

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, with higher priority given to projects that enhance conservation practices in this state by:

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

Directive B. Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserving natural areas and creating other 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 a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs;
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant: to design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant exceeds \$250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the grant is \$250,000 or less (see Budget Form for how this will be calculated);

- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Budget Form for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

Application Deadline

Applications for this grant round cycle are due on **October 1, 2015 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 * Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Federal Tax ID# * EIN # 45-0223071

Contact Person/Title * Lyle Poitra, Tribally Enrolled Consultant

Address * PO Box 900

City * Belcourt

State * North Dakota

Zip Code * 58316

E-mail Address * lylepoitra1@yahoo.com

Web Site Address (Optional)

Phone * 701-550-2473

Fax # (if available) 701-477-9358

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* TMBCI Belcourt Lake Park Community Rest Rooms 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 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) proposes to install community rest rooms (toiletries) to serve tribal members and visitors to the Belcourt Lake Park which is located in the heart of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation. The tribe, through tribal government resolution, is in the planning phases of developing the Belcourt Lake watershed area, which is currently undergoing a major rejuvenation effort. The Park will host several new amenities including fishing docks and piers, an Educational Stewardship Lodge, a commercially safe Playground, and a Youth Pow Wow Arbor. With a high number of visitors expected to visit the renovated/upgraded Park, it is essential that we have community restrooms situated throughout the complex.

The cost of the project is \$46,000 which includes 3 restroom kits at \$12,000 each and site development work of \$10,000. The tribe is requesting \$36,000 from the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund and will commit \$10,000 of Tribal Historic Preservation resources to perform site work development.

Project Duration:* 3 months from start of construction to installation.

Amount of Grant request \$ * \$36,000

Total Project Costs \$* 46,000

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

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required. Amount of Matching Funds \$* \$10,000

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

In-kind match of site development and ground work.

Source(s) of Matching Funds*

Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

TMBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Funds

Certifications *

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

Ox 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. *

Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (no more than 300 words)

The Department of Natural Resources of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa (<http://tmdnr.webs.com/>) manages the wildlife and fish, bison, parks and recreation, agricultural, and other natural and cultural resources on Turtle Mountain tribal lands. The Department maintains a full-time staff of 10 individuals; and partners with local training programs such as Summer Youth, Adult Workforce Training, and Experience Works to assist with projects during the summer months.

The TMBCI Historic Preservation Office is situated within the tribal Natural Resources Department. The Office advises federal and state agencies on the management of tribal historic properties and strives to preserve their tribe’s cultural and preservation programs.

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

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Please indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project. Please note that if your proposal

provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request.

The TMBCI proposes to construct and install 3 community rest rooms that will serve the Belcourt Lake Park Area. Currently, there is a lack of restroom facilities within the boundaries of the lake front area where recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, picnics, trail walking and bike riding, winter sports and family gathering occur throughout the year.

The Belcourt Lake has traditionally been a hub for recreational activities and once hosted a beachfront park with a fishing pier, roundhouse community arbor, and a playground. All amenities have since been removed due to age and dilapidation, and lack of community sponsorship due to limited resources. The Tribal Historic Preservation office has been an advocate for renewing interest in reviving the Belcourt Lake front property, which is owned and managed by the Tribe.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government fully supports the Tribal Historic Preservation Department's attempts to secure funding for Belcourt Lake Park Development. The Belcourt Lake will include opportunities for fishing, walking and nature trails, swimming and water sports, individual and group picnic facilities, and wildlife viewing opportunities -- as these may be developed carefully within the context of an integrated stewardship and management plan

Timeline:

Site and ground work in March, 2016
Cement for foundations poured in April, 2016.
Purchase of kit materials in April, 2016.
Installation of rest room kits in May, 2016

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.*

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

The Belcourt Lake Park community rest rooms will be maintained by the tribal Historic Preservation Office, who is delegated by tribal resolution to oversee the development of the Park. The Park personnel will assure that they are kept accessible by clearing walk paths during winter months.

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

How will you tell if the project is successful? Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

The TMBCI Historic Preservation Officer compiles monthly progress reports and presents them to the Natural Resources Board on behalf of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Council.

Major performance measures will include timely completion of construction schedule, partnership leveraging capacity, and numbers of patrons visiting the Park each year.

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

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. Effective July 1, 2015 no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose. 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.**

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

TMBCI Belcourt Lake Community Rest Rooms
Proposed 2016 Budget requested from North Dakota OHF

| Project Expense | OHF Request | Applicant's Cash Match | Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind) | Other Sponsors Share |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| (3) Community Rest Room Kits | \$ 36,000 | | \$ | \$ |
| Site/Ground Work | | | \$ 10,000 | \$ |
| | | | | \$ |
| Total Project Costs | \$ 36,000 | | \$10,000 | |

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

Include information on the sustainability of this project after all the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.

Attached is a portfolio – Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Belcourt (Fish) Lake Park Development -- that highlights the tribe's efforts to develop the Belcourt Lake Park. This portfolio will be distributed to various potential stakeholders who share our vision and who have the financial resources to assist.

This portfolio has been given to the USDA Rural Development Office and they fully support the Belcourt Lake Park development. USDA is encouraging the tribe to submit an application for the construction of the Educational Stewardship Lodge under the RD Community Facilities program. USDA is also supporting an application for a Skid Steer to be used for site work. The applications are expected to be reviewed in December of 2015.

The Otto Bremer Foundation was emailed a portfolio and through phone conversation agreed to accept an application to support a Commercial Playground. The cost of playground is approximately \$60,000 delivered and installed. This application is due Oct 6, 2015.

The tribal Historic Preservation Program will sustain infrastructure improvements to the Belcourt Lake Park with organizational funds that is allocated to the program from various tribal, state and federal resources.

