The East Cascades Audubon Society (ECAS) has adopted a policy, available on our website http://ecaudubon.org, regarding how the FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE BEQUEST OF KATHERINE KAY Laughrige may be utilized. The policy enables ECAS to offer grants using funds received from this bequest. Please read this information describing our policy before applying for an ECAS grant.

- We ORDINARILY accept grant requests for up to $2000. IN APPROPRIATE CASES, LARGER GRANTS MAY BE MADE.
- Grants of Laughrige funds may be made to public schools, section 501©(3) organizations and government agencies. In addition, funds may be used for projects established by ECAS.
- Grant requests must be consistent with ECAS’ exempt purpose of furthering bird study and conservation through engaging the public in volunteer field studies, through educational programs, or by supporting projects that restore avian habitat or further the knowledge and appreciation of birds and their habitat.
- Grant requests must be focused on activities or projects within Oregon. We do not accept grant requests for fundraising projects, or for administrative salaries or overhead. We do consider requests for grants to pay independent contractors or staff engaged in research or other activities consistent with our tax-exempt purpose. We also reimburse travel and OTHER expenses, INCLUDING STIPENDS, for volunteers.
- Our grants are restricted: the grant must either be used for the purpose specified in our grant or returned to ECAS.
- We may request a site visit to your facility or field location.
- ECAS requires a project report or presentation within fifteen months of the grant date.

If you have questions about our policy, you may contact any officer of the ECAS Executive Committee listed on the ECAS website.

The members of the ECAS Executive Committee aren’t listed on the website. Board members are, though it’s pretty hidden. There is a list of committee chairs, but it doesn’t include the grant committee. Pretty confusing for someone who is interested in discussing a grant or asking questions about whether a specific project might meet our criteria!

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