

## The Bonnie the Bat Education 2019 Grant

Bonnie, the big brown bat, introduced thousands of adults and children to the wonderful world of bats through classes and programs given by Dr. Patricia Brown. She never tried to bite, and rarely emitted an irritation buzz. She also reached a larger audience through appearances on the Jay Leno Show, Nickelodeon and Beekman's World.

To honor Bonnie's memory and continue her legacy in bat education, the 'Bonnie the Bat Education Grant' was established. This grant will help fund bat education themed projects. Project proposals need to explain how the money would be spent and show a matching contribution. After submission review, one selected proposal will be awarded \$500 at the WBWG Biennial Meetings April 22-25 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Proposals are now being accepted for the Bonnie the Bat Grant Awards. Proposal application deadline is **March 15, 2019** and the winning recipients will be announced at the WBWG meeting in Tulsa.

Please limit proposals to 2 pages including a **cover page** with the title of the project, the applicants name, affiliation, and physical and email addresses; and a **narrative** addressing the award criteria listed below. These should be submitted electronically by March 15, 2019 to Patricia Brown at [patbobbat@aol.com](mailto:patbobbat@aol.com) and Brad Phillips at [bjphillips@fs.fed.us](mailto:bjphillips@fs.fed.us), with a message subject of Bonnie the Bat Grant Proposal. Receipt will be acknowledged.

A committee of five representatives of WBWG will judge the proposals based on the following criteria:

The project addresses a relevant education and/or conservation issue for western bats.

The applicant demonstrates financial need (education project could be compromised without this award) and submits a project budget, showing that a \$500 match is available, either in cash or in-kind services.

Preference will be given to projects that reach an "underserved" audience for bat conservation.

The project is appropriate for the target audience.