



## GRANT APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The North Carolina Bluebird Society (NCBS) has established an educational grant program to promote and provide suitable habitat for the Eastern Bluebird, as well as to increase awareness of the particular needs of this species and of other native cavity-nesting songbirds. Grants may be awarded to individuals and/or groups to:

1. Establish a new bluebird trail of nest boxes approved by the North American Bluebird Society.
2. Repair or replacement of nest boxes, poles and/or predator guards on existing trails.
3. Educational activities that specifically benefit the Eastern Bluebird.
4. The cost of a bluebird display or promotional materials.

All grant requests must be submitted using this application. Allow at least 6 weeks for your request to be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any grant request submitted and awarded by the Board of the NCBS will not normally exceed \$200.00 but is not restricted to this amount.

Signature of the grantee guarantees the completion of the expressed project. The grantee will provide written notification of the success/failure of the project to the Board no later than one year from the award date. The signature of the grantee also releases the Board to publish the project and possible photographs in other NCBS publications.

**Special instructions for projects that involve installing new bluebird trails or repairing/replacing existing nest boxes:** The NCBS is pleased to be able to offer this grant to install nest boxes for Eastern Bluebirds and appreciates the efforts required to do so. It should be understood however, that placing nest boxes for bluebirds, or creating a nest box trail carries with it **a long-term commitment to:** (1) understand the purpose of the trail is to assist local populations of *native* cavity-nesting songbirds, (2) correctly site the nest boxes, (3) conduct the required weekly monitoring during the nesting season and, (4) perform the necessary maintenance and repair of the boxes each year thereafter. The NCBS will be happy to supply more information and guidance to make your project a success. Contact information for the NCBS Board of Directors and for the County Coordinators can be found at <https://www.ncbluebird.org/> The North American Bluebird Society also provides an excellent factsheet called "Getting Started with Bluebirds" as well as many other factsheets and bird box plans you will find helpful for this type of project. <http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/fact-sheets-plans/>



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**\*\*If this project involves the installation of new nest boxes, or the repair/replacement of existing nest boxes:** Please attach descriptions, photos, *or* plans for (1) the nest boxes you will use *and* (2) the predator guards you will attach to the pole. *All boxes should be mounted on metal poles!*

Also explain/describe how the boxes will be monitored, who will monitor the boxes, and who will maintain/repair the boxes. In lieu of this description, you can attach a letter of support from the group who will be monitoring and maintaining the nest boxes.

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**Estimated Completion Date for the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

NCBS retains the right to request additional information as may be necessary to assist with grant approval.

The Grantee will provide a full report to the NCBS on the completion of the project and usage of the grant no later than one year from the award date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Grant Award (check) to be mailed to: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please submit this application by mail to:**      **Kay Cameron**  
   **1608 Lynwood Avenue**  
   **Winston-Salem, NC 27104**

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*For NCBS use only:*

GRANT APPROVAL DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GRANT REJECTION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NCBS PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_