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**Project Name** U.S. - MEXICO GRASSLAND BIRD CONSERVATION XIV

**Location (County)** CHIH-CHIHUAHUA, COAH-COAHUILA, DGO-DURANGO

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** BIRD CONSERVANCY OF THE ROCKIES

**Project Officer** Arvind Panjabi

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**Partner Name** LOC-CITY OF FORT COLLINS NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM, STA-COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$200,000.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$600,000.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion**

**Project Description** Funded under the 2016 IMPACT Program This project will continue work funded by the NMBCA since 2002 to conserve high-priority and declining grassland bird species of western North America. The proposed actions build on the broad scientific foundation and capacity established by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (BCR) and partners to conserve and enhance habitat for declining grassland birds across their migratory range, including identification of important areas, habitat conditions, threats and limiting factors, and collaborating with landowners in critical areas to implement best management practices and restore habitat for Sprague's Pipit and 27 other declining grassland species. The grantee will be working with 15 landowners to improve habitat on 240,000 acres of desert grasslands and shrublands in the Valles Centrales and Janos priority conservation areas in Chihuahua, Mexico. In this phase they will: expand work with landowners in the Valles Centrales and Janos priority areas to improve habitat for Sprague's Pipit and other grassland birds on at least 10,000 acres of grasslands and shrublands; advance research on limiting factors for overwinter survival and winter movement patterns of grassland birds in the Chihuahuan Desert and; protect 240 acres of native grassland and shrubland within a large conservation area (>55,000 acres) in northern Colorado that supports breeding populations of Mountain Plover and 19 other high-priority grassland bird species, and continue a long-term monitoring effort to inform management and conservation of their populations in the region. The activities will be conducted in cooperation with broad network of

regional partners in Mexico and the U.S. for maximize impact, efficiency and synergy. Species that will benefit include: Sprague's pipit, Baird's sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, chestnut-collared longspur, loggerhead shrike, ferruginous hawk, northern harrier, mountain plover, long-billed curlew, burrowing owl and short-eared owl.

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**Project Name** STEWARDS OF SASKATCHEWAN FOR BIRD SPECIES AT RISK V

**Location (County)** SK-SASKATCHEWAN

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** NATURE SASKATCHEWAN

**Project Officer** Rebecca Magnus

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**Partner Name** FED-CANADA SUMMER JOBS, CON-ELSA CANADA, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA HABITAT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, CON-NATURE SASKATCHEWAN, STA-SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENT FISH & WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT FUND, STA-SASKATCHEWAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY STUDENT SUMMER WORKS, STA-SASKTEL, FED-SCIENCE HORIZONS, CON-TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION (TD FEF), PRO-THE MOSAIC COMPANY

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$80,000.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$243,979.00

**Joint Venture** PRAIRIE HABITAT

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

**Ecoregion** NA0802-Canadian Aspen Forests & Parklands, NA0810-Northern Mixed Grasslands, NA0811-Northern Short Grasslands

**Project Description** The Stewards of Saskatchewan program focuses on engaging landowners and managers in stewardship actions to conserve habitat for the endangered Burrowing Owl, threatened Prairie Loggerhead Shrike, endangered Piping Plover, threatened Sprague's Pipit, and other prairie species at risk. Currently, 584 landowners participate in the Stewards of Saskatchewan programs, conserving approximately 194,920 acres of grassland, and 78 miles of shoreline habitat for bird species at risk. The project's objectives are to conserve habitat for multiple bird species of conservation concern through voluntary stewardship agreements and actions; promote legally-binding conservation easements; develop site-specific Species at Risk Beneficial Management Practices plans with land managers; increase, enhance and monitor target bird species' habitat; monitor the populations at participating sites through an annual census of program participants' lands; and provide environmental and conservation outreach to agricultural producers as well as to youth and others. In this phase, the project will set up agreements on about 8,000 acres new to the program; develop site-specific Species at Risk Beneficial Management Practices plans for over 9,000 acres under stewardship agreements; enhance over 150 acres; promote legally-binding conservation easements. Species that will benefit include: Baird's Sparrow, long-billed curlew, marbled godwit, McCown's longspur, short-eared owl, and upland sandpiper

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**Project Name** SHOREBIRD DEMOGRAPHY FOR CONSERVATION PLANNING IN PERU

**Location (County)** ICA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** CENTRO DE ORNITOLOGIA Y BIODIVERSIDAD (CORBIDI)

**Project Officer** Eveling Tavera Fernandez

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**Partner Name** CON-CENTRO DE ORNITOLOGIA Y BIODIVERSIDAD (CORBIDI), FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA (CWS), FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA (CWS), CANADIAN BIRD BANDING OFFICE, FED-MINISTERIO DEL AMBIENTE, PERU (MINAM), FED-SERVICIO NACIONAL DE AREAS NATURALES PROTEGIDAS (SERNANP), FED-SERVICIO NACIONAL FORESTAL Y FAUNA SILVESTRE, PERU (SERFOR), SCH-SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, CENTRE FOR WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$84,100.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$259,125.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT1315-Sechura Desert

**Project Description** Reliable estimates of survival rates during the non-breeding season are essential for shorebird conservation. Survival strongly affects population trends and the estimates can be used to infer reproductive success needed to maintain stable populations within the breeding range. Very few survival estimates are available for shorebirds from non-breeding areas, representing a key gap of information about shorebird population dynamics through the annual cycle. This project will provide the first population estimates of annual and seasonal survival at non-breeding grounds at the Paracas National Reserve in Peru from data collected simultaneously for four species of shorebirds--semipalmated sandpiper, western sandpiper, sanderling and semipalmated plover--and thus allow a thorough comparative analysis of shorebird demographics.

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**Project Name** SHOREBIRD CONSERVATION IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO PROVINCE, CHILE**Location (County)****Congressional District****Grantee Organization** CONSERVE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY**Project Officer** Stephanie Feigin**Grantee Email** stephanie.feigin@conservewildlifenj.org**Partner Name** CON-CONSERVE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA, OTH-ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM (ROM), SCH-UNIVERSIDAD DE SANTO TOMAS, CHILE**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$100,000.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$308,000.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT0402-Magellanic Subpolar Forests

**Project Description** By creating detailed shorebird habitat maps, this project will set the foundation for conservation planning and action for decades to come at the shorebird wintering site of Bahía Lomas in Tierra del Fuego Province, Chile. The proposed area of study is both a RAMSAR site and a Western Hemisphere shorebird site of hemispheric importance. Populations of migratory red knots have declined dramatically in this region in the last 30 years in parallel with declines of similar magnitude in the U.S. in Delaware Bay. The site is also important to other birds such as Red knots, Hudsonian godwits, white-rumped sandpipers, whimbrels and American oystercatchers. This project will delineate critical habitat for five shorebird species in Bahía Lomas; map habitats most threatened by climate change, oil pollution, overgrazing and other forms of habitat destruction; and present findings to Chilean biologists and conservation policy specialists.

