

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application

The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

Directive A. Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B. Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Exemptions

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Application Deadline

Applications for the first grant round cycle are due on **December 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. CST.** All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

It is our intent to have this form available on line. However, until that on-line form is available we are asking that you submit your application as a Word document. Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov .Then submit the Word document as noted in the following paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov . The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application.

You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding.

Oral Presentation. Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board tentatively scheduled for the week of January 13, 2014. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

Open Record. Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

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List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal

MAJOR Directive:

Choose only one response

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Additional Directive:

Choose all that apply

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Type of organization:*

State Agency

Political Subdivision

Tribal Entity

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation, as described in United States Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501 (c))

Project Name* Antelope Creek Wild Rice Corridor Watershed Restoration Project

Abstract/Executive Summary.

An Executive Summary of the project stating its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants.* (no more than 500 words)

The primary goal of the project is to restore the recreational uses of the impaired reaches of the Antelope Creek and Wild Rice River. Both of the water bodies have elevated Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and are listed on the EPA 303d list. Richland Soil Conservation District (SCD) has had an EPA 319 grant since 2006. Our projects have been very successful in the past and we would like to add another dimension to our funding package. The Richland SCD would like to use the Outdoor Heritage Fund to help promote riparian restoration which would result in improved water quality. We have had limited success in promoting the stabilization of degraded riparian areas due to the cost and limited cost share associated with those projects. The Richland SCD would like to offer additional cost share through the Outdoor Heritage Fund which would enable the producer/landowner to also have ownership in the project. We would plan to run this project in conjunction with our EPA 319 grant through 2018.

We also feel there would be a need for additional cost share for the renovation of field windbreaks. Up to two-thirds of Richland County was formerly made up of Glacial Lake Agassiz proper, therefore, most of our topography has a slope of 0-2% and is very susceptible to wind erosion. Tree windbreaks continue to be taken out in Richland County with few being replaced. While farming practices have improved over the past 50 years there is no substitute for a living tree in the field. Our goal would be to promote field windbreaks on quarter-section lines.

The total project cost would be \$977,000. Richland SCD would be asking the Outdoor Heritage Fund for \$220,000 which would be used as a 40% cost share match to the EPA 319 grant that has been held since 2006. We would use 50% cost share from the EPA 319 grant and have the Landowner/Participant contribute 10% so they have ownership in the project.

Amount of Grant request \$ 220,000*

Total Project Costs \$ 977,000*

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

Amount of Matching Funds \$ 335,000

50% Matching funds from EPA 319 grant - Cash

10% Landowner/Participant Match – Cash

Source(s) of Matching Funds

Richland Soil Conservation District – EPA 319 Grant
Local Landowner/Participant

Certifications *

X I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

X I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information –

Briefly summarize your organization’s history, mission, current programs and activities. * (no more than 300 words)

The Richland Soil Conservation District (SCD) was established in 1937 to help protect and preserve our natural resources. The Richland SCD is comprised of 5 Board Supervisors and 3 office staff, which include the District Clerk, Watershed Coordinator and District Technician. It has been the goal of the district to improve the water quality in Richland County with the EPA 319 grant; the Richland SCD has sponsored this grant since 2006. We have had success with the grants that we have administered and would like to use the Outdoor Heritage Fund as an incentive for landowners along our waterways to take the next step to improve water quality. Our Mission is to help landowners and producers be good stewards of the land by conserving, maintaining, and improving our natural resources and environment through education and leadership.

The District currently sponsors and facilitates several educational programs throughout the year. To mention a few; in the spring, we sponsor Ladies’ Ag Night, which helps educate local rural and urban women on practices that can help improve our natural resources. The District also sponsors ECO ED tours which include all 7th grade students in Richland County. Water Quality, Soil Health, Prairies and Grasslands, Wetlands and Woodlands are all topics discussed at the 2 day camp.

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program *

The goal of the grant is to promote water quality improvement practices. The watershed coordinator will contact landowners adjacent to the Antelope Creek and Wild Rice River in Richland County. With the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant the Richland SCD will be able to offer a funding source that will complement the funds that are received through the EPA 319 grant. The funds could start to be used the summer of 2014; with our EPA 319 grant already in place we will be ready to install practices as soon as possible.

In addition, we would like to be able to offer some cost share match with this grant to encourage landowners/participants to replace the declining field windbreaks in Richland County. Many of the windbreaks are at the end of their life cycle and need to be replaced. While farming practices have improved in the past 50-60 years, we still have a need for the living trees in the field. Our goal would be to encourage field windbreaks on quarter-section lines.

This would be a new project.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how the you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.*

The Richland Soil Conservation District has had an EPA 319 grant in place since 2006. The current grant will run through November 2015, once these funds are expended the District will apply for Phase III of the Antelope Creek Wild Rice Corridor Watershed Project.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. *

The SCD has a water monitoring program that will continue, five sites have been chosen by the North Dakota Department of Health along the main stem of the Antelope Creek. We hope to see an improvement in water quality data from the baseline data that has been collected.

The SCD will also continue with status reviews of installed projects for life of practice according to Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) specifications.

The Richland SCD is reporting regularly on the EPA 319 grant. All required reports are submitted to the North Dakota Department of Health in a timely fashion.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> , please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting.*

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

X I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission*

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. *

The Richland SCD will continue to have staff available to assist landowners with water quality practices. Naturally it is always easier to get practices placed on the ground if you have cost share available. As mentioned before the Richland SCD has been in existence since 1937 and has been actively applying conservation practices since that time. As with any organization, times always change and the District has proven that it has the ability to adjust with those times. We have the capability to keep making progress and move forward.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested. *

We would still be able to move forward with the project, however, we may need to reapply for funding sooner than expected. Since this is a new funding source it is hard to know how it will be welcomed by landowners/participants, but we believe it would be a great addition to our funding package.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be. *

Yes, we will be able to meet all provisions.

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE FUND GRANT BUDGET PROPOSAL - RICHLAND COUNTY

FUNDING SOURCES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
EPA SECTION 319 FUNDS	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000	\$ 280,000
OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUNDS**	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 220,000
LANDOWNER/PARTICIPANT MATCH	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 55,000
Subtotals	\$ 111,000	\$ 555,000				
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS						
1) NRCS (TA)	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,500
2) State NDDoH (200 samples/year)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
3) United States Fish and Wildlife (TA)	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 500
Subtotals	\$ 11,600	\$ 58,000				
STATE/LOCAL MATCH						
1) Local SCD (TA & FA)	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 75,000
2) Richland County Commissioners (in-kind)	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800	\$ 24,000
3) Richland County Water Resource Board (in-kind)	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 90,000
4) Sargent County EPA-319 (TA-"in-kind support")	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 175,000
Subtotals	\$ 72,800	\$ 364,000				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 195,400	\$ 977,000				

** Funds will be used to implement BMP's
 FA = Financial Assistance
 TA = Technical Assistance

NDDoH = North Dakota Department of Health
 SCD = Soil Conservation District
 BMP= Best Management Practices

NRCS = Natural Resources Conservation Service