

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



Instructions

After completing the form, applications and supporting documentation may be submitted by mail to North Dakota Industrial Commission, ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program, State Capitol – Fourteenth Floor, 600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 405, Bismarck, ND 58505 or by e-mail to outdoorheritage@nd.gov. It is preferred that both a hard copy and electronic copy are submitted.

You are not limited to the spacing provided, except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. If you need additional space, please indicate that on the application form, answer the question on a separate page, and include with your submission.

The application and all attachments must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. You will be sent a confirmation by e-mail of receipt of your application. You may submit your application at any time prior to the application deadline. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit applications prior to the deadline for staff review in order ensure that proposals will be complete when submitted on deadline date.** Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding.

Please review the back of this form to determine project eligibility, definitions, budget criteria, and statutory requirements.

Project Name	Sky Chief Park Fishing Dock Project
Name of Organization	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa (TMBCI)
Federal Tax ID#	EIN #45-0223071
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List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposaln/a

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 organization:

- ☐ 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 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa (the tribe) proposes to purchase and install handicapped- accessible Fishing Docks to serve tribal members and visitors to Sky Chief Park located on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation. The Sky Chief Park has been a hub for recreational and wildlife activities. The number of visitors to the Sky Chief Park has increased dramatically over the past several years due to the investments the tribe has made over the past two years.

The Sky Chief Park complex is a 1,313 acre Tribal Management Area that is comprised of several lakes, forestry, and a buffalo park. The Park includes opportunities for fishing, walking

and nature trails, swimming and water sports, individual and group picnic facilities, and wildlife opportunities – as these may be developed carefully within the context of an integrated stewardship and workplan.

It is essential that the Sky Chief Park replace the dilapidated Fishing Docks that have been removed for safety concerns. Also, the tribe wants to assure that handicapped individuals and those with special needs can participate in fishing opportunities. Fencing and gates will be installed for safety reasons.

The total cost for three (3) Fishing Docks is \$99,096.69. The tribe is requesting \$74,000 from the ND Outdoor Heritage fund and will commit \$25,096.69 cash match funds from tribal financial resources. Chippewa Tribal Industries & Affiliates has the capability to construct the Fishing Docks and have built two (2) in the past. The ND Fish & Wildlife Agency went on site to inspect the Docks and were impressed with the quality of construction and appearance.

Project Duration: Four (4) months from start of construction to completion

Indicate the intended schedule for drawing down OHF funds.

At the end of construction of Fishing Docks (4 months)

Amount of Grant request: \$ \$74,000

Total Project Costs: \$99,096.69

Note: in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds.

Amount of Matching Funds: \$ 25,096.69

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
\$ 25,096.69	Tribal Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash X <input type="checkbox"/> In-Kind <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect
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Certifications

X I certify that this application has been made with the support of the governing body and chief executive of my organization.

X I certify that if awarded grant funding none of the funding will be used for any of the exemptions noted in the back of this application.

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)

The TMBCI Tribal Government oversees the Department of Natural Resources (NR) who manages the wildlife and fish, bison, parks and recreation, agricultural, and other natural and cultural resources on Turtle Mountain Tribal lands. The NR Department maintains a full-time staff of ten (10) individuals, and partners with local training programs such as Summer Youth, Adult Workforce Training, and Experience Works (tribal elders age 55 and over) to assist the NR throughout the year.

Tribal Natural Resources Mission Statement: The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is committed to preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources of the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation for the benefit of present and future generations of tribal members and for those who visit our Reservation.

As a tribal nation, it is an obligation and duty to protect our natural resources. It is inherited within our traditional beliefs that have been passed down for generations. It is also critical that we pass down to our youth the importance of preserving our natural resources. This is best practiced through “holistic teachings” and the integration of educational and cultural programming, recreational and wellness activities, and outdoor experiential learning.

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.

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.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa proposes to install three (3) handicapped accessible Fishing Docks that will serve the Sky Chief Park complex. The Sky Chief Park has been a hub for recreational activities for many generations of tribal members. The Park hosts several recreational activities such as fishing, swimming, picnics, trail walking and bike riding, winter sports and family gatherings throughout the year.

