

## PTES guidelines for UK mammal grants

### **Background**

These guidelines have been prepared to assist you in making an application for financial support to the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) for a grant to fund projects working on UK mammal species.

Applications are welcomed from scientific researchers and workers in the field of conservation for financial support for work that is aimed at the conservation of individual endangered species and their habitats. There are three broad themes under which there are a variety of research questions to be addressed which will help to inform and direct future conservation work on the UK's priority mammal species. These research questions reflect priorities identified by the various species expert groups and other published targets.

Grant proposals that address any of these questions are likely to be given priority although proposals addressing other pressing conservation issues will continue to be considered. Funds for work carrying out practical habitat work will only be granted if trialling new methodologies that can be assessed for effectiveness and therefore will then have wider practical use for other practitioners.

Priority research themes:

1. Monitoring mammals – better methods for estimating distribution and abundance – more sensitive methods for assessing population change
2. Habitats for mammals – assessing habitat suitability and connectivity – improving and restoring habitats – habitat management – habitat fragmentation, modification and loss
3. Human impacts and mitigation – climate change – habitat fragmentation, modification and loss – impact of introduced mammals and diseases – roads and other infrastructure – toxic chemicals and pollution

### **What we need from you**

A completed application form submitted via the PTES online application system accessed at [www.ptes.org/grants](http://www.ptes.org/grants).

**Two letters of support from referees, professional or academic, one of whom knows you personally and can comment on your ability to carry out the project. The other referee must be an expert in the species you are hoping to work on (preferably sitting on the IUCN Species Specialist Committee). They do not need to know you personally but must be able to comment on your methodology and the needs of the species in terms of long-term conservation. Both referees must be external and not work within your organisation.**

**Please ask each referee to email a letter of support by the application deadline to [grants@ptes.org](mailto:grants@ptes.org). The project title should be included in the subject heading. Emails should be submitted from an institution email account. References sent via web-based services such as Yahoo, Gmail or Hotmail cannot be accepted. References may be faxed or posted but must be received by the grant deadline.**

The CV of the project leader, if not previously funded by the Trust, submitted along with the application form. The CVs of other members of a project team are **not** necessary.

Map of the study area, where relevant

For **PTES UK mammal** grants, priority will be given to work likely to further the aims of UK Biodiversity Action Plans and similar initiatives.

Any queries regarding the grant system should be emailed to [grants@ptes.org](mailto:grants@ptes.org)

All applications will be acknowledged on receipt and the outcome notified to the applicant.

### **Closing dates**

Deadlines for submission appear on the Trust's website: [www.ptes.org/grants](http://www.ptes.org/grants)

### **Size and scope of applications**

The Trust will consider funding a project in its entirety or jointly with other bodies or organisations. We are prepared to award funding subject to other funding bids being successful.

Priority will be given to those projects that focus on sound research or conservation work that is likely to lead directly to practical conservation outcomes with a lasting benefit to the species and habitat concerned. Projects that require funds to promote, within local communities and or policy makers, the dissemination/public awareness of conservation strategies based on sound research will also be considered.

**PTES Mammal** grants are usually in the region of £10,000 to £20,000, with average grants in the region of £15,000. The amount awarded will depend on the scope and breadth of the work to be undertaken.

To view some of the projects that have received funding to date, please refer to [www.ptes.org/grants](http://www.ptes.org/grants)

### **What is excluded or highly unlikely to be funded in the UK**

- local projects that are requesting funds for surveys, habitat management or local reintroductions that will not have any wider national benefits. If however a study of the above nature is trialling new methodologies or techniques that will have potentially wider applications then it will be eligible.
- student fees for any level of course or living costs
- projects that are part of an undergraduate or Masters course of study
- core salary or administrative costs of an organisation
- work on an alien species to a country unless it is likely to result in benefit to a native species

**All successful applicants will be required to comply with the following Terms and Conditions.**

1. The financial support given by the People's Trust for Endangered Species must be acknowledged in all reports and papers written as a result of the work.
2. A summary of the planned work will be requested by the Trust at the outset of the funding period suitable for including on the Trust's website. Applicants will be asked to provide appropriate images for use on the Trust's website and other publications.
3. A summary of the work may be written by the Trust for distribution to supporters of the charity with a view to fundraising or reporting outcomes and the Trust may seek the co-operation of the applicant in its preparation.
4. The project coordinator, or appropriate colleague, will make all reasonable effort to respond to the Trust in the event of media interest or in generating media interest in the work funded by the Trust. The Trust must be acknowledged by name, and where possible, logo in any press releases sent out relating to the work funded by the Trust, and a draft sent to the Trust for comment before release.
5. People's Trust for Endangered Species runs wildlife events for its supporters within the UK. Successful applicants within the UK may be requested to help organise and lead an event for the Trust's supporters to field sites where possible and to give a short talk about the work prior to the event.
6. For any project longer than six months, the applicant will provide a short (one side A4) report of progress at six monthly intervals.
7. On completion of the work, a full report with an executive summary (one side A4) must be submitted as soon as possible but in any event within six months. With the consent of the project leader, the Trust reserves the right to put either the full report and/ or the summary (both provided by the project coordinator) on the Trust website for general information. Either within the final report, or as an Annex to it, a budget summary must be provided detailing full expenditure of the grant awarded.
8. If for any reason the project programme is delayed, agreement to the revised schedule should be sought from the Trust.
9. If, for any reason, the project is cancelled or curtailed, all remaining monies must be returned to the Trust. The Trust reserves the right to require the return of any monies awarded if these Terms and Conditions are not met.
10. Any data gathered as a result of the work shall, after an agreed period of time, be made available to other bona fide researchers and to recognised national and international monitoring database schemes.
11. Applicants are responsible for any necessary risk assessments regarding their project. The award of a grant does not imply any consideration of risk or acceptance of responsibility by the Trust for any risk which may be involved in carrying out the project.