

The *Outdoor Heritage Fund* was established by the Legislature in 2013 as a multi-million dollar program under the control of the Industrial Commission to provide grants to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations for projects that meet the fund's directives.

The law provides that the Industrial Commission shall consult with an advisory board. The OHF Advisory Board is made up of 12 individuals appointed by the Governor. These individuals represent the following groups:

- 4 members from the Agriculture Community
- 2 members from the Energy Industry
- 4 members from the Conservation Community
- 1 member from the Business Community
- 1 member from ND Recreation and Parks Association

The Advisory Board also includes four ex-officio, nonvoting technical members from the following agencies:

- ND Parks & Recreation
- ND Game & Fish
- ND State Forester
- ND Association of Soil Conservation Districts



More information about the Outdoor Heritage Fund, including grant round deadlines, application form, prior and on-going projects can be found at nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm

A North Dakota Industrial Commission Program

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GUIDELINES

Eligibility

State agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations.

Match Requirements

A minimum of 25% is strongly encouraged. Matching funds may be in-kind, indirect or cash.

Award Range

There is no minimum or maximum award for this program with the exception of playground equipment which may only be up to 25% of the cost of the equipment and may not exceed \$10,000 per project.

Eligible Activities

Proposed projects must meet at least one of the following four directives.

- A. Provide access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create habitat for fish and wildlife.
- 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.
- C. Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on public and private lands.
- D. Conserve natural areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and recreation areas.

Conserving and enhancing North Dakota's outdoor legacy

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit application.
2. Staff will review application for completeness. If an application is found incomplete, the applicant will be notified and have the opportunity to make corrections and resubmit within three business days.
3. All applications will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund's website, and Advisory Board members will be notified that the proposals are available for review.
4. The Technical Committee will review the applications' technical/scientific components.
5. OHF Advisory Board will meet and review the proposals. This will include a 10 minute presentation from the applicant. The Advisory Board will then have an opportunity to discuss and score applications.

Applications that receive a funding recommendation from the Advisory Board will be forwarded to the Industrial Commission for consideration.



Ineligible activities

(except in extenuating circumstances)

Projects that are already completed; feasibility or research studies; maintenance costs; paving projects for roads and parking lots; swimming pool or aquatic park; non-permanent equipment (such as tractors, snowmobiles); buildings that are not part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project; projects where the applicant is not directly involved in the project.

Activities prohibited by law

Litigation; Lobbying activities; 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; The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or 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.