

2743 - North Country Trail Signage Improvement Project

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	1307-Outdoor Heritage Fund March 2020 - Round 16	Initial Submit Date:	Mar 9, 2020 8:18 AM
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Mar 16, 2020 3:00 PM	Initially Submitted By:	Tom Moberg
Program Area:	Outdoor Heritage Fund	Last Submit Date:	
Status:	Under Review	Last Submitted By:	
Stage:	Final Application		

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

Active User*: Yes

Type: External User

Name*: Dr. Tom Middle Name
Salutation First Name

Moberg
Last Name

Title:
Trail Development Coordinator, Dakota Prairie Chapter

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Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: North Country Trail Association

Organization Type*: Out-of-State Non-Profit

Tax Id: [REDACTED]

Organization Website: northcountrytrail.org/srv

Address*: 229 E Main St

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City State/Province

49331
Postal Code/Zip

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PeopleSoft Supplier ID:

Location Code: Sheyenne River Valley Chapter

Comments:

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North Country Trail Association

09/08/2020

Budget

Objective of Grant

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The purpose of the Signage Improvement Project is to create 34 informational signs and 18 kiosks along the North Country Trail to help visitors be informed about North Dakota's abundant natural, cultural, historic, and scenic features.

Summary

Grant Request:	\$51,800.00
Matching Funds:	\$52,860.00
Total Project Costs:	\$104,660.00
You must have at least 25% match	
Percentage of Match:	50.51%

Project Expenses

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In-Kind)	Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Design Interpretive Panels	\$10,400.00	\$0.00	\$16,621.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$30,771.00
Interpretive Panel Materials	\$10,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.00
	\$51,800.00	\$0.00	\$49,110.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$104,660.00

Project Expense Description	OHF Request	Match Share (Cash)	Match Share (In-Kind)	Match Share (Indirect)	Other Project	
					Sponsor's Share	Total Each Project Expense
Kiosk Design	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
Kiosk Construction & Installation	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,686.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,686.00
Rent Bobcat/auger equipment	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,340.00
Sign purchase & installation	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$3,263.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,163.00
	\$51,800.00	\$0.00	\$49,110.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$104,660.00

Budget Narrative

Budget Narrative:

The project includes designing, building and installing 34 interpretive and informational panels and 18 kiosks, which will vary in style and designed to hold up to 3 panels. Maps of the trail in North Dakota will be designed by the cartographer on the staff of the Trail Association. The panels will be designed by a professional design firm and made with highly durable, weather resistant, Custom High Pressure Laminate material. Volunteers will purchase and prepare the construction materials, move the materials and equipment to the sites, build the structures, and install the panels. In addition, volunteers will install 150 metal directional signs along 20 miles of rural roads used by the Trail.

The project will be very labor intensive, requiring many trips to work sites by volunteers. A round trip to volunteer at a work site can involve 100 to 150 miles and 2 to 3 hours of driving time, not including time spent working on a project

Bid Attachments

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
Fabricating and Shipping Custom High Pressure Laminate Interpretive Panels	Bid for Laminate Interpretive Panels.pdf	pdf	169 KB	03/04/2020 02:19 PM
Bid for design for Trailhead Kiosk design and construction as well as the educational interpretive panel design	Bid for Design work.pdf	pdf	148 KB	03/04/2020 02:24 PM
All of the construction and installation will be done by volunteers and will require many trips to the various work sites.	Calculaton of Volunteer Time and Miles.pdf	pdf	131 KB	03/04/2020 02:28 PM
A map of the Trail indicating location of the kiosks and photos representing the type of kiosk planned	Location and type of kiosks.pdf	pdf	234 KB	03/04/2020 02:31 PM

Match Funding

Match Amount	Funding Source	Match Type
\$4,500.00	Countour Design Studio, LLC	In-Kind
\$52,860.00		

Match Amount	Funding Source	Match Type
\$3,750.00	Cartographer, GIS Specialist North Country Trail Assoc	Indirect
\$36,450.00	Volunteer time from Dakota Prairie Chapter	In-Kind
\$8,160.00	Volunteer vehicle miles from Dakota Prairie Chapter members	In-Kind
\$52,860.00		

In-Kind**In-Kind Total:****Description*****Directives***

Major Directive*: Directive D
Choose One

Additional Directive: Directive A, Directive B
Choose All That Apply

Type of Agency*: Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation
Choose One

Abstract/Executive Summary**Abstract/Executive Summary*:**

The purpose of the Signage Improvement Project is to create better signage along the North Country Trail to help hikers be informed about North Dakota's abundant natural, cultural, historic, and scenic features. This project can greatly enhance the quality of the hiking experience.

