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;
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• 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 May 1, 2017 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 * Dickey County Park Board

Federal Tax ID# * 45-6002207

Contact Person/Title * Cary Wertz Dickey County Park Board Chairman

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State * North Dakota
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Fax # (if available): None
List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal: N/A

MAJOR Directive: (select the Directive that best describes your grant request)*
Choose only one response

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

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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. As Described in United States Internal Revenue Code 26 U.S.C 501 (c)

**Project Name** Pheasant Lake Fishing Access/Shoreline Restoration Phase 2

**Abstract/Executive Summary.** Please see attached Document for project plan and intended results. Entities that would be involved in proposed project would include: ND Game and Fish Supervision, Local contractors: Martin Construction, Thorpe Excavation, Dickey County Highway Department and Dickey County Park Board Employees.

**Project Duration:** approximately 4 months

**Amount of Grant request** $ 21,500.00

**Total Project Costs** $ 33,000.00
(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 $*
Please indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash.
Please see attached Document for information regarding matching fund information.

**Source(s) of Matching Funds**
The Dickey County Park Board has designated over $28,000.00 for proposed projects in the annual budget.
Certifications *
O I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

O 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 – Dickey County Park Board was established in the early 1970's following acquisition of acreage surrounding the three established county lakes of Pheasant Lake, Wilson Dam & Moores Lake. The County Park Boards' mission is to provide a safe area of recreation and fishing access for public use, while protecting and preserving the pristine beauty of the land and it's natural resources. The County Park Board is a 3 member commission appointed board. Each member serves a 3 year term with one member designated as chairman. The board meets quarterly with County Commissioners, addressing park maintenance needs, employing seasonal groundskeepers, mowing, public beach, and restroom maintenance at the various lake locations. Current improvements include: 2011, 2014, beach sand distributed for public use at Pheasant Lake Beach in public swimming area. 2012 Beach Fort installed for children's recreational enjoyment. 2016 Frisbee Golf course installed along with new signs designating course and other amenities offered at Pheasant Lake. 2016 Completed installation of Texas rock/sediment dam crossing, including 300 feet of shoreline restoration/rip rap installed with fishing pier access.

Purpose of Grant – Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program *
Please see attached document for further information regarding specific directives indicated by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

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.*
Supervision of Game and Fish oversight, along with local excavator C. Martin and Thorpe excavating have over twenty years respectively with working on Lake Shoreline restoration/ installation of earthen fishing piers. As County Park Board Chairman, I am a homeowner of lake property as well. The convenience of living on sight allows for continuity and direct communication with various contracted entities to ensure project proceeds as scheduled as well as providing updated information to the commission board.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results. *
Before and after photos will be obtained of stated project. All expenses, contracted labor, including volunteer efforts, etc. will be processed via the county auditor and treasurers' office.

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.* Please see attached Budget Form.

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

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. * Sustainability and long term maintenance for proposed project will be evaluated annually utilizing county park board funds, potential utilization of cost share funding via county water resource board and/or state game and fish resources.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.* It is the hope of the county park board that even partial funding of stated project would provide a vested interest in Pheasant Lake in order to restore its once pristine condition.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * The Dickey County Park Board would submit completed project photos along with thankful gratitude to OHF via local newspapers indicating funding source received from OHF and acknowledging its impact on project’s completion and ongoing support of pheasant lake restoration.

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

Revised: January 18, 2017
PHEASANT LAKE FISHING ACCESS/ SHORELINE RESTORATION PROJECT: PHASE 2

Ellendale, ND 58436

Dickey County Park Board

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Proposed Project Site: Pheasant Lake (North West portion/adjacent to Public Beach)/Pheasant Lake County Park. 8 Miles West on State Highway 11 by 0.3miles North of Ellendale, ND 58436

Elm Township T-129-N R-64-W Section 10
Latitude: 46 Deg. 00.03 Min. Longitude: 98 Deg. 40.05 Min