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**Project Name** CONSERVING THE BAY OF PANAMA II**Location (County)** DARIEN**Congressional District****Grantee Organization** NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY**Project Officer** John Myers**Grantee Email** jmyers@audubon.org**Partner Name** CON-NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, CON-PANAMA AUDUBON SOCIETY**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$118,527.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$374,783.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT1414-Gulf of Panama Mangroves

**Project Description** The Bay of Panama is an essential habitat for birds and people. Surveys of the entire coast of Panama have found that more than 80% of all shorebirds wintering in or migrating through Panama use the mangroves and mudflats at the head of the Bay of Panama for roosting and feeding. The Bay of Panama has been designated as Site of Hemispheric Importance by the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network. In addition, the Bay of Panama's wetlands and mangroves are essential to controlling flooding for some of the city's poorest neighborhoods. Almost all of Panama's commercially important fish and shrimp depend on coastal mangroves for at least part of their life cycle, so observing and mediating threats to wetlands is of great importance to Panama's economy. This project will improve the long-term management for shorebirds of the Bay of Panama wetlands. It will build a wider constituency by developing and implementing several activities of a communications, education, participation and awareness plan; identify priority sites, and monitor shorebirds. Species that will benefit include: western sandpiper, whimbrel, semipalmated plover, semipalmated sandpiper and short-billed dowitcher.

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**Project Name** SAVING CRITICAL WINTERING HABITAT FOR THE HUDSONIAN GODWIT ON CHILOE ISLAND II

**Location (County)**

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

**Project Officer** John Myers

**Grantee Email** jmyers@audubon.org

**Partner Name** SCH-CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS Y CONSERVACION DEL PATRIMONIO NATURAL, CON-NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$123,536.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$408,007.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT1201-Chilean Matorral

**Project Description** Funded under the 2016 IMPACT Program The marine bays and shorelines of Chiloé, located off the coast of Chile, support approximately 22,000 Hudsonian Godwits (nearly 30% of the global population).. However, threats to Hudsonian Godwits and Whimbrels include deforestation of the watersheds by agriculture and livestock and shoreline development, and degradation to the intertidal mud flats principally from algae farming. In order to counter these threats, this project will maintain and enhance wintering populations of Hudsonian Godwit and Whimbrel across a network of sites on Chiloé. The project will achieve these goals by increasing sustainable, habitat-conservation focused practices and policies surrounding agriculture and ranching in the area. It will also educate and engage the community on environmental issues to support conservation actions and to maintain long-term ecological viability of five key watersheds on the island. This project will increase the quality and quantity of critical roosting and feeding sites of Hudsonian Godwits and Whimbrels in the Pullao, Putemún and Chullec watersheds. It will establish concessions protecting at least 100 acres of shorebird habitat, plant 3,000 trees, complete agreements with landowners and business on best management practices. It will also engage key stakeholders; strengthen local, low-impact tourism efforts; support the implementation of a land-use management strategy; and support additional planning activities associated with watershed management and renewable energy development. Species that will benefit include: red knot, greater yellowlegs, lesser yellowlegs, ruddy turnstone, surfbird, Baird's sandpiper, Wilson's phalarope, Franklin's gull, elegant tern and barn swallow.

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**Project Name** RICE FOR HUMANITY, HABITAT FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

**Location (County)**

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** GUYRA PARAGUAY: CONSERVACION DE AVES

**Project Officer** Cristina Morales

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**Partner Name** PRO-ARROCERA LA ESMERALDA S.A., PRO-BIOEXPORT, CON-CALIDRIS, PRO-CENTRO EXPERIMENTAL ARROZAL, CON-GUYRA PARAGUAY: CONSERVACION DE AVES

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$199,000.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$668,000.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0207-Cauca Valley Dry Forests, NT0709-Llanos, NT0909-Southern Cone Mesopotamian Savanna

**Project Description** Wetland loss is one of the primary threats for Neotropical Migratory Birds throughout the Western Hemisphere. Some wetlands have been transformed into agricultural landscapes and others are highly vulnerable to climate change, rice fields can represent an alternative habitat for Neotropical Migratory Birds. Rice fields located in Paraguay's Tebicuary river and Colombia's Cauca river basins provide about 250,000 acres of alternative habitats where 14 shorebirds species have been recorded including two species of high concern and six species listed in the Watchlist/US Endangered Species Act. Building upon advances of previously-funded projects, this new proposal aims to make management and protection of habitats more profitable through designing and establishing a green financial system which includes the design of a green trust and position of an international eco-label "Arroz amigos de las Aves (bird-friendly rice)". The green trust fund will help rice farmers to obtain mortgages with more favorable interest rates, costs and terms. A project will be developed to apply to GEF Non Grant-Instrument investment funds that will be used for the green trust fund. The project will help to demonstrate the innovative application of financial mechanisms and alliances that can be adopted thoroughly. Likewise, this project will highlight how these innovative financial mechanisms can be used to improve Neotropical Migratory Bird habitats at a greater scale benefiting biodiversity and local community. Species that will benefit include: swallow-tailed kite, peregrine falcon, American golden-plover, solitary sandpiper, lesser yellowlegs, upland sandpiper, Hudsonian godwit, white-rumped sandpiper, stilt sandpiper, golden-winged warbler and bobolink.

