**ABWAK Environmental Enrichment Grant**

ABWAK is committed to developing the skills and expertise of its members, to help them provide the highest standards of excellence in wild animal care. For this reason, we are pleased to be able to offer the Environmental Enrichment grant, to financially aid our members in an enrichment project to benefit the animals in their care. The Environmental Enrichment grant could be used to help acquire a new enrichment device, or to purchase tools and equipment needed to make novel enrichment items. It could also be used to help applicants gain new skills to aid in making and developing enrichment schedules for a variety of species. This grant is open to all professional members, but we particularly encourage members at smaller collections to apply.

The Environmental Enrichment grant is available once a year, with 3 grants up for grabs, with the top applicant receiving £1,000, the second placed applicant will receive £500, and third placed applicant will receive £250. These grants are offered via an application process to our professional members. Applications will be assessed and graded impartiality by our council focus group. All grant applications must be received by 31st October and will take up to 1 month to process. ABWAK will notify the successful applicant shortly thereafter.

Applicants must show via the following application form that the financial support offered by ABWAK will aid in as many ways possible, and we ask you to display this within your application. Please fill in all the sections with as much information as you feel appropriate.

Good luck!

**Name:**

**Membership number:**

**How long have you been an ABWAK member?**

**Name of Zoological Collection:**

**Current Job Title:**

**Length of time in current position:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Tel:**

**Terms & Conditions**

Acceptance of an ABWAK grant implies acceptance of all terms and conditions that ABWAK have put forward.

1. ABWAK must be acknowledged in any publications arising from any product or activity for which the grant was provided.
2. The successful application will commit to providing an article in the ABWAK publication Ratel, and also if invited, commit to providing a poster or talk at an ABWAK event.
3. Funding must be used for the specific enrichment project that is has been awarded for. If the funds are not used for what they are intended, they must be returned to ABWAK be redistributed.
4. Proof of purchases must be sent to the Grants Officer within 3 months of funding.
5. ABWAK accepts no liability for the use of the enrichment items. All new ideas and purchases should be authorised by your manager before use.
6. If the application is successful, the applicant cannot apply for another ABWAK grant within 2 years if under £100, or 4 years if over £100.
7. Applicants must be a professional ABWAK member for more than 6 months, to apply for this grant.

I accept the terms and conditions of the award allocation

Signed

Date

**Environmental Enrichment project outline**

**Which species is the environmental enrichment project aimed at?**

**What are the goals of your enrichment project? (E.g., increase time spent foraging, reduce stereotypic behaviour) and how will it benefit animal welfare at your collection?**

**Has the environmental enrichment been used successfully before? (Either at your collection or elsewhere)**

**How will you share you results / ideas / knowledge from the project?**

**Total cost of project**

**How much are you requesting in a grant? Up to £500**

**Please give a breakdown of total costs (E.g. tools, toys, rope, workshop) and how the grant would be spent**

**Any further information to support the grant application**

**If you previously applied successfully applied for an ABWAK grant, when where you awarded the grant and what was the value of the grant?**