

**The Foundation for the
Conservation of Salamanders
(FCSal)**

2021 Financial Report

Board Members:

Lauren Augustine - Founder and President

Katharine Mantzouris- Treasurer, and served as interim president for 2020-2021

Julia Geschke- Vice President

Jasper Levin- Board Member

Kirsten Hech- Board Member

Special statement from the Interim President and Treasurer of FCSal:

Due to the on-going challenges of COVID-19 in the 2020-2021 grant cycle, FCSal and all its board members decided to not give a grant for that season. This is due in part to the uncertainty of covid restrictions in regards to in-person fundraising among other uncertainties in the board members' careers and other transitions. However, the board members forged ahead with other fundraising activities, online educational engagement, and other new ways to continue our mission of saving salamanders. Please see highlights below and follow us on social media for updates on events and announcements about the 2021-2022 grant cycle.

Highlights:

- **Fundraising:**
 - Participated in 8 Fundraising events alongside founding American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK), The Great Baltimore Chapter of AAZK. Brought in over \$300.00 in sales of FCSal merchandise fundraising.
 - Online Fundraising
 - Additional online fundraising of over \$3,000.00 due to sales of FCSal merchandise and donations.
 - Corporate giving:
 - Over \$1,500.00 in corporate giving from PayPal Giving, Network for Good, and Bonfire.
 - Donations:
 - A special thank you to our biggest personal donor, Peter Shadix, \$2,500.00.
- **Grants recipients from 2019-2020:**
 - Received numerous grant updates and a report as well as images from projects from our last round of grant giving.
 - Barbora Thumsová, PhD Student, University of Cádiz, Jaime Bosch, Senior Research Scientist, National Museum of Natural

- Matt McCann; Science, Research, and Policy Associate; Delaware Riverkeeper Network; Status assessment of the eastern mud salamander in New Jersey.
 - Chace Holzheuser, PhD Student, Florida State University. Population genetics of the southern dusky salamander
- **Major Donations:**
 - The Foundation for the Conservation of Salamanders was able to make a major donation to the Africam Safari to contribute to a conservation land purchase in Mexico. In partnership with the NGO Verde y Azul the Africam Safari is fundraising to be able to purchase eight hectares in Pueblo Mexico of private property for sale. Previous surveys which has yielded the discovery of new species and previously unknown populations of salamanders totalling 8 species. This donation was possible because of the St. Louis Chapter of AAZK's generation donation to FCSal
 - <https://verdeyazul.com.mx/>

Reports and Updates on all projects available www.fcsal.org/grants

- **Salamander Saturday**
 - Salamander Saturday took place on Saturday, May 1, 2021:
 - Continued our offering online content for Salamander Saturday that took place on our Facebook Page, which included:
 - Salamander film viewings
 - Salamander songs
 - Live presentations by salamander scientists
 - Live children's book readings
 - Trivia contest
 - This annual event went virtual for the first time in 2020, in which we presented an online Salamander Film Festival and reached a wider audience for participation for Salamander Saturday.
 - In-person event took place at at least one facility.

Finances:

Expenses:

- Web Hosting (FCSal website and Amphibian Report Card): \$344.73
- Admin costs (educational materials, non-profit registration, etc): \$331.00
- Shipping and PO Box Costs: \$126.43
- Donations Given: \$1000.00 (Africam Safari for land purchase)

Total Expenses: **\$1802.16**
Percentage of total from grant giving: **55.5%**

Revenue

- Donations and Merchandise Sales:
 - St. Louis AAZK (for Africam Safari land purchase): \$1,000.00
 - Peter Shadix: \$2500.00
 - San Antonio Zoo: \$27.99
 - PayPal Giving: \$1272.83
 - Network for Good: \$40.00
 - Bonfire: \$240.33
 - In-person merchandise sales from small events: \$304.00
 - Online merchandise sales and donations: \$1579.49

Total Revenue: **\$6964.64**