

The Foundation for the Conservation of Salamanders 2024 Annual Financial Report



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FCSal spent 2024 working on developing and expanding our team. To do this we added three new board positions. This focus on expanding the team meant that we held off on offering grants this past cycle to ensure that we are positioning ourselves well for the future. This influx of new members will be critical in ensuring our educational and fundraising goals are met in the coming year.

You can get more information about our team at <https://www.fcsal.org/team>.



Ty Tobias, FCSal Outreach Coordinator



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While we did not meet our fundraising goals for the year, we did continue forward with our educational mission. We celebrated the 9th Annual Salamander Saturday on May 4th, 2024. We promoted a total of 10 events in 10 different states across the USA. Throughout the day, we shared salamander facts, videos, and infographics on our social media. We also hosted our first ever Salamander Stroll, a virtual 5k. We had over 50 people participate and raised over \$1,500.



We also started hosting in-person fundraisers this past year with a salamander happy hour in Philadelphia, PA.



We awarded grant funding to two exciting projects in the spring and received new updates from other recent grant recipients, which you can read about in the following pages.

We also started working on a more robust fundraising plan in 2024. Our goal for 2025 is to pursue corporate sponsors and grants from charitable foundations.

As always, a huge thank you to all of FCSal's supporters. This would not be possible without your generosity, creativity, and dedication to preserving the world's salamanders.

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Lauren Augustine
President, FCSal

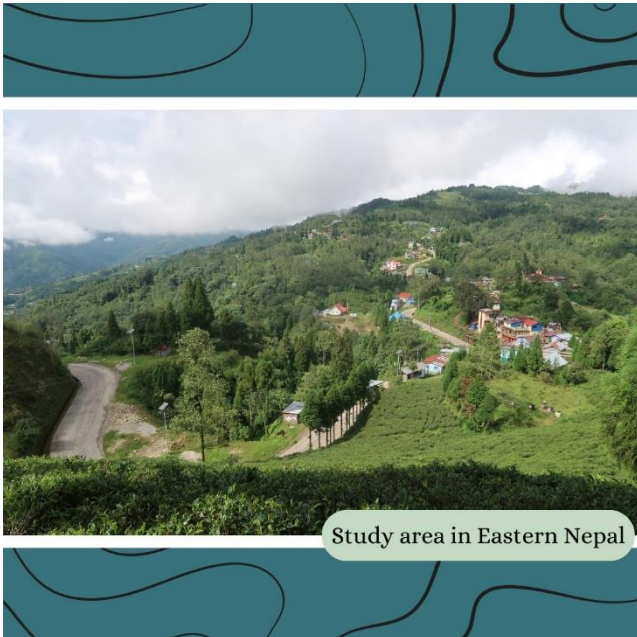
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New Grants

In 2024, we were able to award two grants through our annual grant program. Applications were accepted in late 2023, and recipients were selected and awarded the funding in March of 2024.

We gave \$2,455 USD to Wildlife Conservation and Research Endeavour Nepal for their project, “Community-engaged research and conservation initiatives of the vulnerable Himalayan salamanders *Tylotriton himalayanus* in eastern Nepal”. This project aims to safeguard the imperiled Himalayan salamander, recorded only in Nepal, India, and Bhutan, focusing on the critical habitat in the Ilam district of eastern Nepal. The project tackles vital knowledge gaps and lays the groundwork for Himalayan salamander conservation in Nepal. Through systematic visual encounter surveys and detailed documentation of habitat and threat variables, the team will establish a baseline dataset to guide targeted conservation and monitoring efforts.

Furthermore, the project actively involves local communities in salamander monitoring and conservation efforts, empowering them through field surveys and educational programs. Four educational initiatives will be conducted for school students and community members, nurturing an informed community passionate about Himalayan salamander conservation.



