



OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND GRANT APPLICATION
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
 SFN 61465 (06-2018)

Project Name Burning Hills Amphitheatre Incline Elevator		
Name of Organization Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation		Federal Tax ID Number 45-0397662
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Major Directive (choose only one response)

Directive A: Providing access to private and public lands for sportsmen, including projects that create fish and wildlife habitat and provide access for sportsmen;

Directive B: Improving, maintaining and restoring water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and by supporting other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C: Developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D: Conserving natural areas and creating other areas for recreation through the establishment and development of parks and other recreation areas.

Additional Directive (choose all that apply)

Directive A Directive B Directive C Directive D

Type of Agency

State Agency Political Subdivision Tribal Entity Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation

Abstract/Executive Summary

Summarize the project, including its objectives, expected results, duration, total project costs and participants. (No more than 500 words)

The implementation of an incline elevator at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre will directly impact this 50 year North Dakota family tradition and the development of recreational Medora. Situated next to the escalator, the incline elevator will create more opportunity for developmentally disabled and mobility impaired guests to enjoy the scenic view of the Badlands and elk on the hill, as they descend into the amphitheatre. Currently our visitors in wheelchairs and the mobility impaired get down to seats by golf cart or rolling down the ramp. The wait after the show to get a ride back up to the top often yields a 45 minute wait, and driving through the crowd is less than desirable. In the event of an emergency evacuation we have less than adequate methods to get these people out of the amphitheatre in a responsible time. The incline elevator will be a horizontally moving, open-air, covered elevator holding up to 10 people and wheelchairs per trip. This addition will create more opportunities for visitors by providing safer, more convenient transportation in and out of the Burning Hills Amphitheatre, thus allowing guests to better enjoy their experience in the Badlands. Once started, the planning process is expected to take 60 days and the construction portion is expected to take 90 days from start to finish. We are aiming to have this operational for the start of the 2019 season. Construction will take place either this fall or next spring. The incline elevator will then be in service for the foreseeable future and maintained as necessary by the TRMF. We project the incline elevator to cost a total of \$1,032,000. This total encompasses cost breakdowns for engineering, architectural layout, elevator equipment, elevator contractor, fencing, top and bottom loading docks, electrical work, foundational work, signage, and a generator specific to the elevator.

Project Duration

Indicate the intended schedule for drawing down OHF funds.
We anticipate drawing down the OHF funds in two or three monthly installments after construction has started. Copies of all construction related invoices will be supplied to the OHF as evidence of costs incurred.

Amount of Grant Request \$756,000.00	Total Project Costs Note: In-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds. 1032000	Amount of Matching Funds \$276,000.00
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A minimum of 25% Match Funding is required. Indicate if the matching funds will be in-kind, indirect or cash. Please provide verification that these matching funds are available for your project. Note that effective as of July 1, 2015, no State General Fund dollars can be used for a match unless funding was legislatively appropriated for that purpose.

Amount of Match	Funding Source	Type of Match
\$276,000.00	TRMF donors and/or TRMF operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect
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Certifications

- I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.
- I certify that if awarded grant funding, none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions listed at the back of this form.

Narrative

Organization Information - Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement. (No more than 300 words.) See attached word document for the full narrative.

Purpose of Grant - Describe the proposed project identifying how the project will meet the specific directive(s) of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program.

Identify project goals, strategies and benefits and your timetable for implementation. Include information about the need for the project and whether there is urgency for funding. Indicate if this is a new project or if it is replacing funding that is no longer available to your organization. Identify any innovative features or processes of your project. Note: if your proposal provides funding to an individual, the names of the recipients must be reported to the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund. These names will be disclosed upon request. (see additional notes below)

The Medora Musical is recognized by the Library of Congress as a Legacy Heritage Event. Funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will help to improve the experience of this heritage event for mobility impaired guests. Goal: Improve the experience of the Medora Musical and the badlands for our mobility impaired guests by removing the current frustrations they are facing in our amphitheatre. Strategy: Work with reliable companies and partners to create and install the safest, most cost effective, and efficient version of the incline elevator we can. "Marine Innovations" incline elevators are designed to adapt to the natural landscape of the badlands which helps to maintain the natural character of the land while better serving guests. We have selected "Marine Innovations" to design the incline elevator because of their philosophy to preserve and adapt to natural landscapes. Benefits: The primary benefit is to serve those who need service the most. Additional benefits are to create a safer more enjoyable descent into the amphitheatre, install the incline elevator next to the escalator and restrooms for convenience, cut down on the time it takes to get the mobility impaired in and out of the amphitheatre, and increase efficiency to better serve the mobility impaired. Urgency of Funding: The incline elevator has been on our list of project needs in Medora for a long time however, due to the immediacy of other projects this project has been wait listed. This project will only get done with the funding from a major donor or donors. Timeline: We anticipate 60 days for planning and 90 days for construction with implementation either this fall or in the coming spring. The sooner we implement the incline elevator the sooner we can serve those who need service the most.

Please list the counties that would be impacted by this project:

The Medora Musical is host to individuals from all counties in North Dakota as well as visitors from across the United States and the globe therefore the incline elevator will impact resident visitors of ND and beyond.

Is this project part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

No Yes, If yes, provide copy of plan with the application.

Note: Projects involving buildings will only be considered if part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Please refer to the "Definitions" section at the back of the form for more details.