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**Project Name** RESTORATION OF PRIORITY HABITATS FOR NMB IN THE MADREAN SKY ISLANDS NW MEXICO II

**Location (County)** AZ-SANTA CRUZ, SON-SONORA

**Congressional District** AZ-SANTA CRUZ-3

**Grantee Organization** BORDERLANDS RESTORATION

**Project Officer** Dr. David Seibert

**Grantee Email** dseibert@email.arizona.edu

**Partner Name** CON-BORDERLANDS RESTORATION, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$199,330.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$626,917.00

**Joint Venture** SONORAN

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 34-Sierra Madre Occidental

**Ecoregion** NA0302-Sierra Madre Occidental Pine-Oak Forests, NA1303-Chihuahuan Desert, NA1310-Sonoran Desert

**Project Description** The Madrean Sky Islands region of northwest Mexico and Arizona provides the northernmost

wintering habitats, a diversity of breeding habitats, and critical stopover areas and migratory corridors for more than 100 species of Neotropical migratory birds (NMB). This project will build on previous work in the area by maintaining and enhancing existing restoration infrastructure and restoring additional riparian areas in the same region of Mexico and southern Arizona. The work will protect additional riparian areas and help ensure the success of past efforts. They will also continue to monitor the efficacy of restoration treatments on NMB and vegetation, and implement educational workshops focused on restoration techniques and conservation of NMB. Activities will enhance prospects for NMB conservation in North America by augmenting the capacity of local communities and restoring important habitats for birds in Mexico, extend the efforts of an emerging NGO in the region, Borderlands Restoration, and train community members in southern Arizona. Species that will benefit include: yellow-billed cuckoo, bell's vireo, warbling vireo, yellow warbler, common yellowthroat, Wilson's warbler, yellow-rumped warbler, yellow-breasted chat, summer tanager, varied bunting, black-headed grosbeak, song sparrow, and hooded oriole.

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**Project Name** RESTORATION OF IMPERILED SHOREBIRD HABITAT IN THE BAHAMAS

**Location (County)**

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** CONSERVIAN INC.

**Project Officer** Margo Zdravkovic

**Grantee Email** MargoZ@Coastalbird.org

**Partner Name** CON-BAHAMAS NATIONAL TRUST, CON-BIRDSCARIBBEAN [FORMERLY SCSCB], CON-CONSERVIAN INC., OTH-OPTICS FOR THE TROPICS, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), OTH-VOLUNTEERS

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$82,290.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$247,650.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT1403-Bahamian Mangroves

**Project Description** There is an urgent need to begin monitoring, protection, and restorative on the ground actions for shorebirds in the Bahamas as these imperiled species are enduring ever-increasing, human-caused disturbance and habitat loss, but currently there are very few measures to limit human-caused disturbance to shorebirds, seabirds, and their habitats. The project will expand on past efforts by increasing local capacity to implement coastal stewardship with hands-on conservation actions such as maintenance, management, research, and monitoring of neotropical migratory bird habitat, as well as community outreach and education. This project will limit human disturbance of shorebirds and control Australian pine, in cooperation with local partners at 50 or more key shorebird/seabird sites. The grantee will conduct shorebird and habitat assessments, post and sign beaches, eradicate Australian pine, and train local stewards. The project will also secure local support to control Australian pine at additional sites, foster local shorebird site caretaking, and disseminate project results to Bahamian partners and resource managers. Species that will benefit include: piping plover, roseate tern, red knot, black skimmer, bridled tern, black-bellied plover, ruddy turnstone, willet, sanderling, dunlin, and semipalmated plover.

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**Project Name** RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CONNECTIVITY IN PRIORITY GRASSLANDS S. CHIHUAHUAN DESERT II

**Location (County)** COAH-COAHUILA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE NUEVO LEON (UANL)

**Project Officer** Irene Ruvalcaba Ortega

**Grantee Email** i.ruvalcaba.o@gmail.com

**Partner Name** CON-ESPECIES, SOCIEDAD Y HABITAT A.C., CON-PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C., SCH-UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE NUEVO LEON (UANL)

**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$160,122.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$480,440.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region** BCR 35-Chihuahuan Desert**Ecoregion** NA1303-Chihuahuan Desert

**Project Description** Grasslands Priority Conservation Area El Tokio in Coahuila, Mexico comprises about 16,000 acres of inter-mountain grasslands, 80% of which are heavily overgrazed and degraded, and highly fragmented. This project will benefit several species of birds through reestablishment of connectivity and improvement in the quality of priority grasslands in El Tokio, as well as an increase in density of grassland birds through management, restoration, conservation agreements, community participation in decision-making, and environmental education for local children. Species that will benefit include: Sprague's pipit, lark bunting, Baird's sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, and Brewer's sparrow.

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**Project Name** PROTECTION OF CRITICAL WINTERING HABITAT FOR NEOTROPICAL MIGRANTS IN ECUADOR

**Location (County)** ESMERALDAS, -LOJA, -NAPO, -ZAMORA-CHINCHIPE**Congressional District****Grantee Organization** FUNDACION JOCOTOCO**Project Officer** Rocio Merino**Grantee Email** rmerino@fjcotoco.org**Partner Name** CON-FUNDACION JOCOTOCO**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$173,040.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$2,154,920.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT0115-Choco-Darien Moist Forests, NT0121-Eastern Cordillera Real Montane Forests, NT0214-Ecuadorian Dry Forests, NT1006-Northern Andean Paramo

**Project Description** Habitat loss in the neotropics is a key threat to migratory birds, and it is higher in Ecuador than elsewhere in South America. The project addresses this crucial threat by managing 11 protected areas, restoring degraded habitat, and monitoring. The grantee will also implement an outreach program and develop collaboration with national authorities to improve the management of public reserves. Species that will benefit include: cerulean warbler, Canada warbler, buff-breasted sandpiper baird's sandpiper, upland sandpiper, olive-sided flycatcher, pectoral sandpiper, Wilson's phalarope western and eastern wood-pewees, Swainson's thrush, swallow-tailed kite, black-and-white warbler, American redstart and Acadian flycatcher.

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**Project Name** PROTECTION & MONITORING OF CERULEAN & GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS IN COLUMBIA

**Location (County)** ANTIOQUIA, -BOYACA, -CAUCA, -CESAR, -CHOCO, -GUAINIA, -MAGDALENA, -META, -NARINO, -NORTE DE SANTANDER, -QUINDIO, -SAN ANDRES Y PROVIDENCIA, -SANTANDER, -TOLIMA**Congressional District****Grantee Organization** FUNDACION PROAVES**Project Officer** Dr. Paul Salaman**Grantee Email** psalaman@proaves.org**Partner Name** CON-FUNDACION PROAVES, CON-RAINFOREST TRUST**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$100,000.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$509,827.00

**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion**

**Project Description** Colombia has the richest bird diversity in the world with 193 Neotropical migrants from North America. Owing to its strategic geographical position, almost all flyway corridors from North and Central America to South America pass through Colombia. Forty-seven Neotropical migrant species of conservation concern are found in Colombia. Importantly, Colombia holds globally significant wintering populations of two of these species: the Cerulean Warbler and Golden-winged Warbler. This project will benefit cerulean and golden-winged warbler habitat in Colombia by acquiring over 9,000 acres, conducting management, monitoring and restoration activities in tropical forests, as well as restoring forested acres and training staff.