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

Advocating for the Belcourt Lake Development Project, the tribal government has leveraged the support of a large number of local, tribal, and state agencies. It is a consensus that the restoration and continual management of the Belcourt Lake is critical as it is the tribe's largest natural resource. The lake has provided a beautiful habitat and nourished the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa people for many generations. It is critical that native youth are engaged in this development for long term growth and sustainability.

With this vision and Belcourt Lake development plan, the tribe anticipates leveraging the resources necessary to match the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund contribution.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * Please note it is a requirement that there be signage at the location of the project acknowledging the funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund if appropriate for your project.

The TMBCI Historic Preservation Office has access to all local media such as the Turtle Mountain Times, Turtle Mountain Star, and KEYA-FM radio. The tribal government encourages the promotion of community driven projects that are beneficial to the tribe at large. This project will take advantage of this opportunity and will assure that the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund will receive recognition and promotional coverage in these media streams.

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. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. 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

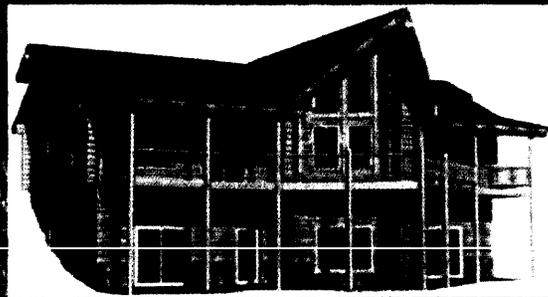
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**Additional Supporting
Documentation Has Been
Requested**



Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

Belcourt (Fish) Lake Park Development





Belcourt Lake Park Map

Belcourt Lake Rejuvenation

- The Belcourt Lake has traditionally been a hub for recreational activities and once hosted a beachfront park with a fishing pier, roundhouse community arbor, and a playground. All amenities have since been removed due to age and dilapidation, and lack of community sponsorship due to limited resources. The Tribal Historic Preservation office has been an advocate for renewing interest in reviving the Belcourt Lake front property, which is owned and managed by the Tribe.
- The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government fully supports the development of the Historic Preservation Office's attempts to secure funding for the Stewardship Lodge. The Belcourt Lake will include opportunities for fishing, walking and nature trails, swimming and water sports, individual and group picnic facilities, and wildlife viewing opportunities -- as these may be developed carefully within the context of an integrated stewardship and management plan.

RESOLUTION 2015-01-01-01 OF THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an authorized Tribal Council; and

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WHEREAS, the Belcourt Lake was traditionally a hub for Tribal and non-Tribal fishing, swimming, boating, and other activities, which observations, reports, and other information from the Tribe, other governmental entities, and other concerned individuals;

WHEREAS, the Belcourt Lake is an important site for the Tribe and for the development of the Belcourt Lake Stewardship Lodge, which will serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Office's headquarters;

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Proposed Short Term Activities:

- **Development of a strategic plan to guide the TMBCI Historic Preservation's Youth Initiative project for the next 1-3 years' with immediate implementation strategies. The plan will include program Vision and Mission Statement, goals, objectives, activities, timelines, budget, networking partners, and immediate implementation strategies.**
- **Development of a Funding Portfolio to disseminate among potential funders. The Portfolio will include basic core programming activities supported by pictures, graphs and charts.**
- **Networking with various local, regional, state and national offices directly serving natural resource conservation and cultural preservation activities, especially those set aside for tribal nations.**
- **Development of a web site to be used for project marketing and fund raising.**

The plan will highlight projected 1-3 year Implementation activities, including:

- Educational Programming including classroom instruction and outdoor experiential learning.
- Natural Science Fairs and Exhibits.
- Youth Conservation Camps.
- Fish and Wildlife Clubs.
- Youth hunter safety.
- Forestry management practices.
- Water safety and swimming lessons
- Presentations by career professionals in the fields of Natural Resources Management.
- Construction of an Environmental Stewardship Lodge to be used for classroom instruction and host historic preservation/youth focused programming.
- Construction of Playground Equipment.
- Art and Culture Camps.
- Construction of Youth Pow Wow Arbor on Sky Chief Park grounds.
- Annual Youth Pow Wow hosted at Sky Chief Park with invites state-wide and regionally.



Primary Conservation Partner

Tribal Youth Program
Elaine Nadeau, Director
P: 701-244-0208

Programming Initiatives

- Youth Conservation
- Culture Activities
- Gardening
- Boys & Girls Club
- Education Support Programming



Purpose of the Grant

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (the Tribe) proposes to construct a tribal Historic Preservation Stewardship Lodge that will be situated on the Belcourt Lake and serve as the administrative headquarters for assessing and developing the Belcourt Lake and promoting educational stewardship activities.

The Educational Stewardship Lodge will afford the tribe the following programmatic educational activities:

- **Educational Stewardship:** the Lodge will provide a unique environment to a continuum of related topics such as water, ecology, native plants, agricultural related disciplines, environmental science, and Chippewa tribal culture.
- **Fish and Wildlife Habitation and Instruction:** Seminars and presentations to the community, youth conservation efforts, hunter safety courses, etc.
- **Cultural Revitalization and Enhancement:** located adjacent to the community pavilion and future Pow Wow Arbor, the Lodge will host cultural events and seminars that evolve around taking care of Mother Earth teachings.

Thank You for Your Consideration

TMBCI Tribal Council 2015-2016



From Back to Front Left to Right: Councilman Ted Henry, Lorne Jay, Charlie Bercier, Carson Belgarde, Patrick "PJ" Marcellais, Jim Baker, Chairman Richard W. McCloud, Elmer Davis Jr., and Lynn Gourneau