

VBS GRANT PROGRAM FOR NEW OR REFURBISHED BB TRAILS

PARTICULARS/ REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications for Grants must be submitted to the State County Coordinator. (See the application below)
- All grants will be decided and awarded on a first come first served basis.
- All construction for grants awarded in the fall must be completed by 3/1 of the following spring in order to qualify for that fiscal year's funds.
- [The applicant must purchase the materials and submit complete receipts for any reimbursement by VBS. Submission of receipts to VBS is in order for the applicant to be reimbursed.] Discuss this with the State County Coordinator there could be exceptions.
- The applicant must construct the nest boxes and two predator guards from materials purchased at a home improvement store. The applicant may purchase already constructed nest boxes from approved sources (VBS can provide sources for these).
- VBS prefers the nest boxes be constructed using the Carl Little design (see our website) but will entertain other proposals. The box **MUST** be side opening.
- The trails must be located in appropriate bluebird habitat on **any public land**. This land can be in a park (city, county, state or federal); school property; public golf course; or any other public land. VBS can also assist with the placement of nest boxes for your trail.
- The boxes must be mounted on one-inch electrical conduit poles **with both a snake guard and a raccoon guard** (see our website for these plans).
- The grant recipient must ensure that the bluebird trail is monitored weekly from April 1 through August 31 (see below for help with this aspect of the grant).
- **Refurbished trail applications can be for as many as 25 boxes (a refurbished trail should already have bb boxes mounted on metal poles).**
- All grants awarded will be given a sign (provided at no charge) to staple onto the boxes on that trail. See a copy of this sign below.

Nest boxes in urban areas will be afforded priority. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) provides available grant funds for construction of urban bluebird trails. The State County coordinator will check that for you. Tell VBS if you think you might qualify as an urban area.

How to find BB monitors:

- Write an article for your local paper;
- Give a program to a local civic organization, bird club, or garden club meeting.
- Ask one of the VBS board members to come to your area and give a program.
- Place a request for volunteers in your local paper (VBS has a generic article that can be used for this).
- The VBS State County Coordinator can also help with additional advice.

DGIF/VBS Partnership Nestbox sign:

**VIRGINIA BLUEBIRD SOCIETY
(VBS)**

Box #

This nestbox is designed to attract bluebirds and other small cavity nesters. It is checked weekly by a trained monitor.

It is protected by State and Federal Laws.

PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB

For info on bluebirds or membership contact VBS at:
www.virginiabluebirds.org

Trail I.D.

This program is provided through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the VBS.



VBS APPLICATION GRANT FOR NEW OR REFURBISHED TRAILS

DATE SUBMITTED _____

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF VBS? YES _____ NO _____

IS THIS A NEW OR REFURBISHED TRAIL? _____

IS THIS TRAIL IN AN URBAN AREA? YES _____ NO _____

HAS THE COUNTY COORDINATOR IN YOUR AREA BEEN INVOLVED WITH YOUR PLANNING?
EXPLAIN _____

LOCATION OF BOXES

NAME OF PUBLIC LAND _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ ZIP _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ TYPE OF PUBLIC LAND _____

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN PROJECT (IF ANY) _____

NUMBER OF NEST BOXES _____ NUMBER OF POLES/PREDATOR GUARDS _____

GIVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT. INCLUDE PLANS FOR MONITORING THE TRAIL
(USE ADDITIONAL SHEET OF PAPER IF NEEDED):

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT _____

TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT _____ GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT VIA MAIL OR EMAIL TO THE COUNTY COORDINATOR
ADMINISTRATOR NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1ST. SUBMIT TO:**

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