**Project Name** PROTECTING BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER HABITAT, BOLIVA IV

**Location (County)** BENI

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** ASOCIACION ARMONIA

**Project Officer** Bennett Hennessey

**Grantee Email** abhennessey@armonia-bo.org

**Partner Name** CON-AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY, CON-BIRD ENDOWMENT, CON-INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION FUND OF CANADA, CON-LORO PARQUE FUNDACION, CON-WORLD LAND TRUST

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$111,883.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$335,650.00

**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0702-Beni Savanna

**Project Description** The Beni Savanna in Bolivia is highly threatened by poorly managed cattle ranching, including overgrazing, woodland clearing, and the introduction of African grasses. Ninety-eight percent of the Beni is private cattle ranches, with no national protected areas. The Barba Azul Nature Reserve is a critical stop-over area in Bolivia for the Buff-breasted Sandpiper. The grantee will undertake several activities on the reserve to benefit buff-breasted sandpiper and other neotropical migrants, including: maintenance, management, law enforcement, research and monitoring. Through community outreach and education they will also increase and improve the quality of foraging habitat on private cattle ranches by actively promoting better land use practices. Species that will benefit include: buff-breasted sandpiper, American golden-plover, spotted sandpiper greater yellowlegs, lesser yellowlegs, solitary sandpiper, hudsonian godwit, white-rumped sandpiper, pectoral sandpiper, stilt sandpiper, and Wilson's phalarope.

**Project Name** PROTECCION DE HABITATS CRITICOS PARA LAS ANM EN LAS MONTANAS DE DURANGO II

**Location (County)** DGO-DURANGO

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** PRONATURA NOROESTE, A.C.

**Project Officer** MS. Miguel Ángel Vargas Tellez

**Grantee Email** mvargas@pronatura-noroeste.org

**Partner Name** CON-PRONATURA NOROESTE, A.C., LOC-UNIDAD DE MANEJO FORESTAL DEL EJIDO PUEBLO NUEVO

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$129,470.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$392,800.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 34-Sierra Madre Occidental  
**Ecoregion** NA0302-Sierra Madre Occidental Pine-Oak Forests

**Project Description** The virgin cloud forests of the Sierra Madre Occidental of Mexico have been reduced by 99% over their original distribution and the dry forests by 70%. This project will strengthen conservation of these forests, which host 350 species of birds, including 139 species of neotropical migrants. This project will continue managing 237,000 hectares of communally owned lands, and continue to monitor and manage the 100,000-hectare ecological easement within these lands. It will also obtain a Payment for Ecological Services agreement over 5,000 hectares and implement soil and water management measures in that area; and complete a 10-year sustainable forestry plan for the 137,000 hectares. Species that will benefit include: painted bunting, elf owl, costa's hummingbird, calliope hummingbird, rufous hummingbird, Allen's hummingbird, olive-sided flycatcher, Bell's vireo, blue-winged warbler, Brewer's sparrow, black-chinned sparrow, varied bunting, Colima warbler and Grace's warbler.

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**Project Name** HABITAT PROTECTION & ENHANCEMENT FOR MIG BIRDS IN SIERRA MADRE ORIENTAL II

**Location (County)** PUE-PUEBLA, VER-VERACRUZ

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** PRONATURA MEXICO, A.C.

**Project Officer** Aníbal Farabundo Ramírez Soto

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**Partner Name** OTH-AGROEXPORTADORA BRAVO GRANDE, CON-CEDAAF S.C., STA-CENACAFE, OTH-CONSEJO REGIONAL DEL CAFE DE COATEPEC A.C., CON-FONDO GOLFO DE MEXICO A.C. (FGM), CON-GRUPO DE TRABAJO DE LA SIERRA MADRE OCCIDENTAL, OTH-IMPULSA GENERACION RENOVABLE S.A. DE CV, PRO-INGENIERIA AGROFORESTAL Y AMBIENTAL DEL BOSQUE MESOFILO S.C., CON-INSTITUTO DE ECOLOGIA, A.C. (INECOL), CON-NATURESERVE, CON-PRONATURA MEXICO, A.C., OTH-VINCULACION Y DESARROLLO AGROECOLOGICO EN CAFE (VIDA AC)

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$178,150.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$536,680.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 48-Sierra Madre Oriental, BCR 52-Planicie Costera y Lomerios Humedos de Golfo de Mexico, BCR 54-Sierra Norte de Puebla-Oaxaca

**Ecoregion** NT0146-Oaxacan Montane Forests, NT0154-Peten-Veracruz Moist Forests, NT0176-Veracruz Moist Forests, NT0177-Veracruz Montane Forests, NT0233-Veracruz Dry Forests, NT0308-Sierra Madre de Oaxaca Pine-Oak Forests, NT0310-Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt Pine-Oak Forests

**Project Description** The project is located in one of the most important migratory areas of Sierra Madre Oriental, called the "migratory bottleneck." The grantee will reduce threats such as deforestation, habitat fragmentation, mining and highway projects through 3 objectives: 1) Certifying about 5,000 hectares as Private Conservation Areas, 2) Enhancing the habitat of migratory birds through planting 50,000 trees of key species on about 2,000 hectares of degraded land and coffee plantations; and 3) Continuing and expanding formal and non-formal environmental education. It will also continue building conservation capacity locally, nationally and internationally with the sixth edition of the Online Course "Cloud Forest Restoration". Species that will benefit include: Swainson's thrush, greater pewee, cordilleran flycatcher, wood thrush, Nashville warbler, ovenbird, magnolia warbler, black-throated green warbler, white-eyed vireo, and blue-headed vireo.

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**Project Name** FLAMMULATED FRIENDS: FULL-LIFE CYCLE CONS FOR FLAMM. OWL & PINE FOREST HABITAT

**Location (County)** GRO-GUERRERO, NL-NUEVO LEON, OR-CROOK

**Congressional District** OR-CROOK-2

**Grantee Organization** AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

**Project Officer** Bob Altman

**Grantee Email** baltman@abcbirds.org

**Partner Name** CON-AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY, CON-DESCHUTES LAND TRUST, OTH-JAMES H. STANARD FOUNDATION, STA-OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD, PRO-PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$136,930.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$477,591.00

**Joint Venture** INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 10-Northern Rockies, BCR 36-Tamaulipan Brushlands, BCR 53-Sierra Madre del Sur

**Ecoregion** NA0303-Sierra Madre Oriental Pine-Oak Forests, NA0505-Blue Mountains Forests

**Project Description** This project will benefit flammulated owls and other neotropical migratory birds through actions in Oregon. Activities include conservation easement acquisition, forest stewardship plan development, and habitat management and monitoring for flammulated owl on two private properties in central Oregon. The project will also establish the foundation for future phases of the project with outreach to western land trusts in the western U.S. for participation in migratory connectivity efforts that will establish sFlammulated Friends" conservation partners. Species that will benefit include: Canada warbler, hermit warbler, flammulated owl, olive-sided flycatcher, peregrine falcon, red-naped sapsucker, rufous hummingbird, Williamson's sapsucker, willow flycatcher.

