Application to be recommended for funding from the Sharon L. Ram Aquatic Sciences Fund

The Sharon L. Ram Aquatic Sciences Fund was founded by Dr. Jeffrey Ram and Mrs. Michal Ram (the Founders) who serve as Advisors to the Fund to recommend disbursements by the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan (CFSEM), a 501(c) tax-exempt organization, who administer the Fund. The Fund’s purpose is to support Great Lakes aquatic research, with a preference, but not a requirement, for research at the Belle Isle Aquarium. Grants may be made only to tax-exempt organiza-tions, such as charitable and educational institutions, and cannot be disbursed directly to individuals.

Applications for grants of up to $2,500 can be submitted at any time. To be considered for a grant, write to the Founders at jeffram@gmail.com, describing your project. You must also indicate what charitable or educational institution will administer the funds. If your research is at the preferred location (the Wayne State University Belle Isle Aquarium Field Research Laboratory), you can request the funds to be administered through the Belle Isle Conservancy or Wayne State University. If recommended by the Founders, CFSEM will make the final determination about whether the request meets the organizational criteria and purposes for which the Fund was established. Budget items could include supplies, research services (e.g., sequencing), or research-related travel; at this time, due to the limited amount of funding, we are not recommending funding for salaries. Funds also cannot be used for tuition or scholarships for individuals. The Founders request that a short report on the results of the grant be sent to the Founders, within a year of receiving the grant.

Provide the following information:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institutional affiliation:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brief title of project:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Proposed purpose (use as much space as necessary to describe the project; include the location of the research, including laboratory or field sites, as applicable):

Budget (estimate amounts in general categories and provide justification):

What charitable or educational institution will administer the grant funds?

\_\_\_ Belle Isle Conservancy

\_\_\_ Wayne State University. If Wayne State, provide an account number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Other (give the name and address of the organization and any other information to assist the CFSEM to determine if it is an eligible organization):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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