

# Supplement Funding for Non-Lethal Management of Black Bears

NJ Fish and Game Council Meeting

Sept 14, 2021

# DEP will increase its non-lethal management effort in 5 key areas:

- 1. Enhanced Public Education and Outreach:** Additional public information materials will be developed, and bear education sessions will be conducted throughout the State to increase awareness about bear safety and conflict prevention.
- 2. In-Field Response:** DEP will recruit and onboard additional wildlife management staff and conservation police officers to provide ground-level support in responding to and resolving bear incidents
- 3. Local Law Enforcement Training:** As the first line of response, local law enforcement agencies must be trained in Black Bear response management and adverse conditioning techniques.
- 4. Research:** DFW will advance the scientific understanding of black bears and balance of sustainable population and cultural carrying capacity in New Jersey.
- 5. County and Local Government Support:** In addition to education and training and for local officials and residents, DEP will work to identify and advance measures that can be undertaken in cooperation with municipal and county waste management officials to address waste management practices that attract bear and increase the likelihood of public safety incidents.
- 6. Science and Policy:** DFW will advance the scientific understanding of black bears and develop policies to achieve a sustainable cultural carrying capacity for black bear in New Jersey.

# *Outreach and Education*

- Website Update
- Publications
- Digital Marketing Campaign
- Radio PSAs
- Outreach Evaluation

Budget Percentage:      FY22 = 24%  
                                     FY23 = 18%

## *Personnel*

Bureau of Wildlife Management

*6 Employees*

Conservation Police Officers

*3 Officers*

Bureau of Solid Waste Planning and Licensing

*2 Employees*

Budget Percentage:	FY22 = 22%
	FY23 = 69%

# Equipment & Training

## *Examples*

- Immobilization equipment
- Culvert traps
- Telemetry equipment
- Immobilization training
- Vehicles

Budget Percentage:      FY22 = 54%  
                                     FY23 = 13%

DFW Staff Trained in  
Animal Immobilization Techniques