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**Project Name** FULL LIFE-CYCLE CONSERVATION FOR TWO LISTED BIRD SPECIES

**Location (County)** CA-KERN

**Congressional District** CA-KERN-23

**Grantee Organization** PASO PACIFICO

**Project Officer** Dr. Sarah Otterstrom

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**Partner Name** PRO-MORGAN"S ROCK, CON-PASO PACIFICO, CON-RESERVA SILVESTRE QUELANTARO, OTH-RICHLAND CENTER - SANTA TERESA SISTER CITY PROJECT, CON-SOUTHERN SIERRA RESEARCH STATION, CON-THE INSTITUTE FOR BIRD POPULATIONS (IBP)

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$97,089.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$297,447.00

**Joint Venture** CENTRAL VALLEY

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 33-Sonoran and Mojave Deserts

**Ecoregion** NA1202-California Interior Chaparral & Woodlands, NA1310-Sonoran Desert, NT0209-Central American Dry Forests

**Project Description** Nicaragua is Central America's largest country and harbors some of the best quality tracts of dry forest between Mexico and Costa Rica, making it of critical importance for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds. A full life-cycle approach is needed to effectively conserve neotropical migratory birds. However, a lack of information on the non-breeding ecology of many species of conservation concern hampers effective conservation. The western yellow-billed cuckoo and the southwestern willow flycatcher have experienced substantial population declines, leading to conservation and restoration efforts. This project will contribute to the conservation of the southwestern willow flycatcher and the western yellow-billed cuckoo by locating key overwintering and migratory habitat sites, measuring the presence of these bird species at those sites, and by linking the migrating and wintering populations at these key sites with breeding sites in North America. These applied research efforts will be carried out in parallel with conservation actions focused on restoring and protecting habitat areas, and will build capacity for migratory bird conservation through targeted training to local biologists and

through environmental education. This project will improve protection for migratory birds through private lands through establishment of a reserve and partnering with dozens of farmers to restore habitat. Additional species that will benefit include: olive-sided flycatcher, cerulean warbler, worm-eating warbler, elegant trogon, and Canada warbler.

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**Project Name** FILLING THE GAPS FOR BIRD CONSERVATION IN HUEHUETENANGO GUATEMALA

**Location (County)** HUEHUETANANGO

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** FUNDACION PARA EL ECODESARROLLO Y LA CONSERVACION (FUNDAECO)

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**Partner Name** CON-FUNDACION PARA EL ECODESARROLLO Y LA CONSERVACION (FUNDAECO), CON-GLOBAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, CON-INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION FUND OF CANADA, CON-WORLD LAND TRUST

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$156,458.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$706,900.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0112-Central American Montane Forests

**Project Description** In 2009, Huehuetenango was identified by the National Council of Protected Areas (CONAP) as the single most important conservation gap in Guatemala. Recent studies show the high importance of the area for bird diversity, including more than 45 species of migratory birds. Unfortunately, over 60% of the forests of Northern Huehuetenango have disappeared during the last thirty years. The grantee recently established the first private nature reserve in the region: located in northern Huehuetenango, the San Isidro Reserve encompasses 845 hectares, and was recently acquired with the objective of conserving critically endangered amphibians and launching bird conservation and monitoring efforts in the department of Huehuetenango. In this project, the grantee will manage the nature reserve, conduct bird monitoring, environmental education and encourage support local communities in improving their livelihoods through sustainable use of their resources. Species that will benefit include: swallow-tailed kite, upland sandpiper, yellow-billed cuckoo, wood thrush, golden-winged warbler, golden-cheeked warbler, Kentucky warbler and painted bunting.

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**Project Name** ENSURING CONSERVATION STATUS FOR LAST UNPROTECTED FORESTS IN CARIBBEAN GUATEMALA

**Location (County)** IZABAL

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** FUNDACION PARA EL ECODESARROLLO Y LA CONSERVACION (FUNDAECO)

**Project Officer** Marco Vinicio Cerezo Blandon

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**Partner Name** CON-FUNDACION PARA EL ECODESARROLLO Y LA CONSERVACION (FUNDAECO), CON-INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION FUND OF CANADA, CON-WORLD LAND TRUST

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$101,754.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$377,000.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0111-Central American Atlantic Moist Forests

**Project Description** The forests within Guatemala's Caribbean Rainforest Corridor are a vital link in the

Mesoamerican Biological Corridor and the Caribbean migratory flyway of Central America. The Caribbean region of Guatemala is one of the country's biodiversity hotspots and the region is critical for Neotropical wintering migratory and resident birds; one hundred and twenty species of migratory birds are reported for the region, and use the remaining native habitats as their main wintering or stop-over habitat. However, between 1991 and 2010, 40% of the total forested surface disappeared, mostly due to weak law enforcement, the encroachment of subsistence agriculture and the expansion of extensive cattle ranching and oil palm plantations. The grantee will protect and manage remaining forests in cooperation with local communities and government agencies, and will continue monitoring bird populations to generate data related to migratory species in their wintering grounds, as well as monitoring forest cover change in order to evaluate long term impacts of the project. The project will also support the sustainable development of 6 neighboring Maya Q'eqchi communities, where environmental education campaigns will be implemented in order to promote bird friendly productive activities. Species that will benefit include: swallow-tailed kite, olive-sided flycatcher, Bell's vireo, wood thrush, bluewinged warbler, golden-winged warbler, golden-cheeked warbler, bay-breasted warbler, cerulean warbler, prothonotary warbler, worm-eating warbler, Swainson's warbler, Kentucky warbler, varied bunting, painted bunting and dickcissel.

