



DATE: August 15, 2024
MEMO TO: Nels Leutwiler, Chair
Preservation Foundation Board
FROM: Dr. Pati Vitt
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a \$500 grant to replace the Purple Martin nesting boxes at Countryside Golf Course.

FINANCIAL DATA: As of March 31, 2024, the Foundation's unrestricted funding total was \$320,611.95. Grants paid and payable from the unrestricted funds as of June 30, 2024, include:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows: 2024 (paid) \$94,468, 2025 \$84,268, 2026 \$53,268, Total Paid and Payable \$232,004

The requested funds would be paid as a \$500 disbursement in 2024.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1998, the Forest Preserves has compiled data on bluebirds thanks to our dedicated volunteer monitors. Across Lake County, we have 49 volunteer bluebird monitors who are responsible for 62 sites encompassing 778 nesting boxes.

We request a \$500 grant to replace the 15 nesting boxes at the Countryside Golf Course in partnership with long-time volunteer Jack Nowak and the Lake County Audubon Society. Funds would be used to purchase the supplies and posts for the project.

In addition, to support our wildlife monitoring efforts, this grant is an opportunity to support our dedicated volunteers and strengthen our partnership with the Lake County Audubon Society.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation, Director of Community Engagement and Partnerships, Director of Administration, Chief Operations Officer, and Forest Preserves Executive Director

PRESERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD:

Date: _____ [] Roll Call Vote: Ayes: _____ Nays: _____
[] Voice Vote Majority Ayes: _____ Nays: _____