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Maine wildlife rehabilitators work tirelessly to save the lives of thousands injured and orphaned wild animals annually, while receiving no public / state funding. Most rely primarily on private donations.

Many of the smaller rehabbers in rural areas operate out of pocket when funds are scarce. Almost all of the animals requiring rehabilitation, need medical intervention because of the intentional or unintentional acts of humans. Without the dedication of Maine wildlife rehabilitators, many of these wild animals in need would have nowhere to go and die horrible deaths.

These unsung heroes need and deserve funding – if not from the Maine Heritage Outdoor Fund – then from another source such as the General fund.