

2003 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2006

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TITLE: Development and Rehabilitation of Minnesota Shooting Ranges**PROJECT MANAGER: Chuck Niska****ORGANIZATION: MN DNR Division of Enforcement****ADDRESS: 500 Lafayette Road, Box 47, St. Paul, MN 55155-4047****WEB SITE ADDRESS: www.dnr.state.mn.us****FUND: Environmental Trust Fund****LEGAL CITATION: ML 2003, Ch. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 6 (k)****APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$240,000.00**Overall Project Outcome and Results

Twelve firearms ranges received grants, which were provided to make a variety of safety, sound abatement and access improvements, all on existing ranges. These previously established facilities were located across the state. All available funding for this time period was allocated, with 89.2 percent of funds actually used. Additional interest and need to participate in the grant program were shown by a variety of organizations that are currently receiving 2005-8 grant funds. Passage of the Shooting Range Protection Act did not yet impact participation in the program.

Archery projects were funded for the first time in this project period. Twenty organizations received grants, with a total of eleven new archery facilities being built. Seven were outdoor ranges, four indoor ranges. Four grants were provided for ranges on public lands. The third year of the project period allowed for both the project and grant program proved to be beneficial for archery participants, helping them to first see or otherwise realize the benefits of the program in year one, raise matching funding in year two, and make installations prior to the end of the project period. For the archery funding, 85.8 of the funding were used. A total of 28 organizations were provided matching grants. Overall, 88.5 percent of the grant funds were spent.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

Information of the project results and accomplishments will be reported to the media using the Division of Enforcement information officer, and his contacts. Dissemination of information has been done through a variety of means, including phone and newspaper interviews, articles and press releases.

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Date of Report: June 30, 2006

LCMR 2003 Final Work Program Report

Date of Work Program Approval: July 1, 2003

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2006

I. PROJECT TITLE: Development and Rehabilitation of Minnesota Shooting Ranges

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Location: Statewide

Total Biennial LCMR Project Budget: LCMR Appropriation: \$ 240,000.00

Minus Amount Spent: \$212,511.84

Equal Balance: \$ 27,488.16

Legal Citation: ML 2003, Chap. 128, Art.1, Sec. 9, Subd. 6 (k)

Appropriation Language: Development and Rehabilitation of Minnesota Shooting Ranges

\$120,000 the first year and \$120,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide technical assistance and matching cost-share grants to local recreational shooting and archery clubs for the purpose of developing or rehabilitating shooting and archery facilities for public use. Recipient facilities must be open to the general public at reasonable times and for a reasonable fee on a walk-in basis. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2006, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

II. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY AND RESULTS: Twelve firearms and 20 archery ranges were funded through the Minnesota DNR Range Development and Rehabilitation Grant Program, using the funding

provided by the LCMR. Four groups received both a firearms and archery range grant.

III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY: Twenty archery organizations were provided grant funds. These groups used \$94,424.98. Twelve firearms ranges were funded, using \$98,080.86 in funding. The DNR Technical Assistance provided to participant organizations used \$20,000 in project funding.

IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS

Result 1 "Firearm Shooting Range Improvements"

Budget: \$ 120,000.00

Development: \$ 110,000.00

Engineering Services: \$ 10,000.00

Total Projects Anticipated: 5 to 10

**Summary Budget Information for Result 1: LCMR Budget \$ 120,000
Balance: \$ 11,919.14**

Completion Date: Once all projects are completed, no later than June 30, 2006.

