

2024 Bats for the Future Fund – Applicant Webinar

Credit: Ann Froschauer, USFWS



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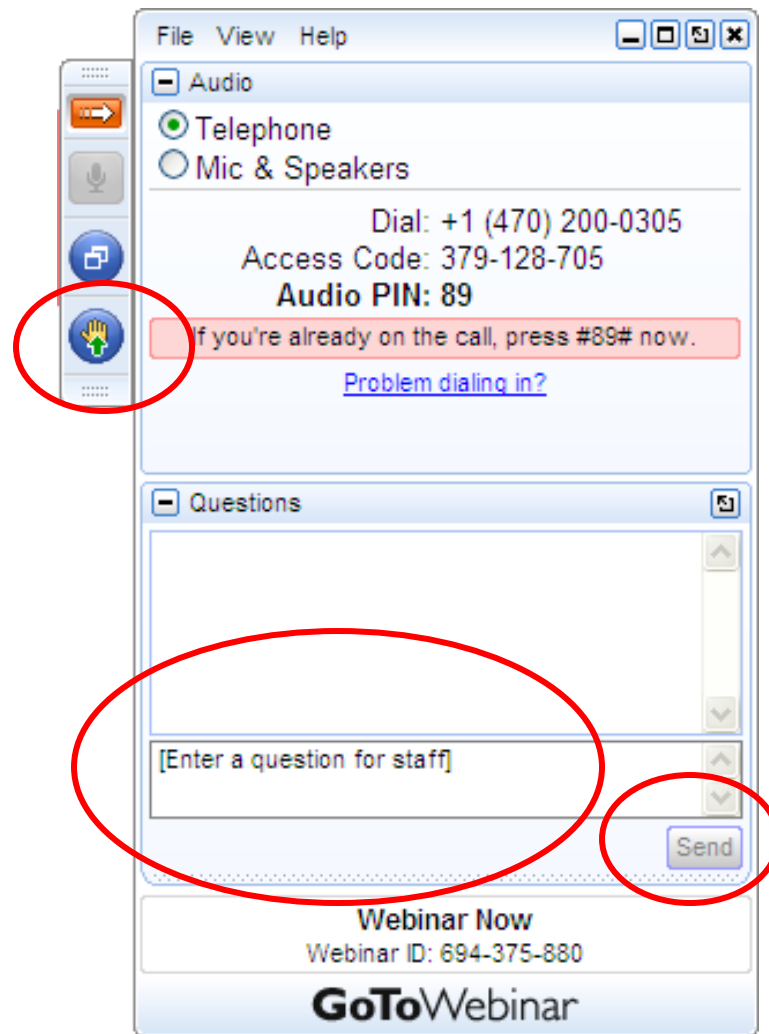
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Webinar Powerpoint and referenced documents can be found at: www.nfwf.org/bats



General Session Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Bats for the Future Fund 2024 Request for Proposals
3. Easygrants Online Application and Proposal Walk-Through
4. Additional Questions?



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**2024 Bats for the Future Fund –
Request for Proposals**

Bats for the Future Fund 2024 Funding

Up to \$650,000 available



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Bats for the Future Fund 2024 Request for Proposals

Applicant Webinar: TODAY
Proposals Due: Thursday, September 19th
Review and Notification: October - November
Awards Announced: January 2025

Grant Agreement Issued: within 3 months (typical)
Grant Implementation: No more than 3 years. Projects that achieve proposed outcomes within two years are preferred.

