



## Disney Conservation Fund Grants, Awarded 2025 (By Organization)

Organization Name	Project Title	Project Description	Species	Country
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	AZA Animal Care and Wellbeing Grants Fund Program	Supporting AZA-selected research projects that increase knowledge about wellbeing in zoo and aquarium animals, and staff education/training projects that enable staff to ensure wellbeing of the animals in their care.	Multiple	Global
Association of Zoos and Aquariums	Party for the Planet 2026	Supporting Party for the Planet 2026 as a part of the AZA SAFE program to focus the collective expertise within AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums and leverage their massive audiences to save species and maximize impact. Engaging the public with compelling conservation stories and opportunities for direct conservation action, and raising the profile of accredited zoos and aquariums as engines for conservation and environmental stewardship across the globe and locally in their communities.	Multiple	United States
Bahamas National Trust	South Eleuthera Parks-to-School-Program	Bringing environmental education directly to primary school students in South Eleuthera, Bahamas providing free access to Seahorse National Park and the Leon Levy Native Plant Preserve. Immersing students in science-based learning through structured after-school sessions, interactive classroom lessons, hands-on activities, inspiring pride in their natural heritage.	Multiple	Bahamas
Bat Conservation International	Restoring an Agave Migratory "Nectar Corridor" for Endangered Pollinating Nectar Bats	Saving endangered and at-risk nectar-feeding bats across Mexico and the U.S. Southwest with local partner communities and organizations. Restoring native agave habitat in 8 key migratory stopovers along a 675-mile migratory pathway to create a "nectar corridor" and save pollinating bats from extinction.	Greater long-nosed bat, lesser long-nosed bat, Mexican long-tongued bat	Mexico

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Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Connecting the Dots: Promoting the Establishment of Refuges within Manatee Travel Corridor in Belize	Protecting the Greater Caribbean manatee across coastal Belize through increasing understanding of the Greater Caribbean manatee's travel routes across Belize, restoring degraded habitats to safeguard manatee foraging and resting areas, and protecting habitats along the species' coastal corridor.	Greater Caribbean manatee	Belize
Commonwealth Zoological Corporation	Connecting Turtles and People: Community Based Corridors for Endangered Turtle Recovery	Protecting, connecting, and recovering three highly threatened turtle species across four watersheds in eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire by training and empowering local citizens to become stewards of their local ecosystems.	Blanding's turtle, wood turtle, spotted turtle	United States
Conservation Fusion	Lemur Links: Restoring Forests and Futures Through Education and Community Conservation	Protecting lemurs and biodiversity across Madagascar with communities through science, education, leadership, nature connections and reforestation, creating a balance where people and nature thrive together.	Greater bamboo lemur, black and white ruffed lemur, Jolly's mouse lemur, aye-aye	Madagascar
Conservation International Foundation	Promote Biodiversity Conservation in Galápagos	<i>In celebration of DisneyNature's Sea Lions of the Galapagos, DCF is supporting Conservation International to provide hands on experiences to connect youth with the beauty of the Galápagos.   Supporting youth engagement through edu-communication initiatives that provide firsthand experiences connecting them with the beauty of the Galápagos. Deepening youth understanding of ocean literacy through immersive nature activities.</i>	Multiple	Ecuador
Conservation NW	Connecting the Cascade Crest to the Rocky Mountains	Protecting, connecting, and recovering iconic North America lynx and grizzly bear populations across historic, restored habitat along the Cascade Mountain crest and adjacent wildlands, with Indigenous and public lands partners.	Grizzly bear, Canadian lynx, wolverine	United States
Fauna & Flora International USA	Securing Critical Habitats and Corridors: A Multi-Species Conservation Approach in Trung Khanh, Cao Bang, Vietnam	Protecting Cao Vit gibbon and forest musk deer across northern Vietnam's karst forests. Utilizing habitat corridor restoration, community-led patrols, and anti-wildlife trade efforts to secure and connect critical habitats and ensure long-term species survival.	Cao vit gibbon	Vietnam