The North Country Trail is the nation's longest National Scenic Trail stretching almost 5,000 miles across 8 northern states from North Dakota to Vermont. In North Dakota, the non-motorized North Country Trail traverses 430 miles between Lake Sakakawea and Fort Abercrombie. The Trail spans areas rich in Native American and frontier history, scenic vistas, a wide variety of flora and fauna, rivers, prairies, and modern agricultural lands. In south-eastern North Dakota, the North Country Trail lets users see places like the Biesterfeldt Earth Lodge Site (a National Historic Landmark near Lisbon), the Sheyenne National Grasslands (rare plants, pioneer homestead sites, cattle and sheep ranching), the Ekre Grassland Preserve (historic trails and buildings), and the Big Bend of the Sheyenne River (Native American earth works).

The specific objectives of the Signage Improvement Project are to create 34 new interpretive panels installed in 18 new and 3 existing kiosks along the North Country Trail between the Sheyenne State Forest and Fort Abercrombie. Panels and kiosks will be designed by professionals, then constructed and installed by volunteers from the Dakota Prairie Chapter of the North Country Trail Association according to best practices and standards in trail construction. The project also includes small 150 directional signs for about 20 miles along rural roads.

The duration of the Signage Improvement Project will be 2 years or less. The total cost is \$104,660, of which \$51,800 is requested from the Outdoor Heritage Fund and \$52,860 will be Matching Funds.

Project Duration**Project Duration*:**

Two years, May 2020 to October 2022

Narrative

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Briefly summarize your organization's history, mission, current programs and activities. Include an overview of your organizational structure, including board, staff and volunteer involvement.

Organization Information*:

The North Country Trail (NCT) was authorized by Congress in 1980 to provide public foot trail access to the natural, cultural, historical, and scenic features of the northern tier of the USA. The National Park Service is the Federal agency with administrative responsibility for the North Country Trail.

The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) is a not-for-profit organization whose members are primarily volunteers who carry out the NCTA mission to build, maintain, protect, and promote the North Country Trail. The NCTA has a volunteer Board of Directors and a professional staff of about 10 FTEs. The NCTA provides leadership, coordination, education, and organizational support for its 30 Chapters, Affiliates and Partners that build, maintain, protect, and promote the North Country Trail.

In North Dakota, volunteers from the Dakota Prairie Chapter (DPC) are responsible for 100 miles of the North Country Trail in Richland and Ransom counties. The DPC is an active, growing Chapter with about 140 members who support the NCTA financially and volunteer hundreds of hours of their time working on the North Country Trail. Since being chartered in 2013, Dakota Prairie Chapter members have developed more than 30 miles of new off-road trail and regularly maintain about 65 miles of off-road trail.

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.

If your project involves an extenuating circumstance to exempted activities please explain.

Purpose of Grant*:

The Signage Improvement Project directly addresses Directive D related to development of recreation areas since this project will substantially enhance the users' recreation experience on a 100 mile segment of the North Country Trail in south-eastern North Dakota. Additionally, Directive A is supported because the North Country Trail provides access to both public and private lands for sportsmen and women such as walkers, hikers, runners, skiers, and hunters who use and appreciate the outdoors. More information along the trail will help users follow the "Leave No Trace" guidelines and be aware of the dangers of invasive species. Further, this project relates to Directive B since people who hike near fields and pastures will be better informed about farming and ranching and thus have a better understanding about modern agricultural practices.

The basic purpose of the North Country Trail is to allow people to appreciate the natural, cultural, historic, and scenic features of the area by hiking in the outdoors. One of the primary ways to enhance the hiking experience is to have good information available to help users know where they are, where they are going, and what is around them. When people appreciate the history and features of the land, they are more likely to help conserve it.

The goal of this project is to create a comprehensive, consistent, effective signage system along the 100 mile Dakota Prairie Chapter trail range to help trail users really see, understand, and appreciate the land, history, and features of North Dakota.