Awards: \$50k to \$250k each*

Match: 50% of request is encouraged but not required

***If a higher amount is requested, contact NFWF staff in advance for guidance**

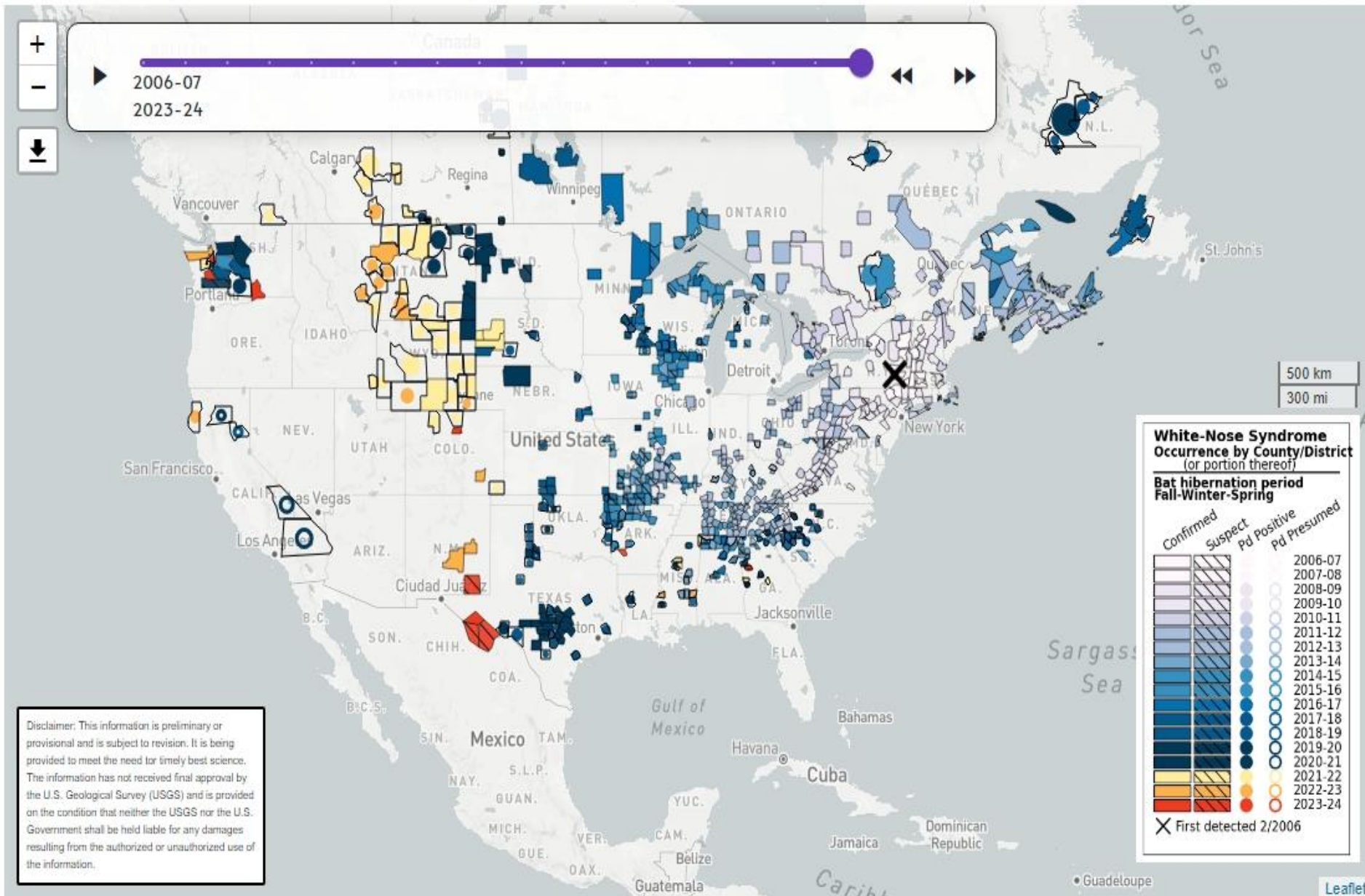


2024 Bats for the Future Fund Objectives

- Prevent exposure and/or enhance ability to withstand WNS
- Help bat populations recover
- Support innovative and collaborative research leading *directly to the deployment* of treatments, tools or strategies



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Program Priorities: Overarching

- Implement strategies that will have a meaningful impact on survival of bat populations
- Adaptive implementation of conventional and/or experimental management actions with a sound study design
- The most competitive proposals will aim to implement treatments and management solutions to minimize the short and long-term impacts of the disease and encourage recovery in persisting populations
- Cross-disciplinary approaches and collaborations are encouraged

Program Priorities: Two Categories

- Deliver treatments or implement management tools and strategies that **prevent exposure of bats to infectious Pd or improve survival from WNS**. Sound study design to monitor/evaluate results
- Deliver treatments or implement management tools or habitat conservation strategies in the field that help WNS-affected bat populations to **recover from the impacts of WNS**. Research needs to show path to implementation



Credit: Michelle Vryn

Community Impact and Engagement

Projects should engage community-level partners (e.g., municipalities, NGOs, community organizations, community leaders) to help design, implement, and maintain projects to secure maximum benefits for communities, maintenance, and sustainability post-grant award.



