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The North American Loon Fund (NALF) announces availability of 1997 Grants in support of management, research, and educational projects directly related to the conservation of the family Gaviidae.

Proposals in the range of \$500 to \$3000 are most likely to be considered for funding. High priorities include: 1) Identify and refine locations of important habitat areas for all loons during migration and winter, and juvenile loons during summer; 2) Obtain more information on the population dynamics of all species of loons, including the average age of initial breeding, annual survival rate, longevity, and dispersal and sources of mortality; 3) Design methods and establish population trends for regions with significant loon populations but where trends are currently unknown.

Deadline for submission of proposal is 15 December 1996. Funding awards will be announced by 30 March 1997. Please submit guideline request to North American Loon Fund, 6 Lily Pond Rd., Gilford, NH 03246.

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