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**Project Name** DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT TARGETS FOR GRASSLAND BIRDS

**Location (County)** SK-SASKATCHEWAN

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

**Project Officer** Dr. Mark Brigham

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**Partner Name** FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA, SCH-UNIVERSITY OF REGINA

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$14,896.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$44,688.00

**Joint Venture** PRAIRIE HABITAT

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

**Ecoregion** NA0810-Northern Mixed Grasslands, NA0811-Northern Short Grasslands

**Project Description** Much of the remaining native mixed-grass prairie is managed by private landowners. As a result, conservation practitioners primarily rely on incentive-based stewardship programs to conserve grassland habitat. Results-based conservation is a growing initiative in Prairie Canada whereby livestock producers receive funding if their management creates or enhances habitat for species of conservation concern. A critical component of the program is developing meaningful management targets that will enhance and maintain suitable habitat for species of conservation concern and that producers can measure and manage for in order to receive funding once they achieve those targets. The primary objective of this project is to develop reliable management targets for grassland songbird species at risk; Reliable management targets will be identified for each species and region, establishing such management targets for conservation agencies and livestock producers has great potential to strategically improve habitat conditions and ultimately help to recover grassland songbirds in the long term. Species that will benefit include: Sprague's pipit, Baird's sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, McCown's longspur, chestnut-collared longspur, lark bunting, western meadowlark and bobolink.

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**Project Name** CREATING MORE BIRD-FRIENDLY AGROECOSYSTEMS

**Location (County)** CAUCA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** CALIDRIS

**Project Officer** Luis Fernando Castillo

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**Partner Name** CON-CALIDRIS, OTH-THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF CANADA

**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$80,000.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$249,194.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT0145-Northwestern Andean Montane Forests

**Project Description** Colombia plays a key role for many neotropical migratory birds. However, with more than 70% of original forest cover in the tropical Andes already reduced, there is growing recognition that preservation of natural habitats in the tropical Andean forest zone must be coupled with sound management of working landscapes, as this is where most remnants of natural forest are found. The project's goal is to contribute to creating more bird friendly agroecosystems in working landscapes in the Inter-Andean slopes of Cauca Valley of Colombia. This goal will be met by aiding in providing habitats and maintaining landscape connectivity and working together within local communities to plan for bird friendly spaces within working landscapes. Specifically, the grantee will work with local farmers who will build and maintain a native plants nursery in each location selected. Likewise, local community will be involved in workshops and meetings that educate farmers and their families how to design bird friendly gardens, and other bird-friendly practices. Species that will benefit include: yellow-billed cuckoo, olive-sided flycatcher, eastern wood-pewee, Acadian flycatcher, barn swallow, Swainson's thrush, golden-winged warbler, cerulean warbler, Canada warbler, Blackburnian warbler, black-and-white warbler, mourning warbler, summer tanager and rose-breasted grosbeak.

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**Project Name** CONSERVING PRIORITY IBAS FOR AQUATIC MIGRATORY BIRDS IV**Location (County)** GUAYAS**Congressional District****Grantee Organization** AVES Y CONSERVACION**Project Officer** Ana Agreda**Grantee Email** aves\_direccion@avesconservacion.org; aagreda@avesconservacion.org**Partner Name** CON-AVES Y CONSERVACION, STA-DIRECCION PROVINCIAL DEL AMBIENTE DE SANTA ELENA, PRO-ECUASAL, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), SCH-UPSE/ESTUDIANTES**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$81,862.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$270,084.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT1413-Gulf of Guayaquil-Tumbes Mangroves

**Project Description** This is a follow-up project aimed at improving the conservation of priority areas (IBAS) for migratory shorebird populations in coastal Ecuador. Phase IV includes a new site in the Gulf of Guayaquil, which is considered the most important wintering area for migratory shorebirds in southwest Ecuador. The project will promote the declaration of a new Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network site and carry out the basic research and monitoring to determine the value of the mudflats for the migratory wintering populations within 110 miles of the study area. The grantee will continue monitoring the implementation of a surveillance program; install informational signs; plant mangroves along a water discharge channel to mitigate water pollution; and build capacities among university students to promote the sustainability of a research and monitoring program at wetlands in coastal Ecuador. Species that will benefit include: snowy plover, Wilson's plover, semipalmated plover, American oystercatcher, lesser yellowlegs, whimbrel, western sandpiper, least sandpiper, short-billed dowitcher and Wilson's phalarope.

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**Project Name** CONSERVING GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLERS ON HUMP MOUNTAIN

**Location (County)** TN-CARTER

**Congressional District** TN-CARTER-1

**Grantee Organization** SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN HIGHLANDS CONSERVANCY

**Project Officer** Michelle Pugliese

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**Partner Name** PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S)

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$200,000.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$600,000.00

**Joint Venture** APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 28-Appalachian Mountains

**Ecoregion** NA0403-Appalachian-Blue Ridge Forests

**Project Description** According to the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS), the golden-winged warbler (GWWA) has experienced one of the steepest declines of any American songbird during the last 45 years, in large part due to a loss of viable habitat in critical areas. The Roan landscape of North Carolina, including Hump Mountain, provides both the critical early successional breeding habitat as well as connectivity to a large network of mature forest. This project will protect the 432-acre Hump Mountain Tract, one of Southern Appalachian Highland Conservancy's (SAHC) highest conservation priorities since its founding in 1974, and is adjacent to a 24,000 acre network of protected lands. Protection of this tract will eliminate an imminent threat of development. In 2016 SAHC intends to purchase at least 300 acres of the property, and protect the remaining 132 acres through a conservation easement or fee simple acquisition. The long term objective is to manage the property for GWWA habitat and include it in regional GWWA monitoring initiatives. Species that will benefit include: golden-winged warbler, cerulean warbler, Canada warbler, brown creeper, chestnut-sided warbler, rose-breasted grosbeak, yellow-bellied sapsucker, alder flycatcher, grasshopper sparrow, horned lark and vesper sparrow.

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**Project Name** CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR GRASSLANDS OF THE CHIHUAHUAN DESERT III

**Location (County)** CHIH-CHIHUAHUA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C.

**Project Officer** Iris Anahí Banda Villanueva

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**Partner Name** OTH-AGRO CULTURA EMPRESARIAL (ACE), CON-PROFAUNA A.C. , CON-PRONATURA NOROESTE, A.C.

