

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

NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- Projects that are already completed;
- Projects that are on-going (Phased projects would be considered);
- Staffing;
- Feasibility studies;
- Annual maintenance;
- Paving projects for roads and parking lots;
- Swimming pools;
- Non-permanent equipment (such as tractors, snowmobiles);
- Research;
- Projects where the applicant is not directly involved in the project.

Application Deadline

Applications for the second grant round cycle are due on **August 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. CT.** All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

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 or print it and mail it to the address noted in the next 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. **Any item noted with an * is required.**

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. 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.

Name of Organization * Wild Rice Soil Conservation District

Federal Tax ID# * 45-6002399

Contact Person/Title * Trace Hanson, 319 Watershed Coordinator

Address * 8991 Hwy 32

City * Forman

State * ND

Zip Code * 58032

E-mail Address * trace.hanson@nd.nacdnet.net

Web Site Address (Optional)

Phone * 701-724-6226 Ext 3

Fax # (if available)

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

MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)*

Choose only one response

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Additional Directive: (select the directives that also apply to the grant application purpose)*

Choose all that apply

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Type of organization: (select the category that describes your organization)*

- State Agency
- Political Subdivision
- Tribal Entity
- Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

Project Name* Wild Rice River Restoration & Riparian Project Phase II

Abstract/Executive Summary

The goal of the project is to achieve “fully supporting” status for the aquatic life and recreational wildlife use The Wild Rice River and its tributaries within Sargent County, 46 segment miles of impaired or threatened reaches, according to ND 2012 Section 303(d) list. The Wild Rice Soil Conservation District (WRSCD) goal is to reduce the mean annual concentration of sediment load; phosphorus and total suspended solids as well as reduce fecal coliform bacteria concentrations in these areas, by implementing the tool of Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology. The LiDAR technology will promote and help implement agricultural Best Management Practices.

The reduction of phosphorus, sediment will be accomplished through implementing Best Management Practice for reducing stream bank erosion and runoff from cropland, addressing the need for riparian areas, improving soil health by implementing conservation measures that are deemed beneficial to improve water quality.

Wild Rice River Restoration & Riparian Project Phase II will focus on the critical floodplain areas that do not qualify for Conservation Reserve Program. The goal is to restore water quality to the EPA water standards.

Project Duration:* 6/1/14 thru 10/31/18 Money for the new project will start to be used on October 1, 2014.

Amount of Grant request \$ * \$9,937.00

Total Project Costs \$* \$33,125.00

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

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is strongly encouraged.

Amount of Matching Funds \$* \$19,875.00 cash \$3,313.00 in-kind

Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.

Source(s) of Matching Funds*

Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project.

North Dakota Department of Health
Division of Water Quality
918 East Divide Ave, 4th Floor
Bismarck ND 58501
Section 319 Funding

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

The Wild Rice Soil Conservation District was established in 1945.

Board Members: Bruce Speich Chairman, Joe Breker, Duayne Baldwin, Kent Carpenter, Roger Zetocha.

District Personal: Bonnie Anderson, Office Administrator - Trace Hanson, 319 Watershed Coordinator - Kelly Cooper, CCSP Farm Manger - Tyrell Macheledt, District Coordinator.

Allen Colemer, Volunteer Garden Manager

Mission Statement: To work with the citizens of the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District to conserve and manage our natural resources for the benefits to present and future generations.

Current Programs

319 Watershed Program The goal of the project is to achieve “fully supporting” status for the aquatic life and recreational uses of the Wild Rice River within Sargent County by reducing the mean annual concentrations of sediment, phosphorus, and total suspended solids as well as reducing fecal coliform bacteria concentrations this will be accomplished through implementing Best Management Practices.

The Conservation Cropping Systems Project (CCSP Farm) is located on a 130 acre by Forman ND. The member of the board of directors composes of local producers in northeastern South Dakota and southeastern North Dakota. The CCSP Farm is a living classroom.

Garden Agriculture Tunnel Education (GATE) High Tunnel educated the public about soil health with living vegetation or cover crop, to teach the importance of reduced tillage. A visual example of water infiltration, erosion reduction, promotes mycorrhiza numbers on the roots of the crops.