The specific project strategies are to create 34 information panels (about 3'x4' in size) that will be installed in 18 new and 3 existing kiosk structures at 21 locations in 2020-2021. The kiosk locations are primarily at trail heads and other trail access points. The content, images, and maps on the interpretive panels will highlight the natural, cultural, historic and scenic features along the NCT. The panels, which will be professionally designed and constructed from durable Custom High Pressure Laminate, will be sturdy, functional, and attractive.

As part of the project, the DPC will also install 150 small directional signs on metal posts along approximately 20 miles of rural roads to assist hikers with way-finding and route identification. Typically 5 to 8 roadside signs are installed along every mile of road.

This will be a new project for which other funds are not currently available. Developing a high-quality trail, one that warrants the distinction of being a National Scenic Trail, requires a comprehensive signage system that will substantially enhance the hiking experience for trail users by identifying and explaining natural, cultural, historic and scenic features along the trail. This project would set a quality standard that could eventually be replicated along the entire North Country Trail in North Dakota.

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

Counties*: Ransom, Richland

Is This Project Part of a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?* No

Does Your Project Involve an Extenuating Circumstance?* No

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.

Management of Project*:

An OHF grant Steering Committee of 4 Dakota Prairie Chapter volunteers will manage and oversee this project. In planning the OHF grant proposal, the Steering Committee developed the project details, finances, match requirements, and timeline using detailed Excel spreadsheets and Google Earth maps. The Steering Committee will continue to use those shared on-line tools to manage and record project details during the duration of the grant. Volunteer work groups from the Dakota Prairie Chapter will be organized on a regular basis to carry out the various tasks outlined in the proposal.

The Steering Committee will provide quarterly reports to the North Country Trail Association for submission to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The full-time, professional staff at the North Country Trail Association headquarters will manage the financial transactions related to the project.

The OHF Contact Person and overall project manager will be DPC Trail Development Coordinator, Tom Moberg. He is an experienced hiker and backpacker with more than 10 years' experience as an NCTA volunteer. He has contributed more than 12,000 hours as an NCTA volunteer and has extensive experience in project management of various kinds. He served 9 years (3 terms) on the national Board of Directors of the NCTA, including 3 years as President of the Board. In 2015, Moberg received the National Park Service Hartzog Award as national Volunteer of the Year. Under his leadership, volunteers have built more than 30 miles of the North Country Trail since 2013. Each year, he also manages dozens of volunteers who maintain the NCT. Moberg lives in Fargo and is retired from a 40 year career in higher education.

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.

Sustainability*:

The North Country Trail Association, primarily through the volunteer Chapters such as the Dakota Prairie Chapter, is perpetually responsible for building, maintaining, protecting, and promoting the North Country Trail. Volunteers monitor the condition of the Trail regularly. The new kiosks, panels, and road walk signs in this proposal will become part of the inventory of trail features the Dakota Prairie Chapter monitors and maintains. Field Grants from the North Country Trail Association are sometimes available to support local maintenance projects. To date, the Dakota Prairie Chapter has been successful at finding both volunteers and funding to maintain its trail range in excellent condition.

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

Partial Funding*:

The components of the Signage Improvement Project are based on best practices in trail development as defined in the North Country Trail Handbook: Planning, Design, Construction, Maintenance, various standards established by the National Park Service, and our volunteers' ever-increasing knowledge of the important natural, cultural, historic and scenic features along the DPC trail range. After careful analysis of where and what types of signage are needed now, we identified 21 locations and 34 information panels to include in this proposal and made our best estimates of the likely costs. If that amount of funding is not available, we would re-evaluate the priorities and try to address the signage sites that seem most important right now. We would also keep looking for funding to complete the rest of the project so we can provide the highest quality hiking experience for NCT users.

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

Partnership Recognition*:

OHF grant funding would be included in the national publications of the North Country Trail Association, both in the printed and on-line versions of its annual report and newsletters. In addition, signage recognizing OHF support would be included on the new interpretive panels.

Do you have any supporting documents, such as maps or letters of support that you would like to provide? If so, please provide them in a single file.

Supporting Documents*: Yes

If Yes, Please Provide Copies in a Single File: NCTA Signage Support Letters.pdf

Awarding of Grants - Review the appropriate sample contract for your organization. Sample Contract

Can You Meet All the Provisions of the Sample Contract?* Yes

Tasks

Tasks

Task	Start Date	Completion Date
Acquisition of materials	05/01/2020	07/31/2022
Cartographer to develop appropriate maps	05/01/2020	10/30/2021
Construction and installation of signage	06/01/2020	10/30/2022
Design of signage, kiosk, panels	04/01/2020	09/30/2020
Site preparation	06/01/2020	09/30/2022

Description of Tasks

Please Describe Tasks:

A professional design firm and commercial sign company will be retained.