Pheasant Lake is located on Elm River in southeastern North Dakota. Pheasant Lake Discharges into the Elm River just prior to entering South Dakota. Outlet flows travel in southern direction to Elm Lake in South Dakota, then in an easterly direction to its’ confluence with the James River near Columbia, South Dakota. Pheasant Lake is a narrow 232 acre impoundment with a maximum depth of approximately 15 feet and man depth of 7.4 feet. Currently there are 98 platted lots surrounding the lake, with 55 owners either having productive lots where there is active seasonal/permanent homes or the land is owned and no development has been done. The dam that forms the roadbed for North Dakota Highway 11 was built in 1963. Pheasant Lake serves as a recreational area for boating, swimming in addition to providing aquatic life habitat, cool water fishery and municipal water supply. Pheasant Lake County Park currently provides a public handicap fishing dock, and boat dock, beach swimming area with playground equipment and 4 picnic shelters. The County Park also maintains a primitive 9-hole golf course, along with a 9 basket Frisbee Golf course as well. The area is a quiet and peaceful relaxed atmosphere in which to spend a leisure family time fishing, swimming having a picnic or spending an afternoon on a nature walk.

Proposed Project:

The proposed project is part II or Phase II of a three part Lake Improvement objective of which Phase I was completed in June of 2016. (Please see OHF archived documentation for further information re: Phase I Project completion). As stated previously Pheasant Lake is over fifty years old and has over the years suffered excess nitrification, nutrient loading, stream degradation, and siltation from area producers. Please see the 2006 TMDL development study conducted via the ND State Health Dept. (NDDOH) and the James Valley Soil Conservation District (SCD) that reported high levels of nitrogen, phosphorous and total suspended solids, having the greatest concentrations at the far west tributary (which has been remedied with help of OHF) and the North west area of the lake. (See http://www.ndhealth.gov/wq/sw/z2_tmdl/tmdls_completed/central/pheasant%20lake%20final%20tmdl%2020061113.pdf for more information on this study) Discussion with various entities: ie: Game and
Fish, soil conservation district and the State water commission have concluded that ongoing efforts to remove excess siltation and solids from lake bottom and shoreline would only aid in improving water quality, and enhance viable fishing habitat. Creating an earthen Fishing pier/access/ Shoreline Restoration. As mentioned above, excessive siltation west of the Public Beach area has caused overgrowth of cattails, nuisance vegetation along the shoreline adjoining the beach area. The Goal would be to remove excess plant material/cattails covering an approximated area of 350-400 feet of shoreline. Erosion barrier and riprap would be placed along shoreline as well. The intent is to increase shoreline accessibility for anglers, and decrease excessive oxidation occurring from vegetation overgrowth, resulting in poor aquatic habitat. This project would include implementation of an earthen fishing pier placed at the far west corner of the proposed project area so as not to interfere with public beach use. (Please refer to Map # 1 for Site Reference).

According to the National Fish Habitat Partnership Data System, fish Habitat at Pheasant Lake was rated at a moderate risk of degradation, based on selected geographical unit. The Pheasant Lake/Elm River watershed area was also designated on the Great Plains Fish Habitat Partnership (GPFHP) map as a high level of priority of needed restoration to moderately impaired habitat. Also noted in the GPFHP Strategic Plan of an increase need to maintain and sustain healthy habitat within many aquatic species, namely the spawning type such as walleye. Walleye are presently stocked in Pheasant Lake, and according to netting results via North Dakota Game and Fish, walleye are being negatively impacted in the lake, due to excessive sediment and nitrification load, causing poor water quality, Again this is an objective addressed in the GPFHP strategic plan for identifying waterways at high risk for poor water quality. Refer to TMDL study with web link reference noted in prior paragraphs. The implementation of the sediment dam in June of 2016 has been a tremendous, positive impact to improving water quality. The ongoing effort of shoreline restoration would coincide with the GPFHP strategic plan 4:1-4, with reference to bank and shoreline stabilization, resulting in modifying barriers to facilitate fish movement. Including increasing the quality of fish habitat, by incorporating conservation alternatives. (Noted in strategy 4.3.2) Pheasant Lake is of great importance to the community and surrounding counties. The Lake, though small in area, serves a population of over 5,000. It is of vital importance, that the natural resources and recreation, Pheasant Lake provides, be maintained and protected for future generations. The proposed plan (Phase II, is part of a continuation of a Three phase plan for continued restoration project needed for the southern outlet and northern inlet shoreline areas. Priority has been designated to appropriate areas as stated.

