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LAND ENHANCEMENT AND HABITAT RENEWAL OF IMPACTED AREAS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION MATERIALS

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By
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that cost share funding is available for land enhancement and habitat renewal projects on non-federal lands in North Dakota. The cost share funding will be available at a 50% reimbursement rate with the exception of plant food, which will be reimbursed up to 25%. Funds will be used to enhance lands and habitat that have been negatively impacted by noxious and invasive species, overland flooding, erosion, drought, habitat loss, etc. Control of noxious weeds must be a component of all proposed projects.

The funding, acquired through the US Forest Service, will be used to cost-share project expenses in negatively impacted areas with 10% forest cover or impacted areas adjacent to or associated with wooded vegetation.

Proposed projects should display cooperative efforts by private and public landowners/managers and county weed boards.

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Work cooperatively and across boundaries with state, federal and private landowners
- Enhance educational opportunities for landowners and land managers regarding Best Management Practices (BPMs)
- Implement EDRR practices to prevent, control and eradicate noxious and invasive weeds
- Restore habitat for wildlife
- Prevent noxious and invasive weed establishment in impacted areas and stop the spread of new and existing populations
- Require GPS mapping
- Utilize an IPM approach (which includes mechanical, chemical, cultural and biological means) where possible
- Mitigate future land problems

Activities, including but not limited to the following, may be components of proposed projects:

- Collaborate with interested parties regarding project activities
- Educate landowners and land managers regarding Best Management Practices (BPMs)
- Prevent noxious and invasive weed establishment in impacted areas
- Monitor impacted areas to assess management needs over time
- Survey for noxious and invasive weeds as part of an early detection and rapid response program
- Map project sites, noxious and invasive weed locations and treatment and biocontrol sites

- Treat/eliminate noxious and invasive weed infestations through chemical, mechanical, cultural and biological means using and IPM approach
- Introduce APHIS approved biological control agents (when approved and available)
- Monitor weed infestations and associated biocontrol agents
- Prepare impacted areas for final use
- Revegetate impacted areas to native or beneficial species

COST- SHARE PERCENTAGES, STANDARDS AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The intention of this cost share funding opportunity is to offset some of the costs related to land enhancement and habitat renewal projects.

- Weed control must be a component of all projects.
- Project areas must include at least 10% forest cover or be adjacent to or associated with wooded vegetation.
- Only approved activities completed during the contract period will be cost shared.
- Maps of project areas are required.
- Cost share will be up to a 50% match, with the exception of plant food expenses that will be reimbursed up to 25%. Payments will be made after expenses have occurred.
- Requests for reimbursement must be made in writing. Subgrantees agree to reimbursement of expenses, provided all financial documentation is submitted.
- At the end of each state fiscal year, a reimbursement request for the period ending June 30th must be submitted to the department by July 15th of each year during the award period.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROJECT TITLE:	
APPLICANT(S):	
PRIMARY CONTACT:	PHONE NUMBER:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
ESTIMATE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST:	FUNDING BEING REQUESTED:

NARRATIVE

You are encouraged to attach additional pages to clearly explain your proposed project, if necessary.

1. Describe the problem this project would address. Include a map with the project area clearly identified.

2. Describe your land enhancement and/or habitat renewal plan for the proposed area.

3. What groups, agencies and/or individual landowners are active participants in the proposed project? Please list all participating agencies, organizations and individual land owners.

4. Please provide a timeline of specific project goals and activities.

5. What are the proposed outcomes of the project and how will they be measured?

6. Provide a budget for your proposed project. (labor, equipment, seed costs, chemicals, fertility costs, etc) The program will cost share up to 50% matching funds of the project costs to extent of available funds.