The TMBCI Tribal Government fully supports the Natural Resources Department's efforts to maintain and enhance the Park which is guided by a comprehensive two-year strategic work plan. The current plan for 2018-2020 was approved by the tribal government in January 2018. The Plan was developed by the Natural Resources staff working in partnership with tribal government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office, and several stakeholder organizations including EPA, BIA/Tribal Forestry, and the Fish & Wildlife Office.

Timeline:	Site and Ground Work	Month 1
	Construction of Fishing Docks.....	Months 2-4
	Inspection of Docks.....	Month 4
	Installation of Fishing Docks.....	Month 4
	Public promotion with media.....	Ongoing

Major benefits of the proposed Fishing Dock project include:

1. Attract more local and off-reservation visitors to the Sky Chief Park complex.
2. Provide fishing and recreational opportunities for the handicapped.
3. Provide accessibility to the lake waterways – Gordon, Jarvis, and Wheaton Lakes.
4. Will enhance Tribal Tourism Plan.
5. Provide additional safety to patrons using the lakes for fishing.

Is this project part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan? XX Yes ☐

If yes, provide a copy with the application.

Note: Projects involving buildings and infrastructure 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.

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.

The TMBCI Natural Resources Department is tasked with working to integrate and sustain interdependent values of a healthy environment and is a livable community for the tribe. The Department's integrated resources management strategy shares stewardship responsibility with local, regional, and national partners to manage the Tribe's multiple resource interests.

The Natural Resources Department will manage and maintain the Fishing Docks once erected. The Park personnel will, working collaboratively with the Chippewa Tribal Industries, will inspect each dock monthly to assure safety and accessibility of park patrons.

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.

The tribal Natural Resources Director compiles monthly progress reports and presents them to the tribal Natural Resources Board of Directors on behalf of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribal Government. Major performance measures will include timely completion of construction schedule, quality of construction, partnership leveraging, and numbers of Sky Chief Park visitors each year.

Financial Information

Project Budget – Use the table below 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. Supporting documentation for project expenses, including bids, must be included or application will be considered incomplete.

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
99,096.69	\$ 74,000	\$ 25,096.69	\$	\$	\$	\$ 99,096.69
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Note: Costs for seeding, fencing, pipelines, wells, and cover crops cannot exceed NRCS Field Office Tech Guide without justification. Projects involving perimeter fencing must follow NRCS eligibility standards.

Budget Narrative – Use the space below to provide additional detail regarding project expenses.

The budget reflects costs associated with constructing the Fishing Docks.

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.

Natural Resources Office will continually seek any funding opportunities afforded the tribe via federal, state, foundation, and private funding. This will involve having pro-active working relationships with a multitude of agencies and organizations – locally, statewide, and nationally. The tribe is in the process of preparing a portfolio to compliment its Work Plan and will be distributed to all potential funding agencies.

Recent Leveraging:

- Commercial Playground: funded by Otto Bremer Trust Foundation with a value of \$70,000.
- Signage – Metal signs that were made by our vocational college welding shop with a value of \$3,800 were donated by our P2P program.
- Tipi Village – Seven (7) Tipi kits with a value over \$10,000 were donated by our Tribal Heritage Preservation Program.
- AmeriCorps Program – to hire young adults between ages 18-24 to assist in Sky Chief Park development and operation. First year funding level at \$75,000
- Portable Saw Mill Equipment – to purchase portable saw mill equipment that will be used to make park structures such as cabins, picnic tables, signage, etc. Funded by the BIA at \$116,000.
- Tribal Senior/Youth Program – to hire seniors ages 55 and over to assist with park maintenance including mowing grass, litter disposal, shoreline brushing, etc. Funded by BIA at \$80,000.

Partial Funding – Indicate how the project will be affected if less funding is available than that requested.

The TMBCI Tribal Government has been advocating for funds to compliment the development of Sky Chief Park. The Park is one of the tribe's largest natural resources land areas and was

highlighted as a top priority for financial and governmental support. It is a beautiful habitat that has nourished the TM Chippewa for generations and provided a wealth of recreational activities and programming.

It is essential that the tribal government afford Native youth every opportunity to participate in Sky Chief Park programming activities to assure long term sustainability. Tribal members do not have to pay park entrance fees and almost all events are free to the tribal public.