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Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation	Closing Gaps and Expanding Access in the Florida Wildlife Corridor	Training and coordinating local partners to protect key areas of the Florida Wildlife Corridor's 18 million acres of interconnected natural habitats critical for wildlife survival and the state's environmental health. Expanding public access through new trailheads and public entry points to make nature more accessible to all Floridians, helping them connect with and appreciate the state's wild beauty.	Multiple	United States
Frankfurt Zoological Society	Towards a Peaceful Coexistence between Humans and Elephants in Bukit Tigapuluh, Sumatra	Conserving the Bukit Tiga Puluh Landscape in Indonesia through capacity building for local farmers to protect their fields, and using satellite collars to track elephant group movements and relay information via an early warning system, preventing field destruction.	Sumatran elephant	Indonesia
Friends of the Sea Lion	Domoic Acid Response & Research: Protecting Sea Lions through Rescue, Rehabilitation, and Conservation Education	Responding to marine mammal mass stranding events resulting from unprecedented harmful algal blooms along the Southern California coastline, providing life-saving medical care for California sea lions, and advancing research and community outreach to understand and mitigate long-term impacts of domoic acid on marine ecosystems in California.	Sea lions	United States
Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Grace Center	Bridging Forests and Futures: Strengthening Community Stewardship of the Tayna-Usala Corridor in DRC	Protecting Grauer's gorillas across eastern Democratic Republic of Congo through local and traditional community conservation leadership. Securing land rights, protecting primary forests, and safeguarding critically endangered wildlife to create a living landscape where gorillas and people thrive.	Grauer's gorilla	Democratic Republic of the Congo
International Crane Foundation	Conserving the East Asian Migratory Flyway for Siberian, Red Crowned, and Other Sympatric Cranes	Protecting Siberian, Red-crowned, White-naped, and Hooded cranes across the East Asian Flyway with governments, protected areas and research institutions. Integrating science-based conservation with community co-development to restore critical habitats and secure thriving crane population along their 3000-mile migratory corridor.	Siberian crane, red-crowned crane, white-naped crane, hooded crane	China
International Fund for Animal Welfare	Disaster Response, Recovery, & Readiness	Supporting IFAW's Disaster Response program, including capacity building for partners in key disaster hotspots, direct IFAW disaster response, and mini grants to other nonprofit organizations responding to disasters globally.	Multiple	Global

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Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research Education & Conservation	Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots	Supporting Dr. Jane Goodall's global youth program that supports young people around the world as they work to address challenges in their local communities, and ensure the next generation of planet protectors has the tools to become the compassionate citizens our planet needs.	Multiple	Global
Kasiisi Project	Youth-Led Restoration for a Resilient Kibale Corridor	Engaging youth to protect biodiversity across the Kibale-Queen Elizabeth corridor in western Uganda. Utilizing youth-led forest restoration and conservation education aiming to secure the long-term integrity of a critical wildlife corridor, inspire future conservation leaders, and reduce human pressure on forests.	Multiple	Uganda
MarAlliance	Protecting the Mesoamerican Marine Megafauna Superhighway	Improving conservation of critical marine megafauna along the Mesoamerican Reef Corridor in Mexico and Belize through collaborations with conservation stakeholders and traditional fishers, leveraging local knowledge, research, and community engagement to strengthen transboundary marine conservation.	Multiple	Mexico, Belize
Monarch Joint Venture	Expanding M&MWHP: Enhancing Connectivity for California Monarchs Through Community-Led Habitat Restoration	Restoring monarch butterfly habitat across California's Bay Area and Central Valley through native plantings and resource provision to landowners and stakeholders to build and connect habitat corridors while supporting community-led stewardship and long-term care.	Monarch butterfly	United States
National Geographic Society	Marine Conservation in the Pacific: Supporting Indigenous Engagement and Education	<i>In celebration of the release of <b>Disney's Moana 2</b>, fans are invited to join Disney, National Geographic Pristine Seas, and Polynesian Voyaging Society to celebrate the explorer and Moana in all of us and answer the call to protect our oceans together.</i> Increasing ocean protection in the tropical Pacific and securing effective management of marine protected areas (MPAs) in perpetuity through a combination of scientific and economic research, strategic communications and media, and policy work enhancing impact at the regional scale.	Habitat- Marine	Fiji, Vanuatu, Tuvalu
National Geographic Society	A Legacy for Penguins	<i>In celebration of <b>Nat Geo's "Secrets of the Penguins"</b> and the kick off of DCF's 30th anniversary:</i> Expanding the Global Penguin Society's (GPS) conservation education model to protect critical penguin populations worldwide by combining immersive education, community engagement, and policy advocacy to create lasting conservation impact across generations.	Penguins	Argentina