Signs (You Are Here, Interpretation Panel, State and National maps) will planned and designed, requiring over 782 volunteer hours.

Tasks to develop the structures for the 1- 2- and 3 Panel signs will require 1,344 hours of volunteer labor, including planning, design, material acquisition, material preparation, site preparation, construction, and panel Installation.

Deliverables

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Deliverable	Quantity	Unit of Measurement, if applicable
Design and build kiosks for signs	21.000	
Design, build and install Informational signs	34.000	
Obtain and install road walk signs	150.000	

Certification

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Certification: Yes

Name: Tom Moberg
First Name Last Name

Title: Dakota Prairie Chapter Trail Development Coordinator
Title

Date: 03/08/2020

Internal Application Number

#/ID: 16-03

Bid for Fabricating and Shipping Custom High Pressure Laminate Interpretive Panels

Quote No. IZONE 28472

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October 17, 2017

Customer River Keepers

Reference River Keepers Additional

Bill to
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Ship to
 Public Works Facility
 Larry Anderson
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 Moorhead, MN 56560
 US
 T: 218-299-5346

Valid Until	12/16/2017	Revision Date	10/17/2017	Lead Time	3 - 4 Weeks	SR	Michael Dean
F.O.B.	FCA shipping point	Revision No		Ship Method	UPS	PM	Michaela Mejia
Terms	1/2 Down - Net 30						
Project Name	River Keepers Additional						

No.	Item	Description	Qty	UOM	Unit Price	Extension
1.	CHPL panels:1/8" XT	24 H X 36 W : 1/8" Exterior Panel Single Sided (6,000 SQ FT) FINISHING OPTIONS: Matte Finish - Exterior match to 40764	9	Each	123.32	1,109.88
2.	GFI	24"H X 36"W Frame with Low-Profile Cantilever Exhibit Base, Deluxe Surface Mount, Mounting Angle: 45 Degree; Color: Black Texture Powder Coat	9	Each	514.04	4,626.36
3.	PDF Proofs	PDF Proofs for content	9	Each	0.00	0.00
4.	Lab Sample	LAB (8" x 10" crop of full size panel in laminate) for color and resolution	1	Each	25.00	25.00
5.	Set-up Fee	Set up Fee	1	Each	150.00	150.00
6.	Wrapping and Crating		1	each	45.00	45.00
7.	Shipping and Handling	*Estimated 3 day transit to 56560 *Estimate does NOT include any special services such as lift gate or delivery to residential address. Any special services added/requested may change the estimated price for shipping/handling above.	1	Each	1,174.10	1,174.10

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Attachment 3: Letter of Interest and Support from Contour Design Studio, LLC



Mr. Tom Moberg
Dakota Prairie Chapter, North Country Trail Association
Fargo, North Dakota

Thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate Contour Design Studio's enthusiasm and qualifications for your project. Your mission to educate and engage the public through interpretive signage and supporting trailhead kiosks would provide tremendous value to our region, the Trail, and its users. As a firm, we strongly believe in engaging our community and enhancing our built environment. We are inspired by your mission, vision, goals and the continued improvement of the North Country Trail. With your vision realized, we truly believe that the Dakota Prairie Chapter's section of trail will set a new standard for educational interpretation for the North Country Trail and its users.

Through our several conversations, we feel we have a strong grasp and understanding of your project's needs and feel our firm is well suited to complete the necessary services. Our firm will deliver design and construction documents that can be used to assist in the construction of eighteen trail kiosks and thirty-four interpretive panel designs that are to be fabricated and installed in their designated kiosks.

Upon grant award, we would be grateful to be a part of your project. We are pleased to offer our services as outlined in the attached proposal for a fixed compensation in the amount of \$22,400 (twenty-two thousand four hundred dollars). As strong supporters of the project, we intend to donate 20% of our fee, or up to \$4,500 (Four thousand five hundred dollars) as in-kind services. Our adjusted fixed fee for this project is \$17,900 (seventeen thousand nine hundred dollars). As your local team, there will be no reimbursable charges for the scope of the work outside of the predefined scope unless requested by the NCTA or the Chapter.

