#### **ENCOURAGING TOMORROW'S HUNTERS GRANT**

A North Dakota Game and Fish Department Grant Program to Enhance the Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation of Hunters and Shooters

## 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 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, firearms, 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 Tannerite or cannon gun powder will not be reimbursed.

#### 4) Grant Process

Applications must be submitted to Pat Lothspeich at plothspeich@nd.gov by April 27, 2021. Projects will be evaluated based on *Weighting Criteria for Grant Proposals* on page 2. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by May 01, 2021.

## 5) Fund Reimbursement Process

Reimbursement is provided after the event and contingent upon the following being provided to the Department prior to December 31, 2021: 1) Receipts for reimbursable items. 2) Event photographs. 3) A brief written report highlighting the event/activity on how it went. 4) List of participants names and ages that attended. 5) Completion of North Dakota Game and Fish partner event registration by all participants.

### 6) Indemnification and Insurance Coverage Requirements Indemnication

The state and grantee each agree 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 the grant proposal meet criteria listed above?
2)	Describe how your grant proposal benefits the recruitment, retention and reactivation of hunters and shooters.
3)	Does the grant proposal fit better into another Game and Fish program such as the shooting range development or clay target league grant programs?
4)	Will the proposed activity target new participants and reach individuals who have limited opportunities to hunt and shoot?
5)	Does the grant application incorporate educational aspects that will benefit the Department's mission? (i.e. North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, Hunting philosophy, Habitat education, Wildlife and Conservation).
6)	Does the activity include the harvest of wild game?
7)	Grant recipients acknowledge that all Department sponsored events will be listed on the Game and Fish calendar. <i>Please select one</i> . <b>YES NO</b>
	*Grants will be prioritized according to the proceeding criteria. Any grants failing to meet the minimum requirements may be rejected.

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Organization Name:	
Address:	
Contact Name:	
Contact E-mail Address:  Contact Address:	
Home Phone: Cell Phone:	
Event Name, Location, Date, and Description (ATTACH SHEET):	
Expected event/project requirements and total estimate of expenses (ATTACH SHEET):	
Estimated number of participants:	
Total grant cost expected:	
Event applications must be emailed by April 27, 2021 and accompanied with an itemized budget estimate, date/location of event, description of activities, and a copy of insurance coverage.	
Email these items to: Pat Lothspeich, Outreach Biologist, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, plothspeich@nd.gov	
Signature of Representative:	

By typing name of representative in signature box and submitting to the email address referenced above, Organization affirms this application is in compliance with the requirements stated in the grant proposal.