



# SOUTH DAKOTA BAT WORKING GROUP

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The Honorable Michael Rounds  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Governor Rounds,

I am writing on behalf of the South Dakota Bat Working Group to express our sincerest thanks for the award of the grant through South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks Wildlife Diversity Program.

All of the money is to be used to purchase complete, 12-volume sets of science-based books about bats for distribution to public elementary school libraries across South Dakota. (All grant money is spent exclusively on the purchase of the books. The SDBWG covers all shipping, packaging, and distribution costs.) To date, our project has provided these book sets to forty-three schools across the state. This funding will enable an additional fifty-two schools to receive these books.

The books have proved to be popular with students and teachers alike and serve to help dispel many of the common myths held about these important animals as well as introducing the readers to some of their more amazing characteristics.

Additional information about the Bat Books For Schools Program can be found at our web site ([www.sdbwg.org](http://www.sdbwg.org)).

This grant will more than double our program bringing the total number of schools served to ninety-five. Again, we very much appreciate the support and boost this award provides.

Sincerely,

Joel Tigner  
Coordinator - Bat Books For Schools Project