

Outdoor Heritage Fund Grant Application



The purpose of the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund is to provide funding to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations to:

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

Directive B. Improve, maintain, and restore water quality, soil conditions, plant diversity, animal systems and to support other practices of stewardship to enhance farming and ranching;

Directive C. Develop, enhance, conserve, and restore wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands; and

Directive D. Conserve natural 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:

- A. Litigation;
- B. Lobbying activities;
- C. 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;
- D. The acquisition of land or to encumber any land for a term longer than twenty years; or
- E. 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

NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- Projects that are already completed;
- Projects that are on-going (Phased projects would be considered);
- Staffing;
- Feasibility studies;
- Annual maintenance;
- Paving projects for roads and parking lots;
- Swimming pools;
- Non-permanent equipment (such as tractors, snowmobiles);
- Research;
- Projects where the applicant is not directly involved in the project.

Application Deadline

Applications for the third grant round cycle are due on **November 3, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. CT**. All information, including attachments, must be submitted by that date. See instructions below for submission information.

Instructions

Please download this Word document (available on the Industrial Commission/Outdoor Heritage Fund Program website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>) to your computer and provide the information as requested. You are not limited to the spacing provided except in those instances where there is a limit on the number of words. After completing the application, save it and attach it to an e-mail and send it to outdoorheritage@nd.gov or print it and mail it to the address noted in the next paragraph.

Attachments in support of your application may be sent 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. 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. Early submission is appreciated and encouraged to allow adequate time to review your application and ensure that all required information has been included. Incomplete applications may not be considered for funding.

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.

Name of Organization: **LaMoure County Soil Conservation District**

Federal Tax ID#: **45-0417669**

Contact Person/Title: **Robert Flath, Watershed Coordinator**

Address: **211 S. Main, PO Box 278**

City: **LaMoure**

State: **ND**

Zip Code: **58458**

E-mail Address: **robert.flath@nd.nacdnet.net**

Web Site Address: <http://lamoure.nd.nacdnet.org/>

Phone: 701-883-5344, ext. 3

List names of co-applicants if this is a joint proposal: **LaMoure County**

MAJOR Directive:

Choose only one response

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

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Additional Directive: Choose all that apply

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Type of organization:

State Agency

Political Subdivision

Tribal Entity

Tax-exempt, nonprofit corporation.

Project Name: LaMoure County Memorial Park Streambank Restoration Project

Abstract/Executive Summary:

The intent of this project is to preserve a beautiful piece of LaMoure County history dedicated to the county's war veterans. The LaMoure County Memorial Park is nestled along the James River, just north of Grand Rapids. This park has been developed over the years to include the county museum, an auditorium used for musical performances, and a variety of park amenities (camping facilities, playground, ball diamond, etc.) With increased and variable flows the past several years along the James River, several banks have begun to erode at critical rates, jeopardizing areas of the park. Currently, the entrance road, original caretaker's home, veteran memorial monument, museum buildings, and camping areas are at risk of being lost to the River.

It is hoped that with grant monies from the Outdoor Heritage Fund that three of the most critical banks will be able to be stabilized, as well as a small portion of road raised to create a new park entrance trail. An engineer's survey and cost-estimate has already been completed. With these figures, approximately 2,000 linear feet will be graded and stabilized to preserve the Memorial Park.

Work involved in this project will be clearing and grubbing debris along affected areas, excavating, grading, placing of rip rap, placement of geotextile, and areas revegetated. Also included will be a cultural resource review of the area prior to any work done.

Expected results of this project are numerous. First of all, endangered areas of the Park will be preserved for future generations to enjoy. At the same time, fish and wildlife habitat will be improved along this area the River. Access to the River, whether for fishing or aquatic recreation, will be enhanced and made much safer for Park patrons.