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New York City Audubon Society	Protecting and Restoring Atlantic Flyway Bird Migration Pathways Across New York City	Protecting hundreds of migratory bird species through NYC within the Atlantic Flyway. Utilizing bird collision surveys, research on lights at night, green space biodiversity monitoring, and public engagement to understand and reduce collisions with glass, limit light at night, and enhance habitat to increase bird survival rates.	Birds - multiple	United States
North American Association for Environmental Education	Engaging People in Conservation: Proposal to Update the Tools of Engagement	Building upon Disney's support to update the environmental education Tools of Engagement by integrating the latest thinking in conservation planning, behavioral science, and community engagement.	Multiple	United States
Ocean First Institute	Protecting Critical Shark Migration Corridors in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary	Protecting endangered sharks across the Florida Keys with local communities. Utilizing satellite tagging, baited remote underwater video, field surveys, and public engagement to document movement corridors and inform science-based protections across fragmented habitats.	Sharks	United States
Oklahoma Zoological Society	The Guatemalan Endangered Reptile Conservation Program	Protecting Campbell's alligator lizard across the cloud forests of Jalapa, Guatemala, with local communities. Utilizing habitat restoration, epiphyte transplants, and neonate rescue and release to connect and expand the last forest remnants and secure the long-term recovery of this critically endangered species.	Campbell's alligator lizard, Guatemalan beaded lizard	Guatemala
Omaha Zoological Society	Association of Zoos and Aquariums SAFE Coral Program Management 2025-2027	Supporting management of the AZA Coral SAFE program to support a world where coral reefs are an abundant, healthy, and genetically-diverse component of a thriving network of interconnected marine ecosystems benefitting human communities. Collaborating to develop and implement a strategic communications plan, coordinating all aspects of the national Florida Reef Tract Rescue Project ("FRTRP"), and working with program partners to address the coral reef crisis in the tropical Western Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea.	Corals	United States
Polynesian Voyaging Society	Moananuiākea: A Voyage for Earth	<i>In celebration of the release of <b>Disney's Moana 2</b>, fans are invited to join Disney, National Geographic Pristine Seas, and Polynesian Voyaging Society to celebrate the explorer and Moana in all of us and answer the call to protect our oceans together.</i> Supporting exploration of the Pacific that will uplift the next generation of leaders on the canoe through perpetuating the voyaging and wayfinding culture of the Pacific, training the next generation of voyagers and navigators, and teaching the importance of honoring the teachers who have come before.	Multiple	Global

