

## Bella Vista Bluebird Society Nest Box Grant Program



The Bella Vista Bluebird Society (BVBS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to increasing and protecting the Eastern Bluebird population, and to providing educational projects that would benefit these native birds.

With this grant, a limited number of nest boxes each year will be awarded to assist in projects that help promote the mission of the BVBS – to increase and protect Eastern Bluebirds.

A group awarded a grant must include establishing and/or enhancing nest box trails on land within the state of Arkansas (outside of Bella Vista), and have as one of its goals the education of the local community about bluebirds and other native cavity nesting species.

The grant includes the Society providing three (3) nest boxes when the *applicant provides an equal number of nest boxes*. Whether or not the matching box requirement can be met by refurbishing existing boxes on an established trail will be at the discretion of the BVBS Board.

The grant will also include educational materials from the North American Bluebird Society (NABS), information for box building and monitoring the nest boxes.

Applicants must agree to the following provisions:

1. Applicant's nest boxes must be approved by the BVBS.
2. Trail location must be approved by the BVBS.
3. Applicant agrees to present a 15–30-minute program to their organization or another community organization about bluebirds and other native cavity-nesting birds and the need for monitored bluebird trails. BVBS will assist in providing materials for this presentation.
4. The applicant agrees to take responsibility for seeing that the nest box trail is adequately monitored, and agrees to take all necessary precautions and maintenance measures to ensure that non-native House Sparrows are **not** allowed to inhabit and reproduce in the nest boxes.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide and attach the following information for review by the BVBS Board:

1. Applicant's name, address, county, telephone number and email address
2. Name of any organization involved and contact information for the organization
3. Location of the project and description of the habitat of the trail or proposed trail
4. Description of how the project will be implemented (including time-line) and how many volunteers will be involved
5. Description of predator control measures that are planned and how they will be implemented
6. Other sources of funding for the project
7. Plans and details for the required presentation (to whom and when)
8. Attach a basic description of the matching nest boxes the applicant will provide (plans/photos)

Please email this signed form, along with the above information to, Ray Matkowski, [nestboxgrant@gmail.com](mailto:nestboxgrant@gmail.com), or mail it to:

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