Project Duration: 3 years

Amount of Grant request: \$695,424

Total Project Costs: \$971,946

(Note that in-kind and indirect costs can be used for matching funds)

A minimum of 25% Match Funding is strongly encouraged. Amount of Matching Funds: \$276,522

Source(s) of Matching Funds:

The State Water Commission has granted funds of \$91,042 to this project. LaMoure County will be contributing in-kind funds for match. The North Dakota Department of Health will be contributing EPA 319 funds for a portion of this project as well.

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 on Page 1 of this application.

Narrative

Organization Information –

The history of the LaMoure County Soil Conservation District (LCSCD) dates back to 1946. The LCSCD's mission has always centered on ensuring conservation stewardship and the wise use of natural resources. The LCSCD is governed by a Board of Supervisors and staff includes one District Manager and several seasonal employees. The LCSCD also sponsors the Dickey/LaMoure 319 Watershed Program. This Program, which employs one full-time and one part-time individual, has received 319 award grants for numerous watersheds within the county, several of which were chosen by EPA as national success stories. The LCSCD has always had a very proactive approach to securing technical and financial assistance to implement beneficial conservation-minded practices on the land. Services offered by the LCSCD include tree planting, mulch application, and various types of equipment rental. Educational outreach by the LCSCD includes annual field tours, quarterly newsletters, a website, and youth activities.

The history of the LaMoure County Memorial Park began back in the pioneer days of the 1870's when settlers in LaMoure County discovered a secluded spot in the bend of the James River that was perfect for gathering and socializing. In 1920, the area received official recognition and LaMoure County dedicated its Memorial Park to the county's war veterans.

The Park consists of an auditorium (which currently houses the LaMoure County Summer Musical Theater), the county museum, modern-camping and picnicking facilities, playground area, tennis courts, and ball diamonds. The LaMoure County Museum is comprised of a historical building purchased in 1981 to display memorabilia and historical artifacts of the area, an old country school house restored in 1997, and a building that houses many agriculture-related items.

Each summer, the Park hosts pioneer days, baseball tournaments, and musical events. There are also facilities such as bunk houses and a kitchen/dining hall that are available to rent.

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

In early 2014, the LaMoure County Commissioners hired the North Dakota State Water Commission to survey the James River along the Memorial Park and to provide their recommendations for stabilizing the area. See appendix B for pictures of streambank conditions taken in March and July 2014. After the investigation, the State Water Commission identified seven banks that are eroding at critical rates (see appendix A), several of which will soon compromise historical areas of the park. The State Water Commission also provided very solid measurement and cost-estimates for each bank to be repaired. These estimates included costs for clearing, excavation, riprap, and live plantings.

The grant money from the Outdoor Heritage Fund will be used to stabilize three of the seven banks deemed most-critical and to raise a small section of road that will replace the current park entrance road. For the purpose of this application, the banks were prioritized and the top three (all located on County land) will be repaired first, hereby referred to as Bank 1, 2, and 4. Please reference locations in appendix A.

Bank 1 has currently eroded to the point that the current entrance road has been deemed unstable and the original caretaker's home and veteran's memorial monument (see appendix B for photo) will soon be in jeopardy. In order to stabilize this bank and save the caretaker's residence and monument, what is left of the original entrance road will be cleared, bank graded and riprapped, and area planted with native vegetation. The length of the area affected is just less than 800 feet.

The permanent entrance will be moved to the west near the museum buildings. The approach was installed by the County and connected to an existing trail in the Park. In order to make this trail the permanent entrance road, a low spot needs to be raised and stabilized to accommodate park traffic.

Bank 2 is encroaching upon the museum buildings. After the engineer's survey, with a 30° cut line, the stabilized bank will be within several feet of the agricultural artifact museum building. This bank needs to be stabilized in order to preserve the complex of museum buildings. The length of this bank is 736 feet.

Bank 4 is infringing on a small service area and a portion of the public camping grounds. The canteen used for events was originally located here and has since been moved. Parts of the original concrete pad have since fell into the River. The length of this bank is 472 feet.

There is a definite urgency in the need of funding. With more volatile weather patterns, flows along of the James River can influx very quickly. Especially harmful to the fragile banks are ice sheets pushed through in the spring due to releases from upstream dams. The rock rip rap that will be installed will help greatly with this.