Equipment the Wild Rice SCD rents to the public

Manure Compost Turner The practice can increase yields, influence crop diseases, and bring about changes in soil microbial life.

No-Till Drill No-till reduces erosion and runoff which protects the surrounding environment. No-till prevents the loss of valuable topsoil in which crops embellishment.

Pipe Plow Providing livestock with a separate watering source away from surface water (rivers, creeks and lakes).

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

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

The Wild Rice Soil Conservation District's 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program goal is to implement Phase II of the Wild Rice River Restoration and Riparian Project. Project Phase II will focus on both sides of the corridor of the Wild Rice River and its tributaries, accomplishing 363 acres (10 miles) of buffer. The reduction of phosphorus, sediment will be accomplished through implementing Best Management Practice for reducing erosion and runoff from cropland, addressing the need for riparian areas, improving soil health by implementing conservation measures that are deemed beneficial to improve water quality; this will be implemented thru the use of LiDAR. The LiDAR decision support tool is new to the WRSCD project. The monies in this request will be on the ground by 2018.

Attached Wild Rice Soil Conservation District Easement.

Management of Project – Provide a description of how 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 easements best management plan will be design and inspection by the 319 Watershed Coordinator. The yearly status review will be managed by the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District.

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

The Wild Rice SCD will identify grass species and compare to the planning data sheet for grass seeding, during the yearly status review.

A year report will be report to North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Water Quality.

A year report is submitted to the Wild Rice SCD Board.

Regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be addressed to Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

Financial Information

Proposed cost share on BMP's:

- 60% matching funds from EPA 319 grant
- 30% Outdoor Heritage Funds
- 10% In-kind funds

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. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is strongly encouraged.*

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 easements are 10 to 15 years, at the end of the term the property will be reevaluated, and the Wild Rice SCD Board will make an assessment, following Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) stand and specifications for filter strips. At all times the Wild Rice Soil Conservation Board is looking for funding.

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

If this project is not fund to the request. The 319 Watershed Coordinator will adjust the budget.

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. *

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

Revised July 3, 2014

- Recent publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services, North Dakota Field Office
- Permanent Equipment Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment)
 - Equipment usage Actual documentation
 - Seed & Seedlings Actual documentation
 - Transportation Mileage at federal rate
 - Supplies & materials Actual documentation

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program please use those rates and note your source.

Approved by OHF Advisory Board: October 17, 2013
 Approved by Industrial Commission: October 22, 2013
 Revised by OHF Advisory Board: January 22, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: January 29, 2014
 Revised by OHF Advisory Board: May 13, 2014
 Approved by Industrial Commission: May 27, 2014

Easement
Wild Rice Soil Conservation District

This Easement("Easement"), is made by and between _____ whose address is _____("Grantor"), and the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District, a North Dakota political subdivision whose post office address is 8991 Hwy 32, Forman, ND 58032-9702 (the "District"), Grantee.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Easement is to provide and enhance riparian lands in locations most likely to benefit and sustain water quality. Grantors, in exchange for compensation paid by the District, wish to provide the District with an easement for these purposes. This Easement does not grant any rights to the general public for access to or entry upon the lands described below.

WHEREAS, Chapters 47-05 and 4-22 of the North Dakota Century Code authorize the District to acquire easements on eligible lands to establish conservation practices to enhance water quality.

WHEREAS, the District has developed a water quality program, with the goal of achieving "fully supporting" status for the aquatic life and recreational uses of the Wild Rice River and its tributaries within Sargent County by the means of preventing and reducing water pollutions through the establishment of vegetative riparian buffer zones.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the total sum of _____ (\$ _____) the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties acknowledge, Grantors hereby grant, convey, and warrant to the District, its successors and assigns, an easement in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein for a term of 5 years on the following real property in Sargent County, North Dakota, containing ____ acres, more or less, identified as follows, is described:

A buffer of grass measuring approximately 100 to 300 feet on both sides of Property named
The Wild Rice River on _____

(the "Property"). This Easement is subject to all prior easements, roadways, and mineral rights of record.

