



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

### City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

16a

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading
  Ordinance/Second & Final Reading
  Resolution/First & Final Reading
  Information Only

**AGENDA DATE REQUESTED:** June 26, 2023

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:**

RESOLUTION TO AWARD \$22,970 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE GREENVILLE ZOO CONSERVATION FUND FROM JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2023, TO ELEVEN DESIGNATED LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

**SUMMARY BACKGROUND:**

The Greenville Zoo’s Conservation and Research Committee recommended the Conservation Fund grant awards to the following:

1. “Conservation of a newly discovered population of Heloderma charlesbogerti” – Brad Lock (\$3,000)
2. “Assessing the effects of thermal factors on the spatial ecology of a Critically Endangered African vulture” - Kerri Wolter (\$3,000)
3. “Forest-edge community conservation in the Leuser Ecosystem” – Katherine Anest (\$1,000)
4. “Phylogenetics and range re-delineations of four Gray-Cheeked Salamanders” – Louisa Collins (\$3,000)
5. “Building eco-club network in eastern Nepal to promote Chinese Pangolin conservation” – Jeevan Rai (\$1,000)
6. “Inspiring African Youth in Conservation through PASA’s Kids for Compassionate Conservation Program” – Kelly O’Meara (\$3,000)
7. “Saving the elusive Fishing cat (Prionailurus viverrinus)” – Prativa Kaspal (\$2,970)
8. “Does Urban Development alter the Home Range and Habitat Selection of the Eastern Box Turtle (Terrapene Carolina Carolina)?” – Emma Rogers (\$1,000)
9. “Environmental Education for all Program” – Stephanie Valle Cubero (\$1,000)
10. “Application of machine learning tools for conservation in Upstate SC” – John Quinn (\$3,000)
11. “Conservation leadership for communities” – Steven Makumba (\$1,000)

**IMPACT IF DENIED:**

The conservation organizations will not receive funds from the Quarters for Conservation Program for their conservation projects

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact on the City or Zoo as monies are in a restricted account to be used specifically for this purpose.

**REQUIRED SIGNATURES**

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## A R E S O L U T I O N

TO AWARD \$22,970 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE GREENVILLE ZOO CONSERVATION FUND FROM JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2023, TO ELEVEN DESIGNATED LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Greenville Zoo (the “Zoo”) began the program “Quarters for Conservation” (the “Program”) to raise funds for conservation efforts and The Greenville Zoo Conservation Fund (the “Fund”) as part of a \$0.50 surcharge on the admissions fee and a \$5.00 surcharge on memberships; and

WHEREAS, the Program budgeted a net amount of \$22,970 for the Fund, a small grants program with funding priority given to field conservation projects in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia as well as appropriately approved international projects; and

WHEREAS, \$22,970 of the award is based on up to 20% percent of the total budgeted net revenue from Quarters for Conservation being earmarked for the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo’s Conservation and Research Committee (the “Committee”) met and recommended the Fund grant awards to the following eleven local and international conservation projects in the designated amounts:

1. “Conservation of a newly discovered population of *Heloderma charlesbogerti*: Creating the first Guatemalan dry forest network of protected areas” – Brad Lock/Oklahoma City Zoo & Botanical Park (\$3,000)
2. “Assessing the effects of thermal factors on the spatial ecology of a Critically Endangered African vulture” - Kerri Wolter/ VulPro (\$3,000)
3. “Forest-edge community conservation in the Leuser Ecosystem” – Katherine Anest/Sumatran Ranger Project (\$1,000)
4. “Phylogenetics and range re-delineations of four Gray-Cheeked Salamanders: *Plethodon amplus*, *Plethodon montanus*, *Plethodon meridianus*, and *Plethodon Metcalfi*” – Louisa Collins/Tangled Bank Conservation (\$3,000)
5. “Building eco-club network in eastern Nepal to promote Chinese Pangolin conservation” – Jeevan Rai/Nature Conservation and Study Centre (\$1,000)
6. “Inspiring African Youth in Conservation through PASA's Kids for Compassionate Conservation Program” – Kelly O’Meara/Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (\$3,000)
7. “Saving the elusive Fishing cat (*Prionailurus viverrinus*) through community-based conservation initiatives in the human dominated landscapes” – Prativa Kaspal/Women for Conservation Nepal (\$2,970)
8. “Does Urban Development alter the Home Range and Habitat Selection of the Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene Carolina Carolina*)?” – Emma Rogers/Clemson University (\$1,000)

9. “Environmental Education for all Program” – Stephanie Valle Cubero/The Toucan Rescue Ranch (\$1,000)
10. “Application of machine learning tools for conservation in Upstate SC” – John Quinn/Nested Sustainability Consulting – (\$3,000)
11. “Conservation leadership for communities” – Steven Makumba/NatureKit Organization (\$1,000)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, \$22,970 from the Fund shall be awarded as recommended by the Committee.

RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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CITY CLERK