Credit: The Conservation Fund

All Project Metrics

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- # of acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Priority 1: Implement existing WNS treatments to help bat populations resist, survive, and recover from the impacts of WNS.

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
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- Fungal load rate
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Priority 2: Advance existing WNS treatments to expand scalability, applicability, and availability to improve survival of bats.

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- # of acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Priority 3: Other

- # of sites protected (i.e., treated)
- # of sites that remain uncontaminated
- # of sites w/persistent populations resulting from proposed actions
- # of individuals protected (i.e., receiving treatment)
- Mortality rate
- # of species benefitting *directly* from project
- Fungal load rate
- # of acres under improved management
- # of sites being monitored
- # of studies used to inform management

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities

- Non-profit 501 (c) organizations
- U.S. Federal agencies
- State agencies
- Local governments
- Municipal governments
- Tribal Governments and Organizations
- Research and educational institutions
- For-profits

Ineligible entities

- Unincorporated individuals



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Ineligible Use of Funds & Equipment Guidance

Funds/Match may *not* be used to support:

- X Species composition, distribution, movement and habitat-use studies
- X Unrelated monitoring studies
- X Development of WNS detection methods or tools, UNLESS the development is directly related to deployment of a treatment method
- X Outreach and education programs
- X Political advocacy, lobbying, etc.

Refer to the RFP for the full list of ineligible uses of BFF grant funds

*Equipment: rent equipment where possible and cost-effective **or** use matching funds for purchase*

Evaluation Criteria

- **Program Goals and Priorities**
- **Technical Merit**
- **Cost-Effectiveness**
 - **Assessment of direct costs *and***
 - **Indirect costs**
- **Qualifications**
- **Complementarity**
- **Collaboration**
- **Transferability**
- **Partnership and Community Impact**



A large flock of birds, possibly terns, is captured in flight against a clear blue sky. The birds are scattered across the frame, with some in sharp focus and others blurred, creating a sense of movement and a dense population. The overall scene is bright and airy.

2024 Bats for the Future Fund – EasyGrants Online Application

Please see the [BFF 2024 Tip Sheet](#) for step-by-step guidance on submitting a proposal.

Easygrants Proposal Submission Process

<https://easygrants.nfwf.org>

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BFF Funding Opportunity



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[Click here to respond to an RFP or to a solicited request](#)

Listed below are the current funding opportunities accepting applications. To view more details on the Funding Opportunity, click Guidelines next to the opportunity.

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▶ Available Funding Opportunities

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Answer each question below by selecting the **Yes** or **No** radio button, and click **Submit** to determine your eligibility to apply for this award. **All information is required.** If you partially complete and wish to return to complete this quiz later, be sure to save your data by clicking **Save**.

Have you read and do you understand the Program Guidelines for this Funding Opportunity, including any match requirements specific to the Funding Opportunity?

No Yes

Can the reports and deliverables associated with any potential Foundation award for your project be published on the Foundation website?

No Yes

Do you certify that you are authorized to submit this request for funding on behalf of your organization?

No Yes

Upon submission of this page, you will see the outcome of your Eligibility Quiz. If you are eligible to apply for this award, you will have a corresponding To Do item on your **Home** page. If you do not wish to apply for this award at this time, click **Cancel**.

Important: Please proof your answers carefully. You will not be able to revise your answers after submitting.

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Eligibility Quiz Confirmation



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Thank you for submitting your eligibility quiz - the answers that you provided are shown below for your convenience. You can save or print this page for your records. Your eligibility to submit a proposal to the Foundation is shown below.

Eligibility Quiz Answers

You are eligible.

