

## Special Funds Grants - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where can I learn about IDNR grant opportunities?**  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/grants/Pages/Special-Wildlife-Funds-Grant-Program.aspx>
- **How do I join IDNR's grant opportunity email list?** <http://eepurl.com/qzdljT>
- **What are the deadlines for IDNR grant programs?**  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/grants/Documents/IDNRGrantOpportunitiesListing.pdf>
- **How do we prequalify for a grant?** Register in the grant portal at <http://www.grants.illinois.gov/portal/>
- **Does IDNR offer any resources on how improve the competitiveness of our application?** Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity carefully, pay attention to scoring criteria and address each item in your project narrative, following all instructions carefully and providing a descriptive and complete application package including a complete project narrative.
- **The contact person for our grant has changed. How do we inform IDNR?** Send an email to your Special Fund Grants Administrator [Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov](mailto:Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov) or to the general Grants email address [DNR.Grant@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.Grant@illinois.gov).
- **My organization applied for a grant and we haven't heard back. What are typical grant review timeframes? Who can I contact with questions?** The Grant Committees typically meet to score and rank grant applications within eight weeks of the closing date on a Notice of Funding Opportunity. Send an email to your Special Fund Grants Administrator [Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov](mailto:Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov) or to the general Grants email address [DNR.Grant@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.Grant@illinois.gov).
- **What's the best way to contact IDNR about an issue regarding an active grant?** Send an email to your Special Fund Grants Administrator [Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov](mailto:Susan.Duke@Illinois.gov) or to the general Grants email address [DNR.Grant@illinois.gov](mailto:DNR.Grant@illinois.gov).
- **How do we submit a FOIA request regarding a grant-funded project?**  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/FOIA/Pages/default.aspx>
- **It doesn't look like IDNR has a grant program that fits my project. How can I get information about grant programs through other state agencies?**  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Grants/SitePages/CSFA.aspx>