Long Term maintenance of proposed project, is viewed as minimal. Earthen Fishing pier long term maintenance, may include observing erosion, if any with heavy use, however with appropriate fabric and rip/rap implementation, maintenance should virtually be unnecessary.
Budget Standard Form

Please use the table below to provide a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting and the matching funds being utilized to fund this project. Please note if the matching funds are in the form of cash, indirect costs or in-kind services. The budget should identify all other committed funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. Match can come from any source (i.e. private sources, State and Federal funding, Tribal funding, etc.) 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. Note a minimum of 25% match funding is required. An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Please feel free to insert columns and rows as needed. Please include narrative to fully explain the proposed budget.

Note that NO INDIRECT COSTS will be funded from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Also by law several items are ineligible for funding -- see Exemptions in the Application Form. Effective June 10, 2015 the following guidelines were approved by the Industrial Commission:

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(1) Contracted labor: will be hired to perform shoreline restoration/excess sediment removal with long reach backhoe equipment. 3:1 slope on approximately 400 feet shoreline bank. Including backhoe performing 4:1 slope of earthen fishing pier/providing fishing access to anglers west of public beach sight.

(2) Other Labor: County Park Board Employees will assist with installation of coconut fabric/black erosion control fabric to be utilized beneath rip rap on shoreline, along with replanting of grass seed/ and or trees in designated areas to prevent further erosion following project completion. Approximately 40 hours of labor @ $15.00/hr ($600.00 Total)

(3) Supplies: Erosion Fabric 400 linear feet priced @ $ 500.00. Grass seed and various shrubs/trees for replanting after project completed @ 300.00

(4) Equipment: Rip Rap 300 cubic yards @ $ 700.00. Use of Trucks for hauling excess sediment and rip rap cost @ $ 4,400.00

(5) Operating Costs: None anticipated presently.

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.

Definitions/Clarifications:

Building - Defined as "A structure with a roof either with walls or without walls and is attached to the ground in a permanent nature."

Comprehensive Conservation Plan - Defined as "A detailed plan that has been formally adopted by the governing board which includes goals and objectives--both short and long term, must show how this building will enhance the overall conservation goals of the project and the protection or preservation of wildlife and fish habitat or natural areas." This does not need to be a complex multi-page document. It could be included as part of the application or be an attachment.

New and Expanded Recreational Project means that the proposed building cannot be a replacement of a current building. The proposed building must also be related to either a new or expanded recreational project—either an expansion in land or an expansion of an existing building or in the opportunities for recreation at the project site.

Playground equipment calculation - Only the actual costs of the playground equipment (a bid or invoice showing the amount of the equipment costs must be provided) - cannot include freight or installation or surface materials or removal of old equipment, etc.

Staffing/Outside Consultants Costs - If you are requesting OHF funding for staffing or for an outside consultant, you must provide information in your application on the need for OHF funding to cover these costs. For example, if you are an entity that has engineering staff you must explain why you don't have sufficient staff to do the work or if specific expertise is needed or whatever the reason is for your entity to retain an outside consultant. If it is a request for reimbursement for staff time then a written explanation is required in the application of why OHF funding is needed to pay for the costs of that staff member(s)' time. The budget form must reflect on a separate line item the specific amount that is being requested for staffing and/or the hiring of an outside consultant. This separate line item will then be used to make the calculation of 5% or 10% as outlined in the law. Note that the calculation will be made on the grant less the costs for the consultant or staff.

Recommended by OHF Advisory Board: October 17, 2013
Approved by Industrial Commission: October 22, 2013
Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: January 22, 2014
Approved by Industrial Commission: January 29, 2014
Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: May 13, 2014
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Revisions recommended by OHF Advisory Board: June 3, 2015