

**Alberta Conservation Association
2022/23 Project Summary Report**

Project Name: Grants Reports

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Partnerships

Not applicable

Key Findings

- Provided stakeholders with information about the ACA Grants Program funding process, the funding allocations, and the activities and results of the projects that receive funding each fiscal year.
- Funnelled about \$1.5 million to conservation work in Alberta through the ACA Grants Program.

Abstract

The aim of the Grants Reports project is to document the grants fund procedures and provide an overview of activities and results of projects financially supported through ACA grants (the ACA Conservation, Community, and Education Grants [CCEG], the ACA Research Grants [RG], and the Grants in Biodiversity [GiB]) each fiscal year. ACA funnels approximately \$1.5 million into conservation work in Alberta through the grants. These grants were funded by the sales of Alberta hunting and fishing licences, with the GiB having received additional funding from Suncor Energy. As of 2022/23, approximately \$23.4 million has been granted to conservation-related projects throughout the province. In 2022/23, the Grants Program awarded a 98 grants: 71 CCEG, 12 RG, and 15 GiB. ACA Grants Project Summary Reports provides an overview of all the grants funded in 2022/23 and are available on the Grants Program website to

demonstrate the impact of the grants program and to allow for transparency with regard to how the hunting and fishing levy funds are distributed.

Introduction

The aim of the Reports project is to document the ACA Grants Program funding procedures and provide an overview of activities and results of projects financially supported through Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) grants (the ACA Conservation, Community, and Education Grants [CCEG] and the ACA Research Grants [RG]) each fiscal year. The Grants in Biodiversity (GiB) post-graduate granting program has been added to the Grants Reports project as the program is now operated through ACA. ACA funnels approximately \$1.5 million annually into conservation work in Alberta through the grants. Since 2002/03, when we started our Grants Program, we have awarded about \$23.4 million to 1,551 projects. In 2022/23, 98 grants were awarded: the CCEG program funded 71 projects, the RG 12 projects, and GiB 15 projects.

The CCEG funds non-research projects that conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife and their habitats, as well as projects that aid hunter, trapper, and angler recruitment and retention and/ or outdoor conservation education. The RG funds high-quality research projects on wildlife, fish and habitat, which inform the effective management of wildlife, fish populations, and habitat in Alberta carried out by professional researchers. The GiB supports graduate students carrying out research in Alberta on various topics relating to biodiversity, conservation biology, ecology, and related social sciences.

Methods

The ACA Grants Program reporting is completed by the ACA Grants Program project administrators. The ACA Grants Project Summary Reports are posted on our website, which allows anyone interested in our grants to access information on both the operation of the ACA Grants Program and the achievements of projects we have supported.

Results

The ACA Grants Project Summary Reports are clearly outlined and available to ACA stakeholders online to show the spending of the funds generated by the province's hunters and

anglers. The reporting shows the far-reaching impact of the Grants Program. We updated the grants section on ACA's website as needed and promoted the grants and their deadlines as they occurred.

Conclusions

The Grants Reports are ways ACA shares information about our grants. We feel richly rewarded in helping support diverse conservation work happening in our province. Alberta's hunters, anglers, and trappers should be proud of the work accomplished with their levy dollars.

Communications

- ACA Grants Project Summary Reports

Literature Cited

Not applicable

Photos

Not applicable