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Re:WILD	Protecting and Rewilding the Mekong's Fish Migration Corridors to Safeguard Biodiversity and Sustain Fisheries	Safeguarding the world's largest and most threatened migratory fish species in Cambodia's Lower Mekong corridor with local communities, government agencies, and conservation partners. Utilizing cutting-edge conservation science, citizen-led monitoring, and inclusive governance to protect, restore, and rewild 300 km of vital freshwater migration pathways, securing biodiversity, ecological resilience, and food security for millions.	Mekong giant catfish, giant barb, seven-striped barb, Mekong salmon carp, giant freshwater stingray	Cambodia
Save the Elephants	Human-Elephant Coexistence Program in Tsavo, Kenya	Protecting space for elephants to move between Tsavo East National Park and surrounding areas. Working with local people and across organizations in Africa to support peaceful coexistence.	African elephant	Kenya
Sea Turtle Conservancy	Protecting Florida's Sea Turtle Migratory Pathways □	Protecting Florida's globally-important sea turtles and their habitats on land and at sea. Utilizing research, hands-on education, and conservation to increase survivorship for the future.	Sea turtles	United States
The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International	Community-Based Conservation of Grauer's Gorilla Habitat in Eastern DR Congo	Protecting critically endangered Grauer's gorillas and their forest habitat within the Nkuba Conservation Area in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo through community-centered conservation, scientific monitoring, and local leadership. Integrating biodiversity protection with livelihood support, education, and food security initiatives to protect gorillas and their habitat as well as improving human well-being.	Grauer's gorilla	Democratic Republic of the Congo
The International Rhino Foundation	Rhino Conservation in the Bhutan to Burma Corridor	Protecting greater one-horned rhinos and other threatened species across Assam, India. Strengthening protected area management, engaging local communities and reducing human-wildlife conflict to restore the Laokhowa-Burhachapori landscape and build a functional wildlife corridor across northeastern India.	Greater one-horned rhinoceros	India
The Nature Conservancy	Thamani Asili: Our Land, Our Wealth - Project Finance for Permanence in Kenya	Securing the future of Kenya's iconic black rhino while bolstering economic growth and driving wider conservation gains across Kenya.	Eastern black rhinoceros	Kenya

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The Saint Louis Zoo Foundation	Protecting Grevy's Zebra Corridors through Community-Led Regenerative Grazing Management in Kenya	Protecting the endangered Grevy's zebra across northern Kenya with indigenous pastoralists. Supporting communities at the village level to combine traditional knowledge with modern conservation science, ensuring safe passage between habitat hotspots for the long-term survival of Grevy's zebra.	Grevy's zebra	Kenya
University of Central Florida Research Foundation	Restoring Oyster Reef Connectivity Along Critical Routes for Migratory Birds	Restoring fragmented oyster reefs along a key migratory bird pathway on Florida's east coast. Utilizing reef reconnection and biodiversity monitoring to achieve improved habitat for resident threatened birds, migratory species, and the aquatic communities on which they depend.	Eastern oyster, American oystercatcher, American white pelican, reddish egret, flatback mud crab	United States
Wildlife Conservation Network	Rhino Career Program and Emerging Wildlife Conservation Leaders	Supporting a cohort of rising rhino conservationists in collaboration with International Rhino Foundation to reduce barriers to long-term employment and retain passionate individuals, particularly those native to their regions. Providing mentorship, training, and financial support to enhance career sustainability.	Rhinos	Multiple
Wildlife Conservation Network	Protecting, Restoring, and Connecting Forests for Cotton-Top Tamarins and People in Northern Colombia	Protecting critically endangered cotton-top tamarins across northern Colombia with local farming communities through conservation agreements. Utilizing forest restoration and sustainable agriculture practices to create wildlife corridors connecting protected areas while improving farmers' livelihoods.	Cotton-top Tamarin	Colombia
Wildlife Conservation Network	Community Conservation of the Endangered Great Green Macaw and Mountain Almond Tree	Engaging Costa Rica's Pangola community in rainforest restoration, providing essential habitat for the recovering great green macaw by laying the foundation for long-term conservation of one of the world's most biodiverse ecosystems while building scalable local capacity to address the climate crisis.	Great green macaw	Costa Rica
Wildlife Conservation Network	2025 Wildlife Conservation Expo	Supporting WCN's annual Wildlife Conservation Expo celebrating our planet's most iconic wildlife, the dedicated conservationists who protect them, and WCN's tremendous community of supporters. Strengthening the community that supports WCN's mission through meaningful opportunities to collaborate, share knowledge, engage existing donors, connect conservationists and donors through curated, segmented experiences, and inspire new supporters to join the cause.	Multiple	United States

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Wildlife Conservation Society	REEL WILD NEW YORK Film Festival	Supporting the inaugural year of REEL WILD NEW YORK, a festival grown from the success of New York WILD Film Festival and dedicated to supporting, celebrating, and amplifying the work of independent filmmakers who embody WCS's mission of protecting wildlife and wild places. Inspiring new audiences and driving conservation action through powerful storytelling, including the launch of a new Emerging Filmmaker Award.	Multiple	United States
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