

**National Speleological Foundation**  
**Grants Awarded**  
2004 through 2019

The grants below are each funded by the Vehslage Grant program, except where noted. From 2004 through 2019, the Foundation has awarded \$329,625 in grant money toward speleological projects.

**2019 Awards**  
(total \$7,000)

- \$2,500 Mid Atlantic Karst Conservancy for Sarah Furnace Cave property purchase
- \$100 Amy Murrie, Creatively Karst of Western Kentucky University
- \$2,000 Indiana Karst Conservancy for Lowry Cave Preserve
- \$2,000 James Gage Karst Preserve for cabin purchase
- \$400 Joel Sneed for C-14 Test at Bradford Cave, Bartow County, Georgia

**2018 Awards**  
(total \$10,000)

- \$2,800 Indiana Karst Conservancy -- purchase of acres at Wayne Cave Preserve
- \$4,200 Southeast Cave Conservancy -- establish a digital cave database program
- \$3,000 Northeastern Cave Conservancy -- purchase additional cave preserve property

**2017 Awards**  
(total \$0)

- None Submitted

**2016 Awards**  
(total \$6,000)

- \$1,000 PESH (Proyecto Espeleologico Sistem Huatla) 2017 Expedition to purchase Petzl Nest Litter
- \$5,000 Cave Conservancy of Hawai'i -- purchase cave property

**2015 Awards**  
(total \$7,000)

- \$3,000 Bill Steele, Co-Leader of PESH (Proyecto Espeleologico Sistem Huatla) (For the purchase of rope)
- \$4,000 Meredith Protas, Dominican University of California -- to assist with study, "Surface and cave morphs of *Arsellus aquaticus* (Crustations Study) in regards to their albinism ..."

**2014 Awards**  
(total \$7,077)

- Centre of Marine Sciences, Faro, Portugal, "Functional and taxonomic profiling of microbial communities in caves of the Algarve, Southern Portugal" \$1,500.
- Indiana University (Kevin Daniel Webster), "Methane Dynamics of Caves," \$1,577.
- University of New Mexico (Dr. Diana E. Northup), "Life at the Extreme: Cueva de Villa Luz, Making Acid for a Living," \$2,000.
- United States Deep Caving Team, "Proyecto Espeleologico Sistema Huautla 2015 Expedition," \$2,000.

**2014 Special Awards**  
(total \$100,000)

- National Speleological Society, Inc., "Completion of the Russell Gurnee Memorial Library of the National Speleological Society, Inc.," \$60,000 (NSS Support Fund grant).
- National Speleological Society, Inc., "Completion of the Russell Gurnee Memorial Library of the National Speleological Society, Inc.," \$40,000 (Gurnee Library Fund grant).

**2013 Awards**  
(total \$16,458)

- University of New Mexico (Dr. Diana E. Northup), "Novel Biodiversity in Lava Caves" \$5,023.
- Project Underground, Inc., "Spanish Language Project Underground Guides," \$1,500.
- University of New Mexico (David Decker), "Spar Genesis in the Cave Environment and Landform Evolution in the Guadalupe Mountains of Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas," \$3935.25.
- National Speleological Society, Inc., "Conservation budget," \$6000 (NSS Support Fund grant).

### **2013 Special Awards**

(total \$110,000)

- National Speleological Society, Inc., “1:1 Matching Contribution for the NSS Headquarters Entryway,” \$55,000.
- National Speleological Society, Inc., “Russell H. Gurnee Library of the National Speleological Society,” \$55,000.

### **2012 Awards**

(total \$8,500)

- Indiana Karst Conservancy, “Acquisition of the Shawnee Karst Preserve, Lawrence County, Indiana,” \$5,000.
- Appalachian Cave Conservancy, “Gilley Cave Capital Fund,” \$1,500.
- University of Mississippi (Pat Kambesis), “Speleogenetic Mechanisms in the Eastern Yucatan Peninsula, Quintana Roo, Mexico,” \$2,000.

### **2011 Awards**

(total \$11,071)

- Tony & Marion Akers and Mike Frazier, ‘Proyecto System Mazateca’, \$1,050.
- Cave Conservancy of Hawai’i, Inc., “Kipuka Kanohina Cave System Land Purchase,” \$3,000.
- Project Underground, Inc., “Capacity Building and Strategic Planning for the Project Underground Board,” \$880.
- University of New Mexico (Dr. Diana E. Northup and Jesse M. Young), “Bats: The Viral Frontier,” \$4,997.
- CaveSim LLC, “Transport of CaveSim to MayaCon,” \$1,144.

### **2010 Awards**

(total \$1,500)

- Pocono Environmental Education Center,(Allison Owczarczak), “‘Ecozone!’ Cave,” \$1,000.
- Rockcastle Karst Conservancy, “RKC Preserve Signs and Informative Signs for Inside the Great Saltpeter Cave Describing the Cave’s Geological Features and History,” \$500.

### **2009 Awards**

(total \$9,700)

- Ohio University (Prof. Gregory Springer), “Quantifying the Relative Contributions of Corrosion, Abrasion, and Cavitation to Cave Passage Enlargement and a 3-D Scanning Lab for the Study and Conservation of Caves,” \$4,500.
- Northeastern Cave Conservancy, “Acquisition of Merlins Cave, Columbia County, New York,” \$3,000.
- National Speleological Society, Inc. (Karst Partnership Forum), “Professional Quality Display Items,” \$1,000.
- Mid-Tennessee State University Foundation (Prof. Albert Ogden), “Update to Video Entitled, ‘Hollow Ground: The Land of Caverns, Sinkholes, and Springs,’” \$1,200.

### **2008 Awards**

(total \$12,000)

- National Speleological Society, Inc. (Rapid Response Fund), White Nose Syndrome Research,” \$10,000.
- Project Underground, Inc., “Marketing Program and Activity Guide Reprint,” \$2,000.

### **2007 Awards**

(total \$6,800)

- West Virginia Cave Conservancy, “Cave Brochure Reprints;” \$1,000.
- Indiana Karst Conservancy, “Education and Outreach Program,” \$1,000.
- Michigan Karst Conservancy, “Debt Service for Mystery Valley Nature Preserve,” \$2,000.
- National Speleological Society, Inc. (Partnership Building Forum), “Karst and Cave Information Outreach to Land Use Planners at the 2008 American Planning Association’s National Convention,” \$2,800.

### **2006 Awards**

(total \$3,500)

- National Speleological Society, Inc., “65th Anniversary Issue of the Journal of Cave and Karst Studies,” \$2,500.
- Cave Research Foundation, “Mulu-US Cave and Karst Training and Educational Exchange Visit,” \$1,000.

**2005 Awards**

(total \$7,269)

- National Speleological Society, Inc., “Great Expectations Cave Acquisition,” \$2,500.
- University of Minnesota (Prof. Calvin Alexander), “Upper Mississippi Valley Cave Nitrates,” \$2,269.
- Indiana Karst Conservancy, “Robertson Ladder Cave Preserve,” \$2,500.

**2004 Awards**

(total \$5,750)

- Project Underground, Inc., “Reprint Activity Guide,” \$2,000.
- Virginia Cave Board, “Cave Appreciation Week,” \$750.
- Cave Conservancy of Hawai’i, Inc., “Purchase of Lot 43 in Keone’s Hawaiian Rancheros,” \$2,000.
- Appalachian Cave Conservancy, “Unrestricted Operating Funds,” \$1,000.