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### **ACA ANNOUNCES ONE MILLION DOLLAR CASH BOOST FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN ALBERTA**

The Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) is pleased to again be providing up to one million dollars in annual funding for conservation projects taking place in the province of Alberta in 2004/2005. ACA has been awarding environmental conservation grants since 1997, making this the eighth year the non profit organization has provided such significant funding for a variety of important conservation projects.

Funding is administered through the Grant Eligible Conservation Fund (G.E.C.F.) which was created to support projects aligned with ACA's mandate of conserving wildlife, fisheries and habitat. G.E.C.F is funded by Alberta hunters, anglers and other conservationists. Every time a hunting or fishing licence is purchased in Alberta, a portion of the proceeds goes towards conservation work implemented by ACA. Additional funding is generated by corporate and industry partners.

Funding applications for this year's projects will be accepted until January 31, 2004. ACA's grant committee reviews all funding submissions and successful applicants are notified by March 15, 2004. Any individual or group is eligible to seek funding if they have a suitable project as outlined in the criteria guidelines on ACA's website. In 2003, G.E.C.F funded a total of fifty-six projects for a total of one million dollars.

ACA is a non profit, non government association working collaboratively to conserve and enhance Alberta's wildlife, fisheries and habitat. In addition to funding external projects, ACA staff work throughout the province delivering the organization's own prioritized conservation programs. These internal ACA projects are outlined in ACA's three year strategic business plan available on on-line for review.

For more information on ACA program priorities or the how to apply for the Grant Eligible Conservation Fund, visit ACA's website at [www.ab-conservation.com](http://www.ab-conservation.com).

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