

February 2019 Update

2019 Microgrant Application and Secure Zoo Webinar Series

2019 Contingency Planning Microgrants

The ZAHP Fusion Center is pleased to announce the third year of its microgrant program! This year we are offering up to fifteen \$1,000 microgrants to the exotic animal industry to increase preparedness and response activities across the sector.

To apply, complete the [application questionnaire](#), including a short description of how you will use the award to better prepare for or respond to an incident and how your facility plans to measure the results of your project. You will also be asked to explain how you will match the \$1000.00 amount through expenses, training costs, staff time, travel, equipment expenses, etc. In order to be eligible, applicants must be located in the United States, a tribe, or territory. Applicants should clearly identify their needs, justify the budget, and explain how the results of their project will be measured. We are seeking requests that build and document real-world partnerships (such as meeting with local emergency management personnel, developing mutual aid agreements for sharing response equipment, or including other facilities in the region in planning efforts) or allow for purchase or partial purchase of equipment or materials to increase safety for employees, volunteers, and visitors.

Applications must be submitted to azielinski@aza.org no later than May 1, 2019 and applicants will be notified on whether or not they were selected to receive a microgrant by June 1, 2019.

Please reach out to the ZAHP Fusion Center's Coordinator, [Ashley Zielinski](#) with any questions or concerns.

Secure Zoo Strategy Webinar Series

This webinar series will introduce Secure Zoo Strategy (SZS), a guide to help facilities develop business continuity plans to address the unique needs of the exotic animal industry in Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) outbreaks.

This 10 step program will help participants develop a facility emergency preparedness plan to address disease issues, and teach them how to refine these plans along side their State Animal health officials who will have authority during a FAD event. If you think you have species that are susceptible to Foreign Animal Diseases (FADs), you need to learn more about Secure Zoo!

[Click here to register](#)

Recordings will be available to those who are not able to attend or who need to miss one or more dates. Feedback from participants in these webinars will be used to further refine the SZS documents before they are finalized.

Note: There are 4 sessions remaining in this series; links 2 recordings of the previous

sessions are included below.

Schedule

All webinars will take place on Fridays at 10:00 am ET

- **February 8th** - Steps 1 & 2: Partnerships and Business Model
 - [Recording available](#)
- **February 22nd** - Steps 3 & 4: Risk Assessment and Roles for Personnel
 - [Recording available](#)
- **March 8th** - Step 5: Biosecurity
- **March 22nd** - Steps 6 & 7: Surveillance and Operations
- **April 12th** - Steps 8 & 9: Media & Communications and Recovery
- **April 26th** - Step 10: Facility Readiness Evaluation

vND Update

In light of the ongoing Virulent Newcastle Disease in southern California, the ZAHP Fusion Center sent a letter to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) highlighting the unique qualities of the exotic animal industry, and asking that these qualities be considered in the decision making process should the vND appear in close proximity to one of our facilities.

For a list of confirmed vND cases please visit: www.aphis.usda.gov/animalhealth/vnd ; updated weekly.

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