



## ENCOURAGING TOMORROW'S HUNTERS GRANT PROCESS

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

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#### **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.

#### **What is eligible for funding?**

Reimbursements can be paid for the following expenses: a) advertising and promotion, b) event insurance premiums, c) event specific equipment and facilities rental (ex. tent, trailer, sanitary facility), d) hunting and safety equipment (ex. vests, blaze clothing), e) nonmonetary landowner appreciation gifts, f) ammunition, targets, clay thrower, etc. 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 \$28/hr), and/or other expenses.

#### **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.

#### **Grant Process**

Applications must be submitted to Cayla Bendel at [cbendel@nd.gov](mailto:cbendel@nd.gov) by May 1. **A copy of insurance coverage must be included.**

Projects will be evaluated based on Weighting Criteria for Grant Proposals. See page 2.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by May 15. Successful applicants agree to their event being listed on the Game and Fish calendar. See application at <https://gf.nd.gov/education/tomorrows-hunters-grant>.

#### **Fund Reimbursement Process**

Reimbursement is provided after the event and contingent upon the following being provided to the Department prior to December 31: **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) donated volunteer time form (at <https://gf.nd.gov/education/tomorrows-hunters-grant>).**

#### **Indemnification and Insurance Coverage Requirements Indemnification**

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 \$2,000,000 per occurrence,
- b. automobile liability, including owned (if any), hired, and non-owned automobiles, with minimum liability limits of \$500,000 per person and \$2,000,000 per occurrence,
- c. workers compensation coverage, if applicable, meeting all statutory requirements.

**Weighting Criteria for Grant Proposals**  
(To be completed by North Dakota Game and Fish staff)

- 1) Does the grant proposal meet criteria listed above?
  
- 2) Describe how the grant proposal benefits recruitment, retention and reactivation and meets a priority in the Department's [R3 strategic plan](#).
  
- 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) How 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) Does this activity provide additional follow-up or social support to retain new participants?

\*Grants will be prioritized according to the above criteria. Any grants failing to meet the minimum requirements may be rejected.