	Your Answers	Qualified Answers
Have you read and do you understand the Program Guidelines for this Funding Opportunity, including any match requirements specific to the Funding Opportunity?	Yes	Yes
Can the reports and deliverables associated with any potential Foundation award for your project be published on the Foundation website?	Yes	Yes
Do you certify that you are authorized to submit this request for funding on behalf of your organization?	Yes	Yes

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Upload Checklist

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BFF Full Proposal Narrative 2024	Yes	BFF Full Proposal Narrative Template 2024	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	12	No Limit	No Limit
Project Map	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Letters of Support	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
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Statement of Litigation	Yes	Statement of Litigation	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	6	No Limit	No Limit
Board of Trustees, Directors, or equivalent	Yes		.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Applicant Controls Questionnaire	Yes	Applicant Controls Questionnaire (Rev 7.25.24)	.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Applicant Demographic Information Form Pre 8.7.24	Yes	Applicant Demographic Information Form	.xls, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
GAAP audited financial statements	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
IRS Form 990	Yes		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Single Audit (Formerly A-133 Audit)	Yes		.doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .pdf, .rtf, .xls	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Indirect Rate Agreement	No		.xls, .doc, .pdf, .rtf, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .docx	No Limit	16 MB	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Other Documents (10 page limit)	No		.doc, .docx, .gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .pdf, .ppt, .pptx, .rtf, .xls, .xlsx	No Limit	16 MB	10	No Limit	No Limit

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Project Details

Project Title *

Project Start Date * 

Project End Date *

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Project Budget

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Project Map

Video instructions - <http://www.nfwf.org/whatwedo/grants/applicants/Pages/mapping-tool.aspx>

Map your project at the finest scale by any of the three options:

Upload Shapefile

- Select a Zip file(.zip) containing a shapefile(.shp,.dbf,.prj) from your local file system.
- The shapefile must be of POLYGON geometry type.
- The shapefile must not exceed 1 MB.

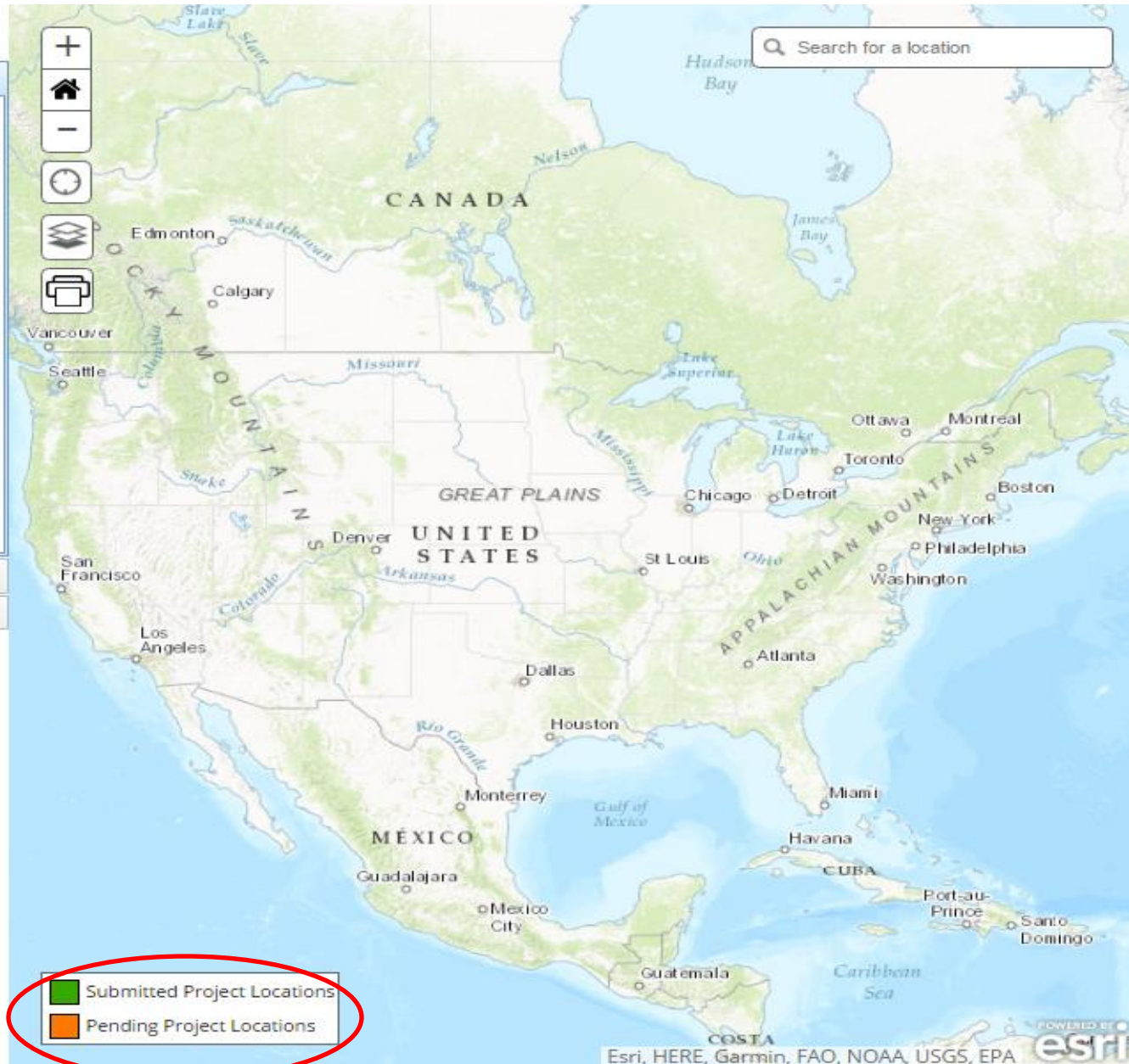
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Select By Geography