As far as meeting the OHF directives, this project will touch three of the four directives. The major directive is definitely conserving this beautiful riparian area of LaMoure County for the recreational benefit. A wide variety of individuals utilize the area every summer. Weekend-long events are held, schools utilize the county museum and history of the area for teaching, campsites are used, and visitors regularly access the park for the events held at the theater.

The additional directives that will be met include enhancing, conserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitat on public land and providing access to public land to sportsmen. Eroding banks quickly decrease the fish habitat along stream corridors. Sediment and debris can easily bog down channels and make the habitat less desirable to freshwater fish preferred by sportsmen. Not only will these repaired streambanks increase the fish habitat in this section of river, but the graded shorelines will provide better and safer access points to the river. Also, the vegetation that will be used to stabilize the banks will provide additional habitat for various birds and other species of native wildlife.

The timetable for this project is completely dependent upon weather. The work to restore the three most critical banks can easily be done in 3-4 months. But the work all depends on the river level. With the river level high, as was the case this past summer because of heavy spring rains and steady releases from upstream dams, the work was not feasible. Hence, the project duration is listed as 3 years in hopes that in that timeframe there will be a time of lower levels in the James River in order to perform this work. There is some work that can be done immediately like clearing and grubbing and raising the new entrance road. Construction supplies can also be staged.

Letters of support for the project are located in appendix D.

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.

This project will be overseen by Robert Flath. He has been an employee of the LCSCD since 1997, coordinating the EPA 319 projects in LaMoure and neighboring Dickey counties. He has 18 years of construction management experience. This experience will aid in a timely completion of the tasks at hand. Mr. Flath has worked with engineers and contractors on numerous projects throughout the area, including approximately 2,000 feet of shoreline restoration along Lake LaMoure. The extensive work carried out on Lake LaMoure has given him hands-on experience as to what methods do and do not work well for streambank restoration. Also, he has a good reputation and professional working relationship with area contractors and engineers.

Evaluation – Describe your plan to document progress and results.

The success of this project will be seen almost immediately. If the current situation is left untreated, the use of the County Memorial Park will be severely limited. Historical buildings and artifacts could easily be lost due to one high rain/flow event. With the banks stabilized, increased flow along the James River will not continue to erode at this precious piece of county history. The first measure of success will be measuring the footage of stabilized shoreline. The second measure of success will be how well vegetation establishes in the area. Progress reports and evaluations will be turned in as requested by the Advisory Board and before and after pictures will be utilized.

Financial Information

ATTACHMENT: Project Budget – Using the standard project budget format that is available on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm>, please include a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting. Note that a minimum of 25% match funding is strongly encouraged.

The project budget should identify all matching funds, funding sources and indicate whether the matching funds are in the form of cash or in-kind services. As noted on the standard project budget format, certain values have been identified for in-kind services. Please utilize these values in identifying your matching funds. **NOTE: No indirect costs will be funded.**

X I certify that a project budget will be sent to the Commission. Please see attached budget form in Appendix C.

Sustainability – Indicate how the project will be funded or sustained in future years. Regular maintenance and upkeep will be covered by the LaMoure County Park Board. County staff are in the Park on a daily basis from April to October. They will be able to monitor banks for stability.

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

If less funding is received, the amount of footage of shoreline stabilized will be decreased. Critical banks in the park have been prioritized and the most severe banks will be repaired first. It is also possible the Bank 4 could be stabilized using solely bioengineering tactics, which are cheaper but also take longer to stabilize.

Partnership Recognition - If you are a successful recipient of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, how would you recognize the Outdoor Heritage Fund partnership?

Signage recognizing the successful completion and cooperating partners for this project will be placed in the Memorial Park.

Scoring of Grants

All applications will be scored by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board after your ten-minute oral presentation. The ranking sheet(s) 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. Applicants whose proposals have been approved will receive a contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Please note the appropriate sample contract for your organization on the website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm> that set forth the general provisions that will be included in any contract issued by the North Dakota Industrial Commission. Please indicate if you can meet all the provisions of the sample contract. If there are provisions in that contract that your organization is unable to meet, please indicate below what those provisions would be.