With gratitude and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bryan J. Leininger'.

Bryan J. Leininger
Principal, Landscape Architect, ASLA
Contour Design Studio, LLC

Attachments

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN CLIENT AND CONSULTANT

CONSULTANT: Contour Design Studio, LLC
CLIENT: North Country Trail Assoc., Dakota Prairie Chapter
PROJECT: Project #: 1919
Kiosk and Interpretive Signage Design Services



DATE ISSUED: February 6, 2020

Whereas, North Country Trail Association, CLIENT, has solicited the services of Contour Design Studio, LLC, CONSULTANT, to perform professional consulting services in connection with the PROJECT as listed above. This AGREEMENT shall consist of the SCOPE OF SERVICES and GENERAL PROVISIONS, and any exhibits attached thereto for the Project.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

Contour Design Studio is to complete Design and Construction Document Services for the North Country Trail Association.

SCOPE OF SERVICES, FEE SCHEDULE and DELIVERABLE DATES:

1. "Special Trailhead Kiosk Design" – \$5,500
 - a. Prepare construction plans and documents for construction of five (x5) kiosks, of an owner approved and context sensitive aesthetic but varying size and scale.
2. "Standard Trailhead Kiosk Design" – \$2,000
 - a. Prepare construction plans and documents for construction of thirteen (x13) kiosks, of similar aesthetic but varying size and scale.
3. "Educational Interpretive Panel Design" – \$14,900
 - a. Prepare and design of thirty four (x34) interpretive signs and panels, of similar aesthetic but varying size and scale.

*Note: Our total design fee for this scope of services is: \$22,400. To further support this project, we'd like to offer 20% of the total fee, or \$4,500 as in-kind services, for a total fixed, lump sum fee of \$17,900.

This AGREEMENT is subject to the General Conditions attached hereto.

COMPENSATION:

- Lump Sum (includes expenses) : \$17,900.
- Lump Sum plus expenses \$
- Hourly rates, Not-to-exceed \$, plus expenses (per attached hourly rate schedule)
- Hourly rates plus expenses up to a maximum of \$ (per attached hourly rate schedule)
- Cost plus overhead / fixed fee (overhead rate is % of direct labor) / (fixed fee is %)
- Other (please describe)

For Hourly Rate Agreements, a Schedule of Hourly Rates is attached and shall be referenced when CONSULTANT invoices CLIENT.
For Hourly Rate Agreements, all expenses shall be billed at cost and will be paid to CONSULTANT.

THIS CONTRACT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.

APPROVED & ACCEPTED:

CLIENT:

CONSULTANT: Contour Design Studio, LLC

Sign

Date

Bryan Leitinger, Owner

Date

Print Name:

Calculation of Volunteer Time and Personal Vehicle Miles for Signage Improvement Project

Estimates of DPC Volunteer Time and Personal Vehicle Miles for Signage Improvement Project

DPC Match Estimates for Panel Development

Tasks	Panel Type	No. of volunteers, per Task, per Panel	No. of Panels, per Task	Ave. miles, per Task, per volunteer, per Panel	Ave. vehicles, per Task, per Panel	Total miles, per Task, all Panels and all Vehicles	Volunteer Hours per Task, per volunteer, per Panel	Total Vol. Hours, per Task; all volunteers and all Panels
Project planning	You Are Here	1	10	10	0	0	2	20
Panel Design	You Are Here	1	10	20	1	200	8	80
Project planning	Interpretation Only	1	13	10	0	0	4	52
Panel Design	Interpretation Only	2	13	20	1	260	20	520
Project planning	State	1	8	10	0	0	2	16
Panel Design	State	2	8	20	1	160	4	64
Project planning	National	1	3	10	0	0	2	6
Panel Design	National	2	3	20	1	60	4	24
TOTALS - all tasks, all Panels, all volunteers		Total Panels= 34		All Miles = 680		Ill Vol. Hours	782	