- For tree/shrub/grass plantings: provide a planting plan describing the site design, planting methods, number of trees/shrubs by species and stock size, grass species and future maintenance. A statement certifying that the applicant will adhere to USDA-NRCS tree/shrub/grass planting specifications along with the name of the governmental entity designing the planting may be substituted for a planting plan.
- For projects including Section 319 funding: provide in detail the specific best management practices that will be implemented and the specific projects for which you are seeking funding.
- For projects including fencing: A minimum cost share of 40% by the recipient is preferred. Include detailed information on the type of fencing to be installed, whether funding is requested for boundary fencing, new or replacement of existing fencing, and/or cross fencing.

Management of Project - Provide a description of how you will manage and oversee the project to ensure it is carried out on schedule and in a manner that best ensures its objectives will be met.

Include a brief background and work experience for those managing the project.

Kinley Slauter, amphitheatre manager, will lead this project. Kinley has copious experience with project development in Medora and especially at the Burning Hills Amphitheatre. He has been involved in or solely responsible for the restoration and expansion of the Old Town Hall Theater (2006, 2017), Historic Town Square Block Restoration (2013/14), reconstruction of Historic Homes in Medora (2013), restoration of the Von Hoffman House (2012), renovation of the Ferris General Store (2016), construction of the Life Skills Center (2016), construction of the Elkhorn Quarters, 364 rooms for staff housing and guest lodging (2017-ongoing), reconstruction of the Burning Hills Amphitheatre stage and set (2005) and construction of the Medora Musical Welcome Center (2008). Kinley, along with our leadership team and board of directors, will define a working timeline, work closely with contractors and will regularly reassess the timeline for changes and progress. By working with this team the project can be constructed in a 90 day timespan.

Evaluation - Describe your plan to document progress and results.

Please be specific on the methods you will utilize to measure success. Note that regular reporting, final evaluation and expenditure reports will be required for every grant awarded.

We project 25 rides into and out of the amphitheatre a night on average will be facilitated for developmentally disabled, mobility impaired, and those with general anxiety about riding the escalator. We will monitor wait times and anticipate this will cut down wait times to 15-20 minutes a night opposed to current wait times of 40 plus minutes. This will replace golf carts therefor reducing risk of injury which is a large success for us. Success will also be measured by following our timeline expectations and progress in our pursuit to complete construction in 90 days. Beyond measuring our success of the timeline, once implemented we will measure usability success through testimonials of our visitors. There is no better way to receive feedback on the incline elevator than from those who use it. By visiting with our mobility impaired and developmentally disabled guests as well as their guardians and care givers about the usability, operation, and implementation of the incline elevator we will best be able to gauge the effectiveness and necessity of this addition. Testimonials will be documented and use to promote the use of the incline elevator with hopes to draw a larger crowd of developmentally disabled and mobility impaired folks to historic Medora.

Financial Information

Project Budget - Use the table to provide an itemized list of project expenses and describe the matching funds being utilized for this project.

Indicate if the matching funds are in the form of cash, indirect costs or in-kind services. The budget should identify all other committed funding sources and the amount of funding from each source. **A minimum of 25% match funding is required.** An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Certain values have been identified for in-kind services as detailed under "Budget Information" at the back of this form. Refer to that section and utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Applicant's Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
A. Engineering	\$26,250.00	\$8,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
B. Elevator Equip. & Contractor	\$225,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00
C. Concrete Foundations	\$168,750.00	\$56,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00
D. Fencing	\$72,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00
E. Electrical	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00
F. Other Construction Costs	\$219,000.00	\$73,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292,000.00
Total Costs	\$756,000.00	\$276,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,032,000.00

Budget Narrative - Use the space below to provide additional detail regarding project expenses.
See attached word document for the budget narrative.

Sustainability - Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years.
Include information on the sustainability of this project after OHF funds have been expended and whether the sustainability will be in the form of ongoing management or additional funding from a different source.
TRMF will be responsible for all future repairs, maintenance and upgrades to the incline elevator system. TRMF will contract with a licensed elevator company in North Dakota to perform routine maintenance and repairs. Current agreements are in place for all other elevators and escalators operated in TRMF businesses.

Partial Funding - Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.
Partial funding will delay the start of construction until a donor or grant is secured.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership? * There must be signage at the location of the project acknowledging OHF funding when appropriate.
The Outdoor Heritage Fund will be recognized on signage located on the elevator, in both loading zones and in a permanent location at the Theatre. Public recognition of OHF support will be featured in press coverage for the incline elevator. Other recognition can be discussed between the TRMF development team and the Outdoor Heritage Fund to deem what is valuable.

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>.

Can you meet all the provisions of the sample contract? Yes No

If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be:

Description	Budget Amount	Budget Line Reference
Engineering	\$ 35,000	A
Elevator Equipment	250,000	B
Elevator Contractor	50,000	B
Foundation Concrete	225,000	C
Fencing	120,000	D
Electrical	30,000	E
Generator	30,000	E
Top Loading Zone	50,000	F
Bottom Loading Zone	50,000	F
Machine Housing	10,000	F
Signage	10,000	F
Total Construction Costs	\$ 860,000	
Contingency (20%)	172,000	F
Total Project Cost	\$ 1,032,000	

Budget Line Reference	Budget Amount	Match Amount
A	\$ 35,000	\$ 8,750
B	300,000	75,000
C	225,000	56,250
D	120,000	48,000
E	60,000	15,000
F	292,000	73,000
Total	\$ 1,032,000	\$ 276,000

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