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Foxwynd Foundation awards New Mexico Wildlife Center grant for life-saving technology

[Española, New Mexico, February 16, 2026] Announcement

New Mexico Wildlife Center (NMWC) is proud to have been awarded a \$10,000 grant made possible through a Donor-Advised Fund of the Foxwynd Foundation to support and expand the operation of NMWC's wildlife hospital. Admitting more than 1,000 wildlife patients of 160 different species in 2025, NMWC's capacity to aid injured, diseased, or orphaned wildlife must expand to meet the increasing need. The Foxwynd Foundation grant provides critical funding to keep the hospital facilities and medical technology up-to-date.

Thanks to a previous Foxwynd Foundation grant, the hospital added a quarantine building in 2024 where they safely receive and monitor patients with confirmed or suspected infectious disease. Since January of 2025, 60 patients have been treated in the isolation building. Matthew Miller, NMWC Executive Director, says, "Building on the success of the quarantine facility project, the 2026 grant supports the creation of an outdoor, aquatic species, pre-release enclosure, the only one of its kind in the state."

This project has been matched with an additional \$48,000 from private foundations, individual donors, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish *Share with Wildlife* program.

In addition, the grant provides crucial seed money to purchase a hand-held, wireless ultrasound unit. Dr. Ashley Kramer, NMWC's Veterinarian, says, "We are incredibly excited and grateful to add an ultrasound to our diagnostic toolkit. This equipment will play a vital role in the care and treatment of both our wildlife rehabilitation patients and our resident ambassador animals. Ultrasound is a safe, fast, portable, and low-stress imaging tool that allows us to evaluate internal structures that cannot be

adequately assessed with our current x-ray system.”

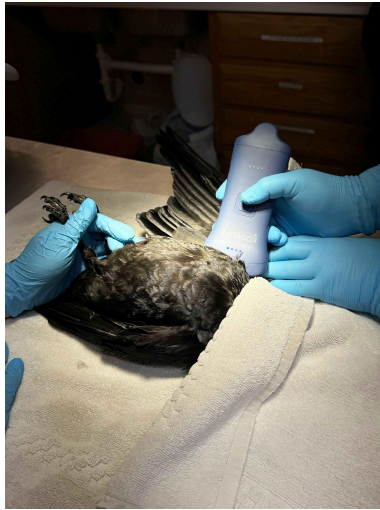


Image Captions: Wildlife rehabilitators Lizz Kendall, Libby Bukovec, and Caroline Cohen assess a crow patient's internal injuries with the hand-held ultrasound. Ultrasound is a real-time imaging tool that supports accurate diagnoses and treatment decisions and enhances the overall welfare of animals in our care.

The grant also supports purchasing everyday necessities that the wildlife hospital depends on including animal food and dietary supplements, diagnostic testing kits, and non-durable medical/surgical supplies.

“Foxwynd Foundation is proud to support New Mexico Wildlife Center’s ongoing efforts to strengthen wildlife rehabilitation through innovation and preparedness,” said Pamela Villagra, Executive Director of the Foxwynd Foundation. “This grant reflects our commitment to ensuring that organizations on the front lines have the tools, facilities, and technology needed to provide timely, compassionate, and life-saving care to vulnerable wildlife across the region.”



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About New Mexico Wildlife Center

Founded in 1986, New Mexico Wildlife Center (NMWC) has inspired wildlife stewardship for forty years. NMWC is a non-profit organization, operating through the generosity of private and corporate donors and with the support of foundations and granting entities. To learn more, visit <https://newmexicowildlifecenter.org/>