

## COA Mini-Grant Committee

**Purpose:** The purpose of the COA mini-grant committee is to help fund and support initiatives within the state of Connecticut which specifically benefit the avian wildlife in our state. It has always been part of COA's mission to reach out to all of those in Connecticut who appreciate our state's birds and support bird management/conservation initiatives whenever possible.

**Guidelines:** Listed below are some general guidelines which applicants should review before submitting their applications:

1. All award decisions will be finalized by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year and announced at the COA annual meeting of that calendar year. The applications for COA mini-grants may be submitted at any time of the year, but any applications received after Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> will not be eligible for consideration for the March 1<sup>st</sup> awards of that calendar year. Those received after Jan 15<sup>th</sup> will be added to the pool of applications for the following calendar year. Applications will be available for downloading on the COA website at: <http://ctbirding.org>
2. COA Board members and officers will not be eligible to apply. Conflicts of interest between COA board members/officers and grant applicants will be handled by the committee on a case by case basis.
3. There will be a maximum award of \$500 to any one recipient.
4. The total disbursement by the committee in any given year will be \$500.
5. All grant awards will be decided by the mini grant committee by means of a simple majority vote.
6. To be considered, all mini grant proposals need to demonstrate some benefit *to birds and/or birding in Connecticut.*
7. There will be a follow-up report required of all those awarded grants as specified in the application form.

8. *Preference will be given to new applicants. Grant awards may be limited to two consecutive years. Even in the case of multi-year awards, a separate application needs to be submitted each year.*
9. An applicant need not be a member of COA to apply.
10. The COA will be credited in any publicity resulting from any initiative funded either wholly, or in part, with funds from the COA.
11. This guide may be found on the COA web site at:

<http://ctbirding.org/minigrantguide>

and applications are at:

<http://ctbirding.org/minigrantapp>

Applications should be mailed to:

Connecticut Ornithological Association  
314 Unquowa Road  
Fairfield, CT 06824  
Attn: COA Mini-grant Committee

or emailed to: [coa-minigrants@googlegroups.com](mailto:coa-minigrants@googlegroups.com)