



Missouri Bluebird Society's **"Save the Clutch" Predator Baffle Grant Program**

The Missouri Bluebird Society is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to conservation of bluebirds and other native cavity nesting songbirds, and to educational projects that would be of benefit to these native birds. **This Grant Program is for Baffles and Poles only. Please see our "Nest Box Grant program" if you need nest boxes also.**

A lack of natural cavities for native cavity nesting birds, caused by the introduction of non-native species, as well as the loss of habitat to development, has left many of Missouri's Cavity-Nesting birds in need of safer nesting cavities. Decades of research by Bluebird Conservationists across North America have shown that placing a man-made nest box on a tree (as opposed to on a metal pole with a proper baffle) greatly reduces the chances of survival for the clutch of eggs or babies. In an effort to assist current Bluebird landlords (on public trails such as greenways and parks) in improving the safety of the man-made cavities they offer, MOBS is

pleased to present the "Save the Clutch" grant program. Each year, MOBS will provide, at no charge, a limited number metal poles and stove-pipe predator baffles to trail monitors wishing to remove their nest boxes from trees and/or wooden posts and place them on poles with baffles.

Grant Applicants must meet the criteria stated below.



1. Applicant's nest boxes must be constructed in a fashion and design recommended and approved by MOBS.
2. Trail Location must be approved by MOBS.
3. The 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. MOBS 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 (as outlined in the MOBS Educational Brochure) and agrees to take all necessary precautions and maintenance measures to ensure that non-native species are not allowed to inhabit and reproduce in the nest boxes.
5. The applicant agrees to turn in a completed MOBS nest box monitoring form each year after nesting season reporting nesting activity on the trail.

Applicant Signature _____ date _____

Please provide and attach the following information for review by the MOBS Board of Directors:

1. Applicant's name, address, county, telephone number, and email address (if any).
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 currently, and description of habitat once the boxes are removed to poles, if that will change (photos are helpful).
4. Description of how re-mounting the nest boxes onto the grant poles/baffles will be implemented (including a time line). A limited number of baffles only (without poles) may be granted for trails where boxes are currently on poles but without predator baffles.
5. Plans and details for the required presentation (i.e. to whom and when)
6. Please attach a basic description of the nest boxes being removed from trees or wooden posts (plans or photos are helpful)
7. Number of grant baffles or baffles/pole sets requested.

Please mail this form, along with the above information to:

Missouri Bluebird Society/ PO Box 105830/ Jefferson City, MO 65110

It is the responsibility of grant recipients to make arrangements with MOBS to claim their grant baffles & poles from Jefferson City, MO—MOBS cannot ship or deliver grant predator baffles or poles. www.missouribluebird.org