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$120,923.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$368,900.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 35-Chihuahuan Desert

**Ecoregion** NA1303-Chihuahuan Desert

**Project Description** Funded under the 2016 IMPACT Program In this third phase, partners will attend to the most urgent restoration needs identified in the Mountain Plover (MOPL) Conservation Business Plan 2015. The long term goal is to increase by 10% the MOPL populations in Janos-Casas Grandes through protection, habitat restoration, and threats mitigation such as the decline of prairie dogs colonies that represent optimal habitat for MOPL. Additionally, partners will strengthen the Regional Alliance of Producers in Janos Region through community collaboration and participation between livestock organizations, governmental agencies at a local, state and national level.

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**Project Name** CONSERVATION OF THREE IMPERILED GRASSLAND SPECIES**Location (County)** NL-NUEVO LEON**Congressional District****Grantee Organization** PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C.**Project Officer** Lissette Aurora Sepúlveda Hernández**Grantee Email** Isepulveda@pronaturane.org**Partner Name** CON-AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY, PRI-PRIVATE CONTRIBUTOR(S), CON-PRONATURA NORESTE, A.C., FED-RESERVA DE LA BIOSFERA DE MAPIMI (CONANP)**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$200,000.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$600,266.00**Joint Venture** RIO GRANDE**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 35-Chihuahuan Desert**Ecoregion** NA1303-Chihuahuan Desert

**Project Description** In Mexico's Valles Centrales, building off successful development of two conservation business plans for Sprague's pipit and mountain plovers, this project will implement priority management and restoration actions to maintain the population of both species, in addition to the development of the Business Plan for the conservation of wintering habitat of the long-billed curlew (LBCU) in México. Partners will address the major strategies outlined in the business Plan in the El Tokio, Mapimí and Valles Centrales Grassland Priority Conservation Areas (GPCAs) through the legal protection of ejidos and private ranches, strengthening the process for the decree of a new Natural Protected Area at the Federal level in the Valles Centrales GPCA. Partners will also restore degraded grassland through soil restoration and implementation of rotational cattle grazing systems, while generating knowledge on distribution and threats to LBCU in their winter habitat in México. Other species that will benefit include: mountain plover, McCown's longspur, lark bunting, Swainson's hawk, Baird's sparrow, and loggerhead shrike.

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**Project Name** CONSERVATION OF GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER HABITAT IN HIGHLANDS COSTA RICA**Location (County)****Congressional District****Grantee Organization** INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE BIODIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA**Project Officer** Pablo Elizondo**Grantee Email** jpelizondo@inbio.ac.cr**Partner Name** CON-COSTA RICA BIRD OBSERVATORIES, FED-FONDO DE FINANCIAMIENTO FORESTAL DE COSTA RICA (FONAFIFO), FED-INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE BIODIVERSIDAD DE COSTA RICA, LOCALIDAD MUNICIPALIDAD DE DOTA**Date approved****Grant Award Amount** \$150,000.00**Proposed Match Amount** \$1,078,800.00**Joint Venture****Bird Conservation Region****Ecoregion** NT0167-Talamancan Montane Forests

**Project Description** Project partners will begin a three-phase project focused on the conservation of important Golden-winged Warbler habitat, following Costa Rica's National Strategy of Conservation, referred to as "Know, Preserve, and Use." The project will occur in the biologically diverse highlands of the Cerro de la Muerte Mountains, a focal wintering area for the Golden-winged Warbler. Within the focal area partners will develop educational activities and conservation actions so that community members: (1) will learn how to manage land for vulnerable migrant bird populations, and (2) will restore agricultural and grazing lands for Golden-winged Warblers by

reforesting landscapes with native trees and shrubs grown from a local nursery. Partners will increase habitat available for Golden-winged Warblers in the heart of their winter range. These project strategies will generate informed and bird-friendly local communities while conserving existing and creating new, habitat for overwintering Golden-winged Warbler populations.

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**Project Name** CONSERVATION OF BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER IN SOUTH AMERICA

**Location (County)** BUENOS AIRES, -ROCHA, RS-RIO GRANDE DO SUL

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** SAVE BRASIL

**Project Officer** Juliana Almeida

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**Partner Name** CON-AVES URUGUAY, CON-BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL, CON-MANOMET CENTER FOR CONSERVATION SCIENCES, FED-ORGANISMO PROVINCIAL PARA EL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE OPDS, CON-SAVE BRASIL, CON-WELTANDS INTERNATIONAL LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$141,944.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$425,834.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0710-Uruguayan Savanna, NT0803-Humid Pampas

**Project Description** The Buff-breasted Sandpiper (BBSA) is considered a species of global conservation concern due to its small and declining population, and loss/alteration of grassland habitats used during migration and wintering. This project will document habitat use and threats faced by BBSA during migration and wintering in South America, and to conduct conservation activities at wintering sites. The grantee will place GPS tags on BBSA at three key wintering sites: Lagoa do Peixe National Park (Brazil); Laguna de Rocha (Uruguay) and Bahía Samborombón (Argentina). A similar tagging study is being done in North America. Activities will include a shorebird habitat management workshop and a good governance workshop to build political and technical support for maintaining grazing within Lagoa do Peixe - a key wintering area that is in danger of being degraded. This project will also maintain or enhance 1,760 hectares of BBSA habitat. Other species that will benefit include: American golden-plover, lesser yellowlegs, pectoral sandpiper, and white-rumped sandpiper.

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**Project Name** CONSERVATION ACTION FOR BICKNELL'S THRUSH ON CANADIAN BREEDING GROUNDS IV

**Location (County)** NB-NEW BRUNSWICK, NS-NOVA SCOTIA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** BIRD STUDIES CANADA

**Project Officer** Steven Price

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**Partner Name** CON-BIRD STUDIES CANADA, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA, SCH-UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$61,493.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$199,395.00

**Joint Venture** EASTERN HABITAT

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest

**Ecoregion**

**Project Description** Funded under the 2016 IMPACT Program Bicknell's Thrush is one of the most range-restricted neotropical migrants in Eastern Canada, where almost 40% of the global population breeds. Substantial declines have been noted throughout its Canadian range; in the Maritimes, data indicates a 40% reduction in species

distribution over the last 20 years due mainly to loss and degradation of forest habitat. This project will improve conservation for Bicknell's thrush in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia by addressing breeding habitat destruction and degradation occurring in industrial forest and other unprotected areas. The primary objectives are to: partner with timber companies and management agencies to implement Beneficial Management Practices, to mitigate both mortality and habitat loss; conduct research to improve and secure long-term protection of Bicknell's thrush breeding distribution; and continue regional and range-wide surveys to evaluate the success of conservation actions over the medium and long-term. Other species that will benefit include: Swainson's thrush, hermit thrush, yellow-bellied flycatcher, blackpoll warbler, fox sparrow, white-throated sparrow, winter wren, boreal chickadee, and Wilson's warbler.