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We gave \$2,950 USD to researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and Trier University for their project, “Fungus FINDeRs: Coupling inexpensive, field-based, molecular diagnostics with citizen science to mitigate the spread of *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*”. The amphibian fungal pathogen *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal) represents an emerging and immense threat to European salamandrids that may result in global biodiversity concerns if left unchecked. Their research group has recently designed a non-technical, rapid, and inexpensive approach to detect Bsal DNA in the field. Through this project, they will supply and train local educational institutions and citizen science efforts throughout Europe to use the FINDeM tool so that they may establish community-led Bsal surveillance programs. They believe that they will be able to gain a greater understanding of the range of Bsal throughout Europe, identify novel regions in which Bsal prevalence is high but information on its impacts is scant, and engage the public in ongoing research so that they may serve as active stewards of their environment.



Fire salamander (*Salamandra salamandra*) with lesions caused by Bsal fungus.

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Past Grant Updates

In 2024, we received final updates from our 2022 and 2023 grant recipients (listed below). We are thrilled to hear about their successes and are proud we had a part in advancing salamander conservation by providing them with funding. Reports for these grants and older grants can be found on the [Funded Projects](#) page of our website.

2023 Grants

- Ensuring the endemic salamander conservation (*Bolitoglossa savagei*) through community-based conservation actions in Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta (SNSM) Key Biodiversity Area, Colombia (Fundación Atelopus and Universidad del Magdalena)
- Transforming the Rare Brazilian Salamanders in Symbols of Conservation in Amazonia (Instituto Boitatá)

2022 Grants

- Searching for threatened and lost salamanders in a mesoamerican hotspot with a citizen science approach (ProCAT Costa Rica and National System of Conservation Areas)
- Development of novel breeding enclosures for groundwater salamanders (Center for Conservation and Research, San Antonio Zoo)

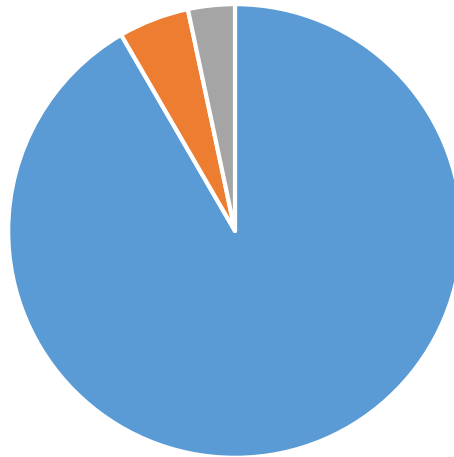
Future Grant Cycles

We were unable to meet our fundraising goals in 2024 and decided to postpone our normal grant cycle to 2025. Therefore, we did not open applications in November as usual. We are hopeful that we will be able to open applications in the summer or fall of 2025. FCSal is entirely funded by donations, and we plan to increase our fundraising efforts in 2025 and explore new avenues to raise money.

EXPENDITURES

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| 2024 Grants Awarded | \$5,405.00 |
| Salamander Stroll 5k Expenses (stickers, printing, shipping) | \$297.04 |
| Organizational Expenses (Taxes, P.O. Box, Website, etc.) | \$196.69 |
| TOTAL | \$5,898.73 |

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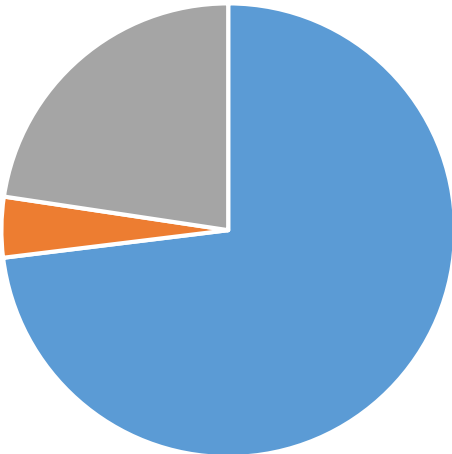


■ 2024 Grants ■ Salamander Stroll ■ Organizational Expenses

REVENUE

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| Donations | \$4,980.23 |
| Merchandise Sales | \$293.78 |
| Fundraisers | \$1,542.70 |
| TOTAL | \$6,816.71 |

Revenue



■ Donations ■ Merchandise Sales ■ Fundraisers