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**City of Marco Island, Beach And Coastal Resources Advisory Committee
Audubon Western Everglades Wildlife Conservation Program Funding Proposal**

Thank you for your continued efforts in funding our Conservation Programs on Marco Island. We value our relationship with the City of Marco Island, Beach Advisory and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee and appreciate the continued support for these very successful and growing conservation programs on Marco Island.

Here is the breakdown of how we would utilize the proposed \$3,150 allocation for the upcoming season:

Owl Watch Program:

- Supplies: Owl bands, pvc pipe, perches \$250
- Supplies: Weed whacking burrows; labor cost and supplies \$300
- Funds for rat poison testing of deceased birds of prey \$1,000
- Total: \$1,550**

Gopher Tortoise Program:

- Printing materials for education of "Nature Where We Live" to property owners on the importance of eliminating fertilizers, pesticides and non-native plants. Planting of native plants for Gopher Tortoises will attract them to their properties. \$250
- Total: \$250**

Shorebird & Waterbird Stewardship:

- Seasonal shorebird steward for nesting season \$1,000
- Water sampling, lab processing, shipments. \$350

Total: \$1,350

Total Support: \$3,150

Thank you!