Binding Effect. This Easement constitutes servitude upon the Property; this Easement will run with the Property; and this Easement binds Grantors, their heirs, successors, assigns, representatives, and lessees, and including successors in title.

Ownership. Grantors represent and warrant they are the sole owners of the Property in fee simple, including any and all mineral rights; they have good and marketable title to the Property; they have the authority and right to execute this Easement; and this Easement does not violate any mortgage or other interest held by any third party regarding the Property, or any portion of the Property.

Hazardous Substances. Grantors represent and warrant there are no hazardous or toxic substances, pollutants, or contaminants in, on, or under the Property. With the exception of reasonable and necessary application of government-approved fertilizers and pesticides, Grantors will not store or permit spillage, leakage, discharge, or application, of any hazardous or toxic substance, pollutant, contaminant, compost, or manure in, on, or under the Property, and including ground water, surface water, and subsurface soils.

Access to the Property. Grantors warrant the right of not giving access to the public for ingress and egress to the Property across adjacent or other properties of Grantors. Grantors grant the District the right of reasonable ingress and egress to, from, in, on, over, across, and through the Property to inspect the Property and to ensure compliance with the terms of this Easement.

Recreational Uses. Grantors expressly reserve the right to use the Property for reasonable recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, and kayaking, as well as access to the Property for those purposes.

Obligations of Grantors. Grantors will comply with all terms and conditions of this Easement, including the following:

1. Grantors, their heirs, successors, assigns or leases, will manage the established native grass cover for purposes of water quality in accordance with the following Best Management Practice agreed to by the District and Grantors.
2. Without otherwise limiting the rights of the District granted in this Easement, the following activities and uses are prohibited on the Property:
 - a. Altering of grassland, woodland, wildlife habitat or other natural features by burning, digging, plowing, disking, cutting, or otherwise destroying the vegetative cover except as described in the attached Best Management Practice;
 - b. Draining, dredging, channeling, filling, leveling, pumping, diking, impounding, grading, excavating, or related activities, as well as altering or tampering with ground control substances or devices;
 - c. Diverting or causing the diversion of surface or underground water into, upon, over, across, through, within, from, or out of the Property by any means;
 - d. Planting or harvesting any crops;
 - e. Grazing or allowing livestock on the Property except as described in the attached Best Management Practice;
 - f. Removing topsoil;
 - g. Dumping refuse, waste, sewage, soil, ashes, abandoned vehicles, appliances, machinery, garbage, rubbish, junk, equipment, or other debris; and
 - h. Building, constructing, locating, or placing any structures on the Property.
3. Grantors will control noxious weeds and pests on the Property by complying with noxious weed control laws, and will control pests as necessary to protect the public health.
4. Grantors will allow the District, through its authorized agents, access to the Property for purposes of inspection to verify compliance with the terms of this Easement.
5. Grantors will pay when due any and all real property and other taxes and assessments, if any, which may be levied or assessed against the Property.
6. Within 30 days of any sale or conveyance of the Property, or any portion of the Property, Grantors will notify the District, in writing, of the names and addresses of the new owner or owners.
7. Grantors are responsible for all maintenance to improvements on the Property (i.e. fences, gates, pumps, or wells), including any improvements paid for or cost-shared by the District,
8. With regard to all rights reserved by Grantors, including any activities not prohibited by this Easement, Grantors will minimize and prevent any potential damage to water quality. If Grantors believe or reasonably should believe the exercise of a right or any activity not prohibited by this Easement may have an adverse effect on water quality, Grantors will notify the District in writing before exercising the right or activity. If the District determines the exercise of the right or activity will, in fact, result in an adverse effect on water quality, Grantors will not exercise the right or activity without prior written consent of the District.
9. Grantors will not install, or allow any third party to install, any utility facilities, including lines, wires, pipelines, cables, and other associated facilities appurtenances, above or below ground, in, on, under, over, above, through, or across the Property, or any portion of the Property, without prior written consent of the District.

Violations and Remedies. If Grantors fail to comply with any provision of this Easement, the District may, immediately and without the need for any prior notice, enforce the provisions of this Easement in accordance with N.D.C.C. § 47-05-10