DPC Match Estimates for Structure Development

Tasks	Structure Design	No. of volunteers, per Task, per Structure	No. of Structures, per Task	Ave. miles, per Task, per volunteer, per Structure	Ave. vehicles, per Task, per Structure	Total miles, per Task; all Structures and all Vehicles	Volunteer Hours, per Task, per volunteer, per Structure	Total Vol. Hours, per Task; all Structures and all volunteers
Project planning	3 Panel - Standard	4	1	20	2	40	2	8
Structure design	3 Panel - Standard	4	1	20	2	40	2	8
Acquisition of materials	3 Panel - Standard	2	1	20	2	40	2	4
Preparation of materials	3 Panel - Standard	2	1	20	1	20	6	12
Site preparation	3 Panel - Standard	2	1	75	1	75	4	8
Construction	3 Panel - Standard	4	1	200	2	400	18	72
Panel Installation	3 Panel - Standard	2	1	100	1	100	4	8
Project planning	3 Panel - Special	4	2	20	2	80	2	16
Structure design	3 Panel - Special	4	2	20	2	80	2	16
Acquisition of materials	3 Panel - Special	2	2	20	2	80	2	8
Preparation of materials	3 Panel - Special	2	2	20	1	40	6	24
Site preparation	3 Panel - Special	2	2	75	1	150	4	16
Construction (incl. eqpt. use)	3 Panel - Special	4	2	200	2	800	18	144
Panel Installation	3 Panel - Special	2	2	100	1	200	4	16
Project planning	2 Panel - Standard	4	6	20	2	240	2	48
Structure design	2 Panel - Standard	4	6	20	2	240	2	48
Acquisition of materials	2 Panel - Standard	2	6	20	2	240	2	24
Preparation of materials	2 Panel - Standard	2	6	20	1	120	6	72
Site preparation	2 Panel - Standard	2	6	75	1	450	4	48
Construction	2 Panel - Standard	4	6	200	2	2400	16	384
Panel Installation	2 Panel - Standard	2	6	100	1	600	4	48
Project planning	2 Panel - Special	4	1	20	2	40	2	8
Structure design	2 Panel - Special	4	1	20	2	40	2	8
Acquisition of materials	2 Panel - Special	2	1	20	1	20	2	4
Preparation of materials	2 Panel - Special	2	1	20	1	20	6	12
Site preparation	2 Panel - Special	2	1	75	1	75	4	8
Construction	2 Panel - Special	2	1	200	1	200	16	32
Panel Installation	2 Panel - Special	2	1	100	1	100	4	8

Project planning	1 Panel - Standard	2	6	20	2	240	1	12
Structure design	1 Panel - Standard	1	6	0	2	0	1	6
Acquisition of materials	1 Panel - Standard	2	6	20	1	120	2	24
Preparation of materials	1 Panel - Standard	1	6	0	1	0	2	12
Site preparation	1 Panel - Standard	2	6	75	1	450	2	24
Construction	1 Panel - Standard	2	6	100	1	600	4	48
Panel Installation	1 Panel - Standard	2	6	100	1	600	4	48
Project planning	1 Panel - Special	2	2	20	2	80	1	4
Structure design	1 Panel - Special	1	2	0	2	0	1	2
Acquisition of materials	1 Panel - Special	2	2	20	1	40	2	8
Preparation of materials	1 Panel - Special	1	2	0	1	0	2	4
Site preparation	1 Panel - Special	2	2	75	1	150	2	8
Construction	1 Panel - Special	2	2	100	1	200	4	16
Panel Installation	1 Panel - Special	2	2	100	1	200	4	16
TOTALS - all tasks, all Structures, all volunteers		Total Struct.=	18		All Miles =	9610	All Hours =	1344

Match Estimates for Bobcat/Auger Rental

Bobcat rental per day = \$300

No. of Days	Vehicles, per Day	Ave. Miles, per Vehicle, per Day	Volunteers, per Day	Ave. Vol. Hours, per Volunteer, per Day	Total Cost of Rental	Total Miles; all Days and all Vehicles	Total Vol. Hours; all volunteers and all Days
6	2	200	3	8	\$1,800	2400	144

DPC Match Estimates for Road Walk Sign Installation

No. of Days	Vehicles, per Day	Ave. Miles, per Vehicle, per Day	Volunteers, per Day	Ave. Hours, per Volunteer, per Day	Total Miles; all Days and all Vehicles	Total Hours; all Volunteers and all Days
10	1	150	2	8	1500	160

Budget Item Totals

Items	Miles: Total	Miles: Value	Hours: Total	Hours: Value	Total In-Kind Value
Per Mile and Hour Values =>		\$0.575		\$ 15	
Panel Development	680	\$ 391	782	\$ 11,730	\$ 12,121
Structure Development	9610	\$ 5,526	1344	\$ 20,160	\$ 25,686
Bobcat/Auger Rental	2400	\$ 1,380	144	\$ 2,160	\$ 3,540
Road Walk Sign Installation	1500	\$ 863	160	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,263
GRAND TOTALS	14190	\$ 8,159	2430	\$ 36,450	\$ 44,609

The North Country Trail between the Sheyenne State Forest and Fort Abercrombie, with icons showing the proposed sites for new interpretive kiosks.