Draw a Custom Area

My project area:

- Submitted Project Locations
- Pending Project Locations



Permits and Approvals Regulatory Compliance

Proposals must show planning for, knowledge about and secure compliance with federal, state and local law and regulation

!!Start pre-consultations with relevant agencies as soon as possible!!

Awarded projects often experience delays due to federal compliance requirements being incomplete. If your project is awarded, your federal compliance requirements should be completed as soon as possible to avoid project timeline delays and delays in receiving payment.

Regulatory Compliance (cont.)

TIPS

- Secure landowner permission and document this (via email or letter)
- Plan and budget time and resources needed to obtain necessary approvals in BFF workplan and budget
- Make sure the “Permits” section of online application is complete
- Review article [*A Decision Support Tool for Determining Federal Regulatory Authority over Products for Vertebrate Animals*](#) (link in RFP)
- Consider and address state and local regulations

Regulatory Compliance (cont.)

- Refer to NEPA, ESA, and NHPA templates found at www.nfwf.org/bats
 - See ‘Application Information’ Tab on BFF Page
 - **SEE FIRST** - Environmental Compliance Checklist for NFWF Projects
 - FWS Environmental Compliance Template
 - NEPA CATEX (Categorical Exclusion) Form Fillable
 - For ESA review help, visit the USFWS [iPaC website](#) and follow the instructions to generate a list of species and any critical habitat areas. This can then be provided to NFWF for review.
- An overall guide to NEPA can be found on the [NEPA.gov website](#).
- Recipients must complete the required forms and provide them to NFWF for review. The NFWF team will then elevate them to USFWS for review.
- **NEPA is a responsibility of the subrecipient and should be done at the local level.** If you are experiencing any challenges, please reach out to the NFWF team.

Project Permits and Approvals - EZG

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- ✗ Primary Organization is required

Project Information

- ✗ Project Title is required.
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Project Location

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- ✗ Project Location Country(s) is required.

Map

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- A-133 Audit is required and has not been uploaded.
- Project Map is required and has not been uploaded.
- BFF Proposal Narrative is required and has not been uploaded.

Additional Resources

Refer to the below documents when working through your application (found at nfwf.org/bats):

- [**BFF RFP**](#)
- [**BFF Tip Sheet**](#)
- [***A Decision Support Tool for Determining Federal Regulatory Authority over Products for Vertebrate Animals***](#)
- [**NEPA, NHPA, ESA Templates**](#) (See ‘Application Information’ Tab on BFF Page)
- [**FAQ Sheet**](#)

A large number of bats are shown in flight against a clear blue sky. The bats are silhouetted, and their wings are spread out in various directions. Below the sky, there is a dark, dense line of trees, likely a forest or a wooded area. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

2024 Bats for the Future Fund – Final Questions and Wrap-Up

Final Q & A

- Any final questions?
- NFWF will capture questions and answers throughout the application period, and update the FAQ sheet accordingly
- Questions post-webinar? Email John.Wright@nfwf.org and Ragan.Smith@nfwf.org.



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Thank You!