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 Karlene Fine at 701-328-3722 or kfine@nd.gov

Revised August 21, 2014

Appendix A

Overview Maps



Camping

Playground

Canteen

Ball Diamond

Caretaker's home and
Memorial Monument

Dining Hall and bunkhouses

Road Raise

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4

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Camping

Service Area

Auditorium

2

Museum Complex



Appendix B

Photos



THEY HELD THE TORCH OF LIBERTY

ANDERSON ORLO D.	BANKSON CHARLES
ATKIN CELL M.	BEHREN MARTIN V.
BICKWITH JACK C.	BENNING ASHLEY
BENDER ARON C.	JONES WILLIAM E.
BENNETT RALPH W.	KANGA MICHAEL W.
BONNETT GUY A.	KUFTZ ROBERT
BOWMAN WILLIAM H.	LEWISON LEROY M.
BURTON W. DEAN	LEWISON PATMURD J.
FLYNN JOHN J. JR.	LEE OSCAR W.
FORTIN BELMAR H.	LIPPERMAN STENNIS E.
GARRETT JOSEPH H.	LONG FRANK R.
GRAYSON ROY O.	LONG BENJAMIN
GRANWELL DALE W.	LONG JOHN H.
SCHNEIDER RAY V.	

RECTED AND DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND TO THE MEMORY OF
OUR DEPARTED SERVICEMEN
OF LA MOURE COUNTY WHO
SERVED THEIR COUNTRY
IN WORLD WAR I
AND WORLD WAR II
KOREAN AND
VIET NAM CONFLICTS

THAT FREEDOM MIGHT NOT PERISH

LYGAARD BAROLD P.	SCHWELER DOUGLASS
MC CANN WILLIAM S.	SMITH EDWARD C.
REIS BLAKE J.	SHOGLIN JAMES P.
NELSON VERNON B.	SMITH RUDOLPH E.
NORTH WILLARD O.	TOWNSEND FRANK E.
O'DONNELL DONALD V.	TRUESDLE BERNARD C.
ODONNELL JOHN W.	W. J. JETER BERNARD C.
ORATH WILLARD	WACHTER WILLIAM C.
PATON WARREN D.	WILKES ALFRED H.
QUAY HERBERT H.	WOLLERMAN FRITZ A.
RANDALL RALPH E.	SMITH DONALD A.
ROTT HERBERT A.	GOOD, FRED
ROTT HERBERT S.	MAY, FRED
SAMMONSON CURTIS	WADSWORTH MARK D.



**Bank #1 - Photo taken on 3-20-14.
Notice drop-off of bank encroaching
along fence. Caretaker's home and
Memorial monument straight in along
road.**



Bank 01 : Photo taken 8-20-16 on bank looking upriver road and fence.



Bank #2 - Photofacem 3-20-17
buildings can vaguely be seen through
overgrowth.



Bank #4 - Photo taken 7-30-14. Park service area compromised and some camping areas.

Appendix C

Budget Form

Budget Standard Form

Please use the table below to provide a detailed total project budget that specifically outlines all the funds you are requesting and the matching funds being utilized to fund this project. Please note 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. Match can come from any source (i.e. private sources, State and Federal funding, Tribal funding, etc.) Note a minimum of 25% match funding is strongly encouraged. An application will be scored higher the greater the amount of match funding provided. (See Scoring Form.)

Please feel free to add columns and rows as needed. Please include narrative to fully explain the proposed budget.