Examples of various styles of interpretive kiosks containing 1, 2, or 3 interpretive panels



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February 12, 2020

North Dakota Industrial Commission
ATTN: Outdoor Heritage Fund Program
State Capitol - Fourteenth Floor
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Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Grant Review Committee:

As a long-time NCT volunteer member of the Dakota Prairie Chapter, I've spent numerous hours working on the trail between Abercrombie and Lisbon, often without knowing the fascinating history of the area or the significance of key terrain features or even recognizing important cultural and historic sites. This is especially unfortunate because the trail weaves through so many important locations.

From my perspective, designing and installing professional quality interpretative signs would significantly add to the trail experience. Such signage would not only aid frequent trail users and volunteers like me but also encourage new users to explore more of the North Dakota NCT.

However, as a non-profit volunteer organization with very limited resources, the DPC can't afford to undertake this important project. We need financial support from the ND Heritage Fund to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Doyle
Dakota Prairie Chapter Member



Jan Ulferts Stewart
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Re: North Country Trail Signage Improvement Project Application

Dear Grant Review Committee:

I am writing to express my full support for the application for the Signage Improvement Project for the Dakota Prairie Chapter of the North Country Trail Association. As a member of both the Chapter and the National Board of Directors, as well as an avid ND hiker, I recognize the significant advantages of having interpretive signs along the 100 plus mile recreational trail here in our state.

The project is particularly compelling because signage will include important details about the natural and historical features of the land. The trail winds its way from Fort Abercrombie on the east, crossing prairie, pastures, sand hills and the beach ridge of the former Lake Agassiz on its way to the Sheyenne State Forest near Fort Ransom. Hikers have an unparalleled journey in this segment to experience the rich agricultural land of North Dakota as well as a walk through the mixed forests of oak, aspen and birch.

Walking along this prairie pathway, it may not be obvious that it was once home to a Native American community with 70 earth lodges or the route of soldiers on their way between forts. The lodges are still visible, but for centuries we have walked right by them. Likewise, the very rare and threatened wild prairie fringed orchids bloom once a year along the trail. Yes, they are wild in North Dakota but only seen by those few who are aware of this delicate white flower! These areas are begging for interpretive signage.

The trail provides unmatched access to private lands, thanks to easements granted by many area landowners, as well as easy entrance to important public lands including North Dakota's grasslands. Outdoor enthusiasts, sportsmen and women are discovering the beauty and the remarkable stories of the people who have lived on this land for centuries.

I highly recommend this project as an ideal fit for the Outdoor Heritage Fund Program. The project will benefit trail users in our state for years and years after the end of the grant by sharing compelling history and inspiring stories. Your support will be appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

Jan Ulferts Stewart
Member Dakota Prairie Chapter
North Country Trail Association Board Member

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Re: North Country Trail Signage Improvement Project Application

Dear Grant Review Committee:

As President of the Dakota Prairie Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, I strongly endorse this Outdoor Heritage Fund grant proposal. Our Chapter has grown tremendously over the past few years and our members are eager to use, build, promote, and protect the miles in our trail section. Volunteers from our Chapter already spend many hours and drive many miles in their personal vehicles each year helping to build and maintain the NCT. They are willing and excited to continue those contributions to add new interpretive signage to a trail they care about deeply. Through our many Chapter hikes and events, we already promote the beauty and historic characteristics that are found in North Dakota. Having better interpretive signage will enhance the hiking experience for trail users and expand the knowledge of all users of the North Country Trail in North Dakota.

I encourage the Outdoor Heritage Fund to support this important project.

