2018 ENCOURAGING TOMORROW’S HUNTERS (Event/Project Application)

A North Dakota Game and Fish Department Grant Program to Enhance the Recruitment of the Next Generation of Hunters and Shooters

The Game and Fish Department is providing grant dollars to fund youth hunting and shooting activities in 2018. The money is available to local communities and organizations for events that promote youth hunting and shooting sports.

1) Who can apply for grant funds?
Nonprofit civic, fraternal, wildlife and shooting organizations that are registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State’s office to provide public service are eligible to apply. The organization must have in place: officers, a treasury account and liability coverage. One organization contact must be designated to more easily facilitate the grant process.

2) What is eligible for funding?
Reimbursements will be paid for the following expenses: a) Advertising and promotion, b) Event insurance premiums c) Event specific equipment rental (tent, trailer, sanitary facility, etc.) d) Non-monetary landowner appreciation gifts e) Ammunition, targets and safety equipment  Grant maximum is $3,000. Hunting events will receive priority over shooting-only events. Events must include a 25% in-kind match which includes volunteer time (calculated at $25/hr), and/or other expenses.

3) What is not eligible for funding or reimbursement.
Food, beverages, fencing materials, gravel, chemicals, fuel, gasoline, seed, fertilizers, trees, shrubs, cement, black top, vehicle rental or mileage, road or parking lot construction or maintenance, camping fees, pen raised birds or animals. Any exploding targets like tanerite will not be reimbursed.

4) Grant Process
Applications must be submitted to Pat Lothspeich at 100 N. Bismarck Expressway by April 10, 2018. Projects will be evaluated based on Weighting Criteria for Grant Proposals on page 2. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by April 15, 2018.

5) Fund Reimbursement Process
Reimbursement is provided after the event and contingent upon the following being provided to the Department prior to December 31, 2018: 1) Receipts for reimbursable items 2) Event photographs 3) A brief written report highlighting the event/activity on how it went. 4) List of youth names and ages that participated.

6) Indemnification and Insurance Coverage Requirements
Indemnification
The state and grantee each agrees to assume its own liability for any and all claims of any nature including all costs, expenses and attorneys' fees which may in any manner result from, or arise, out of this agreement.
Insurance
Grantee shall secure and keep in force during the term of this agreement, from insurance companies, government self-insurance pools or government self-retention funds, authorized to do business in North Dakota, the following insurance coverages:
a) Commercial general liability, including premises or operations, contractual, and products or completed operations coverage (if applicable), with minimum liability limits of $250,000 per person and $1,000,000 per occurrence.
b) Automobile liability, including owned (if any), hired, and non-owned automobiles, with minimum liability limits of $250,000 per person and $1,000,000 per occurrence.
c) Workers compensation coverage, if applicable, meeting all statutory requirements
Weighting Criteria for Grant Proposals

1) Does grant meet criteria and objectives listed above?

2) Does grant application proposal have factors that limit involvement?

3) Does grant include outdoor and field mentoring of youth?

4) Does activity include Hunting and/or shooting sports?

5) Does activity include harvest of wild game?

6) Does grant encourage family and minority involvement?

7) Does grant application incorporate educational aspects that will ultimately benefit the Department’s mission? (i.e. North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting philosophy, Habitat education, Wildlife and Conservation education)

8) Does grant proposal fit better into another Game and Fish Department program such as shooting range grant program?

9) Will proposed activity target new youth and family participation and reach a large audience?

(Grants will be prioritized according to the proceeding criteria. Any grants failing to meet the minimum requirements may be rejected.)
Organization Name: _______________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ___________________________________________________________

Contact E-mail Address: ___________________________________________________

Contact Address: ___________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________________  Cell Phone:__________________________

Event/project Name, Location and Description (attach sheet): ______________________

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Expected event/project requirements and total estimate of expenses (attach sheet):  ___________________

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Estimated number of participants/users: __________________

Total grant cost expected: _______________________

Event applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2018 and accompanied with an itemized budget estimate, description of activities, and a copy of insurance coverage. Mail these items to:  Pat Lothspeich, Outreach Biologist, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, 100 N. Bismarck Expressway, Bismarck, ND  58501

This application is in compliance with the requirements stated in the grant proposal.

Signature of Representative