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 Tribal Natural Resources Department has access to all local media such as the Turtle Mountain Times & Turtle Mountain Star newspapers, tribal radio KEYA-FM radio, and tribal newsletter The Intent. The tribal government encourages the promotion of community driven projects that are beneficial to the tribe at large. The project will take advantage of this opportunity and will assure that the ND Outdoor Heritage fund will receive recognition and promotional coverage within these media streams.

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? ☐ Yesx

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

ABOUT OHF:

The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations, with higher priority given to projects that enhance **conservation** practices in this state by:

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.

EXEMPTIONS

Outdoor Heritage Fund grants may not be used to finance the following:

- Litigation;
- Lobbying activities;
- Any activity that would interfere, disrupt, or prevent activities associated with surface coal mining operations; sand, gravel, or scoria extraction activities; oil and gas operations; or other energy facility or infrastructure development;
- The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- Projects outside this state or projects that are beyond the scope of defined activities that fulfill the purposes of Chapter 54-17.8 of the North Dakota Century Code.

OHF funds may not be used, except after a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission, to finance:

- A completed project or project commenced before the grant application is submitted;
- A feasibility or research study;
- Maintenance costs;
- A paving project for a road or parking lot;
- A swimming pool or aquatic park;
- Personal property that is not affixed to the land;
- Playground equipment, except that grant funds may be provided for up to 25% of the cost of the equipment not exceeding \$10,000 per project and all playground equipment grants may not exceed 5% of the total grants per year (see Definitions/Clarifications for how this will be calculated);
- Staffing or outside consultants except for costs for staffing or an outside consultant to design and implement an approved project based on the documented need of the applicant and the expenditures may not exceed 5% of the grant to a grantee if the grant exceeds \$250,000 and expenditures may not exceed 10% of the grant to a grantee if the grant is \$250,000 or less (see Definitions/Clarifications for how this will be calculated);
- A building except for a building that is included as part of a comprehensive conservation plan for a new or expanded recreational project (see Definitions/Clarifications for definition of comprehensive conservation plan and new or expanded recreational project); or
- A project in which the applicant is not directly involved in the execution and completion of the project.

The goal of the Industrial Commission is that at a minimum 15% of the funding received for a biennium will be given priority for recreation projects that meet Directive D.

The following projects are not eligible for funding, unless there is a finding of exceptional circumstances by the Industrial Commission include:

- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor ice rinks,
- Construction or refurbishment of indoor/outdoor athletic courts and sports fields,
- Other substantially similar facilities.
- Infrastructure that is not part of a comprehensive conservation plan.
- Projects not meeting a minimum funding request of \$2,500.

Budget Information

In-kind services used to match the request for Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars shall be valued as follows:

- Labor costs \$15.00 an hour
- Land costs Average rent costs for the county as shown in the most recent publication of the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Services, North Dakota Field Office
- Permanent Equipment Any equipment purchased must be listed separately with documentation showing actual cost. (For example: playground equipment)
- Equipment usage Actual documentation
- Seed & Seedlings Actual documentation
- Transportation Mileage at federal rate
- Supplies & materials Actual documentation

More categories will be added as we better understand the types of applications that will be submitted. We will use as our basis for these standards other State and Federal programs that have established rates. For example, the North Dakota Nonpoint Source Pollution Management Program has established rates. If your project includes work that has an established rate under another State Program, please use those rates and note your source.

Definitions/Clarifications:

Building - Defined as "A structure with a roof either with walls or without walls and is attached to the ground in a permanent nature."

Comprehensive Conservation Plan - Defined as "A detailed plan that has been formally adopted by the governing board which includes goals and objectives--both short and long term, must show how this building will enhance the overall conservation goals of the project and the protection or preservation of wildlife and fish habitat or natural areas." This does not need to be a complex multi-page document. It could be included as a part of the application or be an attachment.

New and Expanded Recreational Project means that the proposed building cannot be a replacement of a current building. The proposed building must also be related to either a new or expanded recreational project--either an expansion in land or an expansion of an existing building or in the opportunities for recreation at the project site.

Playground equipment calculation - Only the actual costs of the playground equipment (a bid or invoice showing the amount of the equipment costs must be provided) - cannot include freight or installation or surface materials or removal of old equipment, etc.

