

CARROLL PETRIE FOUNDATION

Request for Proposals

The Carroll Petrie Foundation is accepting proposals from municipalities, counties, colleges, and universities located in New Mexico interested in becoming Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA affiliates.

Purpose and Background

[Bee City USA](#) and [Bee Campus USA](#) are initiatives of the [Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#) aimed at conserving native pollinators by providing communities and campuses with a framework for increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides.

The purpose of this RFP is to support native pollinators in New Mexico by promoting pollinator-friendly habitat and practices. We encourage municipalities, counties, colleges, and universities to think of their grounds as functional ecosystems rather than simply landscaping for aesthetics.

The majority of pollinators are insects: butterflies, moths, bees, flies, wasps, beetles, and ants. Widespread pesticide use and habitat loss are major factors in the precipitous decline of pollinator species. New Mexico is uniquely situated as one of the most biologically diverse states for pollinators, home to approximately 334 species of butterflies and 1,000 species of bees. Through this RFP, the Carroll Petrie Foundation hopes to encourage appreciation and conservation of these important animals.

Level and Amount of Funding Available

- Up to \$100,000 per award; \$1,000,000 total available funding.
- Up to 25 grants will be awarded.
- Grant awards may be divided into two payments over two years.

Resources

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation provides a variety of resources to help potential Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA affiliates. [Webinars and videos](#) can be found on their website about the program, building pollinator habitat in your area, information on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans, and engaging the community. They provide templates for press releases, presentations, websites, etc.; graphics for signage; educational articles; sample plant lists and IPM plans; and provide one-on-one guidance.

Allowable Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds may be used for one or more of the following:

- Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA application and renewal fees
- Salaries or staff time related to planning or development of requirements
- Committee or volunteer meetings and related expenses
- Gardening supplies and native plants
- Educational materials, honoraria, outreach activities, signage
- Training and workshops for staff and volunteers related to native pollinators, organic landscape management, integrated pest management, and native plants
- Hiring of contractors or experts for related work

Application Steps

- Review the [Bee City USA](#) or [Bee Campus USA](#) programs as outlined by the Xerces Society.
- Apply to the Carroll Petrie Foundation for funding via <https://carrollpetrie-portal.givingdata.com/campaign/beecitybeecampus>.
 - Carroll Petrie Foundation application requirements include:
 - Narrative plan for completing the requirements of [Bee City USA](#) or [Bee Campus USA](#)
 - Statement on how you will sustain your Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA designation
 - Budget of how you intend to spend grant award
 - Current landscaping and grounds budget for your city, county, or campus
 - List and description of committee members
- Apply to Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA via the Xerces Society.
- Submit your Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA approval to the Carroll Petrie Foundation.

Timeline

Application opens: February 1, 2024

Application closes: July 15, 2024

Eligibility

Municipalities, counties, colleges, and universities located in New Mexico are eligible to apply.

Non-profits managing the Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA designation on behalf of a municipality, county, college, or university may also apply.

To be eligible, grantees must agree to explicitly avoid the cosmetic and prophylactic use of pesticides in their Integrated Pest Management plan.

Entities in New Mexico with an already existing Bee City USA or Bee Campus USA designation may be eligible for funding, especially if they intend to modify their Integrated Pest Management plan to avoid cosmetic and prophylactic use of pesticides (including rodenticides, insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.).

Competitive Priorities

Applicants who advocate for organic management practices and the total avoidance of pesticides are encouraged.

The number of awards and the decision-making process will be at the sole discretion of the Carroll Petrie Foundation.

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