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**Project Name** CONSERVACION DE DOS ESPECIES DE AVES PLAYERAS MIGRATORIAS EN PATAGONIA SUR II

**Location (County)**

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** ASOCIACION AMBIENTE SUR

**Project Officer** Germán Rafael Montero

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**Partner Name** CON-ASOCIACION AMBIENTE SUR, CON-CONSERVACION MARINA, LOC-MUNICIPALIDAD DE RIO GALLEGOS

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$112,452.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$342,885.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0404-Valdivian Temperate Forests, NT0805-Patagonian Steppe

**Project Description** This project will improve the conservation status of Red knots and Hudsonian godwits-both NMBCA focal species--in southern Argentina and Southern Chile, by reducing previously-prioritized threats in two sites, including disturbance from vehicles and domestic animals, and mismanagement of household solid waste. This will be accomplished by building and consolidating local support for conservation action; expanding the area and degree of protection of urban natural reserves; and by conducting awareness campaigns using innovative methodologies such as social marketing. The project also aims to strengthen collaboration among partners, local community and sites managers of WHSRN sites between Argentina and Chile. Species that will benefit include: surfbird, ruddy turnstone, sanderling, red knot, white-rumped sandpiper, Hudsonian godwit, whimbrel, Baird's sandpiper, American oystercatcher, greater yellowlegs, and American golden plover.

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**Project Name** CONS OF STRATEGIC PROPERTIES IN QUEBEC'S GREEN MOUNTAINS & CAPACITY BUILDING III

**Location (County)** QC-QUEBEC

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** APPALACHIAN CORRIDOR APPALACHIEN (ACA)

**Project Officer** Martine Ruel

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**Partner Name** CON-APPALACHIAN CORRIDOR APPALACHIEN (ACA), CON-ASSOCIATION DU LAC A LA TRUITE, OTH-ECHO FOUNDATION, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA ECOACTION PROGRAM, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA HABITAT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, CON-FONDATION DE LA FAUNE DU QUEBEC, LOC-FONDS PARC QUEBEC, CON-MASSAWIPPI CONSERVATION TRUST, CON-OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE, CON-THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$198,300.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$1,837,190.00

**Joint Venture** EASTERN HABITAT

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 14-Atlantic Northern Forest

**Ecoregion** NA0410-New England-Acadian Forests

**Project Description** The Atlantic Northern Forest contains a wealth of natural resources, but these resources also face numerous threats: over 90% of the area is in private hands. Located within an hour's drive of Montreal, the largest city in Quebec, the pressure on the region's natural habitats for residential development, recreational activities and infrastructures is considerable. This project will protect in perpetuity 1,000 acres through either fee-simple or easement acquisition. Located in Quebec's Northern Green Mountains natural trans-border corridor, the targeted properties are strategically located in core areas of unfragmented forest, and form a crucial link maintaining connectivity between properties already protected in the region. The project will also build capacity with grantee partners, who carry out related work in the area. Species that will benefit include: peregrine falcon, wood thrush, Canada warbler, eastern wood-pewee, veery, yellow-bellied sapsucker, black-throated green warbler, black-throated blue warbler, ovenbird, northern flicker, broad-winged hawk, belted kingfisher, American bittern, American black duck, and

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**Project Name** COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION OF NEOTROPICAL MIG BIRDS IN ECUADORIAN CHOCO III

**Location (County)** ESMERALDAS

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** TULANE UNIVERSITY

**Project Officer** Dr. Jordan Karubian

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**Partner Name** CON-FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE TROPICAL ANDES (FCAT), SCH-TULANE UNIVERSITY, XXX-VARIOUS

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$148,793.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$783,066.00

**Joint Venture**

**Bird Conservation Region**

**Ecoregion** NT0178-Western Ecuador Moist Forests

**Project Description** The Mache-Chindul Reserve (MCR) is a BirdLife International 'Important Bird Area' that houses at least 27 Neotropical migratory species. However, several thousand people live within its borders, which often results in continued deforestation and habitat degradation. This project will increase habitat protection in the area through the purchase a 140-hectare forest fragment adjacent to the MCR, which is at risk of deforestation. Once acquired, the land will be used as a regional conservation center. Species that will benefit include: bay-breasted warbler, Canada warbler, spotted sandpiper, least sandpiper, semipalmated sandpiper, lesser yellowlegs, Swainson's thrush, western wood-pewee, Acadian flycatcher, Blackburnian warbler, black-and-white warbler, American redstart, scarlet tanager and summer tanager.

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**Project Name** ADAPTIVELY MANAGING & INCREASING CRITICAL HABITAT FOR SPRAGUE'S PIPIT IN ALBERTA

**Location (County)** AB-ALBERTA

**Congressional District**

**Grantee Organization** ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

**Project Officer** Kerry Grisley

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**Partner Name** CON-ALBERTA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION, CON-ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION, FED-ENVIRONMENT CANADA HABITAT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM, CON-TD FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOUNDATION (TD FEF)

**Date approved**

**Grant Award Amount** \$33,000.00

**Proposed Match Amount** \$101,000.00

**Joint Venture** PRAIRIE HABITAT

**Bird Conservation Region** BCR 11-Prairie Potholes

**Ecoregion** NA0810-Northern Mixed Grasslands

**Project Description** Funded under the 2016 IMPACT Program The Grassland Natural Region of Canada is one of the most intensively-utilized landscapes in the world; in the province of Alberta, 95% of the grassland region is either used for farming or ranching. This loss and degradation of native habitat is widely considered the cause of continental declines in many populations of Neotropical migratory bird species. This project will restore important habitat in the South Saskatchewan River and Milk River watersheds. Between 5,000 and 10,000 acres will be added to the Sprague's pipit habitat management program through enrollment of new ranches in 10-year management agreements. In addition to grazing management strategies, the grantee will actively improve habitats through removal of encroaching shrubs, employment of moveable fence-lines, and reseeding of previously cultivated lands to native grasses. Through resulting improvements and increases to habitat quality/quantity, the grantee will effectively increase utilizable patch sizes to the recommended minimum of 360 acres, thus decreasing fragmentation effects on breeding Sprague's pipits. Other species that will benefit include: long-billed curlew, burrowing owl, ferruginous hawk, loggerhead shrike, upland sandpiper, marbled godwit, short-eared owl, Baird's sparrow, prairie falcon and willet.

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