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I have lived just north of Chintimini Wildlife Center for most of my 48 years. Their work in our community is invaluable and it stretches far beyond the boundaries of our city. From precious beings like bobcats to the smallest of birds, Chintimini lovingly welcomes them all with the intention of rehabilitation in order to release them back into their habitats. Receipt of this grant to support their work will allow them to focus more of their attention on the creatures they serve instead of directing so much energy to fundraising. In addition, grant dollars will give them the freedom to expand their public wildlife education efforts which in turn will (hopefully!) translate into more individual donations. When folks are able to learn about and safely interact with wildlife, guided by dedicated professionals, respect for the animals that share this land with us increases.

Rewarding Chintimini Wildlife Center with this grant is a wise use of available funds. Thank you for considering this organization, as a long-time supporter I share my testimony with gratitude.