The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) is Seeking Research Proposals

The Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN) is currently seeking research proposals from wildlife professionals interested in furthering OWCN goals for the 2020 – 2021 funding period. In particular, proposals evaluating effects of oil on inland wildlife species and development/testing of deterrent/hazing methods will be prioritized!

The OWCN was formed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) in 1994 as a collaborative program between the OSPR and the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at the University of California at Davis’ School of Veterinary Medicine. The mission of the OWCN is to provide the best achievable recovery and care of oil-affected wildlife should they be affected anywhere in California. As part of this mission, the OWCN supports research necessary for improving oiled wildlife spill response and the understanding of the short- and long-term effects of oil on wildlife.

A maximum of $200,000 is available for proposals for this fiscal year, and projects may be multi-year in nature; however, annual application, provision of complete and timely progress reports, and competitive review are required. For projects requesting $15,000 or less for a single year, the pre-proposal format will suffice as the complete small grant application. For investigators requesting greater than $15,000 (or for multiple years of support), should the pre-proposal be favorably reviewed, a full proposal will be required.

Parties interested in seeking funding greater than $15,000 should submit a pre-proposal as a Microsoft Word/Adobe PDF attachment by e-mail to the Karen C. Wildlife Health Center no later than 5:00 pm (PST) on 6 September 2019. For those requesting $15,000 or less, a small-grant proposal should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm (PST) on 20 December 2019. Late pre-proposals, or pre-proposals not adhering to this format, will not be reviewed.

For more information on this call, please refer to the attached RFP. For more detailed descriptions of grant guidelines, proposal format, previously-funded projects, and the review process, please visit the OWCN's website at https://owcn.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/research/competitive-grants-program.

If you have questions, please contact call Pamela Roualdes at proulades@ucdavis.edu or at (530) 752-4167.