Staffing/Outside Consultants Costs - If you are requesting OHF funding for staffing or for an outside consultant, you must provide information in your application on the need for OHF funding to cover these costs. For example, if you are an entity that has engineering staff you must explain why you don't have sufficient staff to do the work or if specific expertise is needed or whatever the reason is for your entity to retain an outside consultant. If it is a request for reimbursement for staff time then a written explanation is required in the application of why OHF funding is needed to pay for the costs of that staff member(s)' time. **The budget form must reflect on a separate line item the specific amount that is being requested for staffing and/or the hiring of an outside consultant.** This separate line item will then be used to make the calculation of 5% or 10% as outlined in the law. Note that the calculation will be made on the grant less the costs for the consultant or staff.

Scoring of Grants

Oral Presentation. Please note that you will be given an opportunity to make a ten-minute Oral Presentation at a meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. These presentations are strongly encouraged.

Open Record. Please note that your application and any attachments will be open records as defined by law and will be posted on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund website.

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking form that will be used by the Board is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> .

Awarding of Grants

All decisions on requests will be reported to applicants no later than 30 days after Industrial Commission consideration. The Commission can set a limit on duration of an offer on each application or if there isn't a specific date indicated in the application for implementation of the project, then the applicant has until the next Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board regular meeting to sign the contract and get the project underway or the commitment for funding will be terminated and the applicant may resubmit for funding. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant.

Responsibility of Recipient

The recipient of any grant from the Industrial Commission must use the funds awarded for the specific purpose described in the grant application and in accordance with the contract. The recipient cannot use any of the funds for the purposes stated under Exemptions on the first page of this application.

If you have any questions about the application or have trouble submitting the application, please contact Andrea Pfennig at 701-328-3786 or apfennig@nd.gov.

Revised: September 14, 2018

Chippewa Tribal Industries And Affiliates



CUSTOM ARMOR

Manufacturing on the Turtle Mountain Reservation HUBZone utilizing Native American labor

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QUOTATION

Quote Number: 0000403

Quote Date: September 17, 2018

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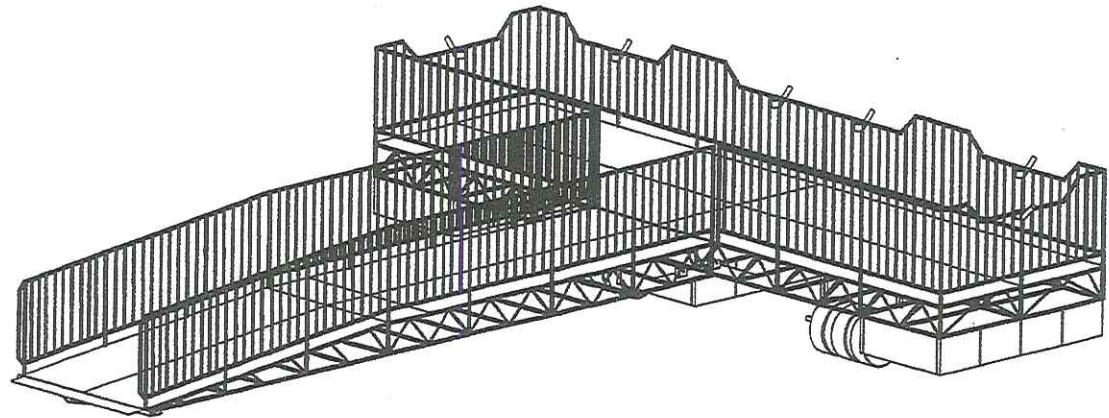
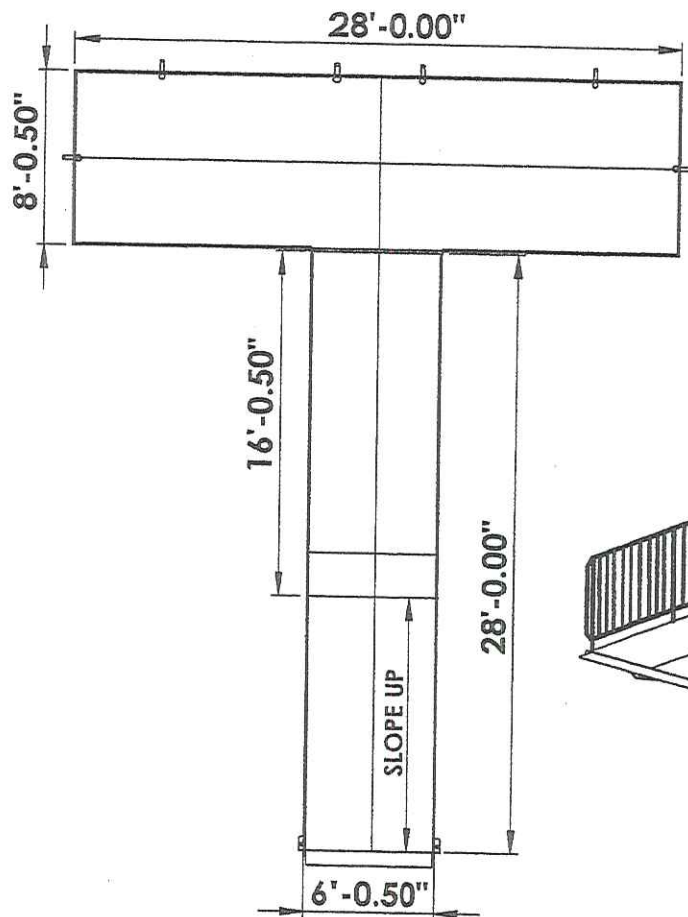
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Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Sales Rep
TNTDNR - 3600	11/20/2018	50% Down. Balance Due Upon Completion	James Gang