Note that NO INDIRECT COSTS will be funded from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Also by law several items are ineligible for funding -- see Exemptions in the Application Form. Effective January 29, 2014 the following guidelines were approved by the Industrial Commission:

NO CONSIDERATION:

In addition to those specific items in law that are ineligible for funding, in the absence of exceptional circumstances, the following projects will NOT receive consideration for funding:

- Projects that are already completed;
- Projects that are on-going (Phased projects would be considered);
- Staffing;
- Feasibility studies;
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Project Expense	OHF Request	Applicant's Match Share (Cash)	Applicant's Match Share (In-Kind)	Other Project Sponsor's Share(EPA 319 Funds)	Other Project Sponsor's Share (SWC)	Total Each Project Expense
Contracted Bank Repair* (supplies included)	\$665,424	\$	\$120,480**	\$	\$91,042	\$876,946
Road Fill	\$28,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$28,000
Cultural Resource Reviews	\$2,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$2,000
Project Oversight	\$	\$	\$	\$45,000	\$	\$45,000
Design & Construction Mang.	\$	\$	\$	\$20,000	\$	\$20,000
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Costs	\$695,424	\$	\$120,480	\$65,000	\$91,042	\$971,946

*Based off of professional engineer's estimate, \$436.73/ft.

**LaMoure County will be mobilizing the rock riprap. This in-kind value (\$30/yd²) is based off engineer's value of acceptable rock collected and delivered to the project site.

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.

Approved by OHF Advisory Board: October 17, 2013
Approved by Industrial Commission: October 22, 2013
Revised by OHF Advisory Board: January 22, 2014
Approved by Industrial Commission: January 29, 2014
Revised by OHF Advisory Board: May 13, 2014
Approved by Industrial Commission: May 27, 2014

Appendix D

Letters of Support

LaMoure County Auditor

*202 4th Ave NE
PO Box 128
LaMoure, ND 58458
(701)883-6040*

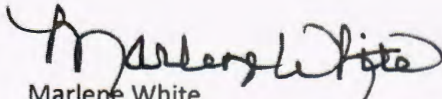
July 30, 2014

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The LaMoure County Board of Commissioners would like to voice its support for a project being pursued by the LaMoure County Soil Conservation District for streambank stabilization at Grand Rapids Memorial Park located in LaMoure County. LaMoure County is well aware of the bank stabilization issues within the park at Grand Rapids and is willing to allow any work needing to be done to preserve the park through this project. Due to limited tax levy availability through the county, a project like this is impossible without assistance from an outside source. LaMoure County is willing to work with the Soil Conservation District in any way to make this project happen.

Thank you for your time and have a great day!

Respectfully,



Marlene White
LaMoure County Auditor
(701)883-6046

08/25/2014

ND Outdoor Heritage Fund

RE: Riparian Restoration

To the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund,

The banks along the James River in the LaMoure County Memorial park are seriously eroding and collapsing becoming precariously close to the LaMoure County Museum buildings. These buildings house items donated by present and former citizens of our county and have a value that cannot be measured monetarily. Many of these items simply cannot be replaced. It is our duty to protect these items in our care, custody and control to the best of our ability. Restoring these banks along the James would certainly be a great asset since we would never be able to afford this on our own.

Please accept our appreciation for consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

LaMoure County Museum Board Members

Danny Stof
Pauline Bergman, Sec.
Rivanna Aug
Dorothy Sandert
Victor Weyl



LaMoure County Soil Conservation District



ND Outdoor Heritage Fund
Advisory Board
State Capitol, 14th Floor
600 E Blvd. Ave. Dept. 405
Bismarck, ND 58505-0840

Dear Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board:

The LaMoure County Soil Conservation District would like to show support for the proposed bank stabilization project at Memorial Park in LaMoure County. Bob Flath is employed by our agency and is more than capable of putting together a project like this. The District Board receives monthly updates from Mr. Flath at regular meetings concerning this project and others. This project meets many of the goals the LaMoure County Soil Conservation District has set for itself. Water quality and conserving soil are high priorities with the District. This project achieves both priorities.

Your organization can help us by providing funds in the form of grant dollars to ensure the completion of this project. Without your support this project will not be feasible and the future of Memorial Park will be in question as years pass.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Susan Muske

District Manager
LaMoure SCD

cell 701-320-8724
Susan.Muske@nd.nacdnet.net

