described .	Goals are not clearly described and/or likely not attainable.
	Activities and timelines are clearly defined .	Activities and timelines are defined and short-term objectives are planned .	Activities and timelines are clearly described .	Activities and timelines are described .	Activities and timelines are not clearly described and/or likely not attainable.
	The budget is clearly defined and appropriate .	The budget is clearly described and appropriate .	The budget is described and appropriate .	The budget is partially described and/or appropriate .	The budget is not clearly described and/or appropriate .
	The application clearly demonstrates how the research activities to be supported are distinct from those funded (or applied for) by other sources.			The application does not clearly demonstrate how the research activities are distinct from those funded (or applied for) by other sources or does not clearly demonstrate a program of research in the organization.	



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Reviewer Scorecard

Project Name:				
Applicant Name & Institution:				
Reviewer:		Intake Period:	Choose an item.	Year:
Criterion	Score (1 – 5)	Approved	Declined	Comments
Researcher & Program	Choose an item.			
Overview:	Choose an item.			
Objectives:	Choose an item.			
Goals:	Choose an item.			
Activities:	Choose an item.			
Budget:	Choose an item.			
Funding Requested:		Approved:		
Notes:				