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
3	628Dock	6' x 28' Portable Fish Dock Walkway	8,978.08	26,934.24
		Raw Material	2,208.00	6,624.00
		Miscellaneous Hardware	1,625.26	4,875.78
		6' x 28" Total	12,811.34	38,434.02
3	828Dock	8' x 28' Portable Fish Dock Walkway	12,329.68	36,989.04
		Raw Material	3,891.36	11,674.08
		Miscellaneous Hardware	3,599.85	10,799.55
		8' x 28' Total	19,820.89	59,462.67
3		Dock Set Up	400.00	1,200.00
Thank you for the opportunity to quote your business			Subtotal	99,096.69
			Sales Tax	N/A
			Total	99,096.69



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TMBCI Youth & Conservation Work Plan 2018-2020

I. Natural Resources - headquartered at Sky Chief Park

The Department of Natural Resources Wildlife & Parks Program provides services to the Turtle Mountain Reservation and Tribal community for the management, protection, and preservation of local parks and recreation areas, lakes, and other essential conservation needs within the Turtle Mountain jurisdiction.

Each year the Department works with various agencies such as the North Dakota Job Service, Tribal Work Empowerment Program, and others to provide unique training and employment for community members in the area of natural resource management.

Mission Statement: The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is committed to preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources of the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation for the benefit of present and future generations of tribal members and for those who visit our Reservation.

II. Alliance focused on Youth and Conservation

The Tribal Youth Program and the TM Natural Resources Office has formed an alliance to develop and oversee youth and conservation programming of behalf of the tribe.

Primary Partners:

- TMBCI Tribal Youth Program
- TMBCI Natural Resources Department

Primary Stakeholders:

- Tribal Government
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- TM Historical Society
- Tribal EPA
- TMBCI Youth Council
- USDA Rural Development
- Eagle Heart Cultural Center
- TMBCI Tribal Tourism Department

III. Proposed Initiatives focused for 2018-2020

The tribal Natural Resources and Tribal Youth staff met regularly, with their stakeholders, over the course of the winter 2017-2018 to plan activities for the next two years. The following projects were prioritized as a result of these meetings and are ready for implementation once funding is secured.

- 1) Summer Youth Conservation Camp - the Sky Chief park will host a Youth Conservation Camps whereas professional mentors will give presentations on topics including: Water quality, land use, traditional uses of flowers and herbs; etc.

Participants will also participate in water recreational activities, hiking, fishing, and other conservation-related activities.

Budget: student stipends, presentation fees, supplies **\$15,000**

- 2) Green Thumb Project:

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians proposes to implement a new Green Thumb Project Initiative for 2018. The tribe is requesting financial assistance to hire seniors (55+) to work alongside tribal youth (ages 14-18) who will promote “stewardship” of the local lakes & parks including -- Belcourt, Gordon, Wheaton, and Jarvis.