Sincerely,

Mary Moberg
President, NCTA Dakota Prairie Chapter
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February 19, 2020

North Dakota Industrial Commission

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Dear Grant Review Committee:

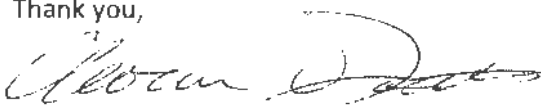
The US Forest Service – Dakota Prairie Grasslands supports the North Country Trail Association's application for funding from the Outdoor Heritage Funds Program to implement the NCT signage improvement project.

The Forest Service has established a heritage team consisting of archaeologists, recreation specialists, tribal relations managers, and professors and graduate students from Montana State University. The team is currently curating a comprehensive overview of the cultural and historic influences of the Sheyenne National Grassland and a master interpretive plan to relay the information to the public. Portions of the interpretive plan utilize the North Country Trail as a mechanism to connect public lands management to public user groups.

The North Country Trail signage improvement project aligns well with our heritage project goals to provide a tangible understanding of the rich cultural and ecological influences of the Sheyenne National Grassland to its visitors. The project will also convey the importance of public lands stewardship to visitors while they actively engage in recreation opportunities on the landscape. The NCTA has shown its dedication to improve visitor experience and is continuing to do so with this project proposal.

Please strongly consider this application for Outdoor Heritage Funds to improve visitor use on public lands through the North Country Trail Signage Improvement Project.

Thank you,



Aaron Gaither

Recreation Management Specialist

Region 1, Dakota Prairie Grassland, Sheyenne Ranger District

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USDA Forest Service



February 27, 2020

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Dear Grant Review Committee:

The North Country Trail project offers a wonderful opportunity for our citizens and visitors to experience many important historical sites and the beautiful landscapes of North Dakota. Trails are extremely important to North Dakota and offer outdoor activities promoting wellness and educational possibilities. Directional signs provide guidance to the hikers and the interpretive signs will provide information regarding North Dakota's geography, conservation, and history. The availability of natural resources and landforms best suited for habitation, hunting, and gathering directly relate to the history of our peoples. Biesterfeldt was occupied by the Cheyenne Indians ca. 1724-1780 for a relatively brief period in their history during their transformation from a settled horticultural society of the Eastern Woodlands to a society of equestrian bison-hunters of the Plains.

The trail currently passes through Fort Abercrombie and Biesterfeldt (a Cheyenne earthlodge village site). Known historically as "the Gateway to the Dakotas," Fort Abercrombie was established in 1858 and was the first permanent United States military fort established in what was to become North Dakota. Biesterfeldt is one of only seven other sites designated as National Historic Landmark Sites in the state. These are just two sites of numerous more that highlight the rich history of our state.

Trails provide an excellent opportunity for people to get outdoors to see firsthand our landscapes and learn a little about our rich past. We wholeheartedly support this trail project.

Sincerely,

Fern Swenson
Director of the Archaeology &
Historic Preservation Division
State Historical Society of North Dakota



February 20, 2020

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Dear Grant Review Committee:

On behalf of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA), I would like to voice our support for the Dakota Prairie Chapter's NCT Signage Improvement Project.

The North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT) was authorized by Congress in 1980 under the National Trails Act to create world-class hiking trail highlighting the scenic, historic, cultural and ecological wonders of America's northern heartlands. The NCTA is the partner organization of volunteers united in building, maintaining and defending the NCT while passing it on to future generations. With 28 chapters (including the Dakota Prairie Chapter) and 11 affiliated partners, the NCTA represents more than 15,000 volunteers committed to carrying out Congress' vision.

In North Dakota, the NCT traverses 430 miles between Lake Sakakawea and Fort Abercrombie with about 250 off-road miles. North Dakota has two NCTA chapters - the Sheyenne River Valley Chapter and the Dakota Prairie Chapter. The Dakota Prairie Chapter builds and maintains 100 miles of the NCT between the Sheyenne State Forest and Fort Abercrombie and helps the carry out the mission of NCTA in North Dakota.

Part of the work of NCTA Chapters includes connecting trail users to the features and resources of the areas the trail traverses. The NCT Signage Improvement Project aims to create better signage along the North Country Trail route to help trail users navigate along the trail and appreciate North Dakota's abundant natural, cultural, historic, and scenic features. We fully support the Dakota Prairie Chapters pursuit of funding for this effort and believe this project can greatly enhance the quality of the hiking experience along the NCT in North Dakota and set a great example to be followed across the length of the North Country Trail.

If any further information is needed please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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