Project Purpose: To promote stewardship of the tribe’s vital natural resources by engaging Tribal elders and youth within a safe and responsible work environment.

Salaries	\$ 89,600
Payroll Tax	5,296
Supplies	5,000
Gas purchases	<u>8,000</u>

Total Budget **\$107,896**

- 3) Sky Chief Park Fish and Wildlife Camp – to provide a summer and winter camp program for 50 tribal youth.

Summer – 4 days and final day potluck and certification presentation and t-shirt

Archery
Fishing
Gun Safety
Water Safety

Recreational Swimming

Summer Camp budget **\$10,000**

Winter – 4 days and final potluck with certificate presentation and tshirt

Cross Country Skiing

Skatepark

Sledding

Winter Camp budget **\$10,000**

4) Belcourt Lake Park Beautification Project:

The tribe recently passed a tribal resolution to direct the Natural Resources Office to oversee the development of Belcourt Lake Park Rejuvenation Project. The tribe is seeking agency-wide support to return Belcourt Park back to a ‘hub’ for recreational and fishing activities.

- Handicapped Accessible Fishing Pier \$30,000
- Removal of Old Cement Water 5,000
- Commercial Playground 50,000
- Restrooms 25,000

Total **\$110,000**

5) Sky Chief Park Infrastructure Development:

- Concrete Slabs for Arbors x 2 \$4,000
- Fire Pits 1,000
- Fishing Docks x 3 units 100,000
- Boat Ramp 20,000
- Rest Room Facilities x 3 units 75,000

Total **\$200,000**

6) Youth/Elder Gardening Project – the Sky Chief Park will construct a small demonstration green house to be used to seed for beautification projects. A youth gardening Coordinator will be hired and teach gardening, canning, and food preparation courses.

- Hire Youth Gardening Coordinator \$25,000
- Demonstration/Instructional Greenhouse 10,000
- Gardening Supplies 2,500

Total **\$37,500**

- 7) Tribal Youth Program Maintenance Shop/Office – to maintain lawn mowers and vehicles and to provide storage for the program equipment.

- Maintenance Shop Prefab kit	\$100,000
- Concrete Slab Foundation	10,000
- Heating	5,000
- Electric	5,000
- Water/Sewer	<u>5,000</u>

Total **\$125,000**

- 8) Tribal Youth Program Transport Van – to transport tribal youth to various events, camps, and activities sponsored by the Tribal Youth Program.

Handicapped Accessible 14 passenger van **\$75,000**

Total

- 9) Boy Scout Camp Development – to bulldoze and clear grounds and to rebuild as a picnic park and fishing area.

Site Development – bulldoze and level ground, fill, gravel	\$6,000
Picnic Tables and camp fire pits	2,000
Fishing Dock	30,000

Total **\$38,000**

IV. Progress Reports

The Director of Natural Resources will compile and present monthly progress reports to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government. A yearly annual report will also be presented complimented with a departmental portfolio and brochure.



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September 27, 2018

ND Industrial Commission
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program
State Capital – Fourteenth Floor
600 East Boulevard Ave.
Dept. 405
Bismarck, ND 58505

Commissioners:

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribal Government fully supports the Sky Chief Fishing Dock project on behalf of the tribal Natural Resources Department. The Sky Chief Park area is a beautiful 1,312 acre area that serves our 20,000 (+) reservation population constituency as well as a large number of visitors and tourists each year.

The Natural Resources Department serves a highly impoverished area so many of our tribal members go to Sky Chief park because there are no entrance fees. In addition, the tribal government and various tribal organizations sponsor a diverse range of events such as fishing tournaments, canoeing, picnics, trail walking, ice skating, hill sledding, ecological experience, etc. These events require no participant fees and are attended by a large number of children and their families including surrounding schools – both on and off the reservation.

We are grateful for the support that the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund has given our tribe in the past. This includes the Fishing Docks that were awarded in 2016 and the recently funded Rest Room project this year. As required, The Turtle Mountain Tribal Government will commit 25% of its financial resources toward the Sky Chief Park Fishing Project which amounts to \$25,096.69. Please give our project favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Azure, Chairman
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa









Handicap Fishing Pier

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