Result Status as of 6/30/06: All available funding was allocated to the twelve organizations applying for and receiving funding. All ranges were already in existence, and eleven of the 12 were past grant recipients. One range (Fairmont) was completing work enabling a re-location and expansion of their facility following a request from Martin County to move from their prior setting on the county fairground. The last project funded, providing \$10,736 to the Bald Eagle Sportsmen's Association, had the largest amount of unused funding shown at the end of the project period. Part of the reason for this was the large amount of donated labor provided for the work done in this phase of an overall project, intended to address safety and sound abatement improvements. (Additional funding for more work was previously requested, using LCMR funds currently available now through 2008.) Red Wing cited a lack of volunteer time contributed as a constraint to fully using their funding. Another factor cited by Beaverbrook was an internal decision made not to proceed with installation of all of the items to be funded by the grant. None of these projects had work requiring completion for the range to remain operating or in compliance with the Range Protection Act.

Result 2 "Archery Shooting Range Improvements"

Budget: \$ 120,000.00

Development: \$ 110,000.00

Engineering Services: \$ 10,000.00

Total Projects Anticipated: 20 to 30

**Summary Budget Information for Result 2: LCMR Budget \$ 120,000.00
Balance: \$15,572.02**

Completion Date: 6/30/06. An additional year of this current project was requested, as archery groups have not been worked with in the past as a part of the Shooting Range Development and Rehabilitation project. Applicants are periodically being encouraged to apply for funding. At least one applicant (Faribault Archery Club) has applied for a second grant, given the local enthusiasm for and interest in the growth of archery sports in the Faribault area.

Result Status of 6/30/06: Twenty organizations applied for and received 22 grants. Eleven new archery ranges were constructed, eight outdoors, three indoor. Six of these ranges were constructed in public facilities or on public land. All of the groups receiving grants are encouraged to augment use at their ranges through participation in programs such as the National Archery in the Schools Program Women in the Outdoors and Step Outside, where youth and women are able to participate in shooting sports programs geared toward their skill levels. One organization, the Aitkin Archery Club, used a portion of their grant to improve the condition of their indoor range, the other portion to install a 3-D archery course on part of the walking trail system on the Long Lake Conservation Center, located NE of the City of Aitkin. Long Lake is one of the environmental learning centers located throughout Minnesota. The use of the trails to shoot archery is by appointment, in order to ensure the safety of both archers using the course and the general public. Other public agencies have been contacted regarding the archery grant program, working in conjunction with the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association. The Advisory Committee has decided that grant applicants applying for targets will be funded once and only once for both two and three-dimensional types. The grant program funded by LCMR is intended to increase the capacity of shooting sports opportunities in Minnesota, not be a revolving door or slush fund for target purchase.

V. TOTAL LCMR PROJECT BUDGET

All Results: Development: \$ 220,000.00

All Results: Engineering Services: \$ 20,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET: \$ 240,000

VI. PAST AND CURRENT SPENDING:

A. Past Spending: From 1975 to 1983, Minnesota DNR provided \$150,000 of federal Wildlife Restoration Program funding to eight range operations. With dwindling federal funding and the increase in compliance requirements of the federal Wildlife Restoration Program, it was decided long ago that no more federal funding be made available for shooting range assistance. During the biennial period from 1999-2001, MN-DNR provided 30 firearms shooting range groups with over \$320,000 in funding. About \$286,000 of these monies originated from the Future Resources Fund, with \$34,000 from a 1998 General Fund appropriation. During the 2001-2003 biennium, \$818,000 of a \$910,000 appropriation was allocated to 63 organizations operating shooting ranges. A full summary of spending was provided in the 2003 Workplan Final Report.

All project participants during the biennial period starting in 2003 were again required to provide matching funding, equal to the dollar amount offered to them. For most of the participants in this program in the past, in-kind donations of time and materials donations have not been allowed. This was again true for both the firearms and archery groups working with this project in 2003-2006. The additional year of time request for this project allowed participant groups to raise local match funding. This was needed by most archery groups, which are relatively cash poor, having smaller budgets and income than their counterparts in firearm shooting.

B. Current Spending for the Project Period: As of 6/30/06: Final spending figures add up to \$212,505.84. These are actual, final dollars spent, versus what was allocated to all participants.

As of 12/30/05: A total of \$206,590 has been spent to date. Additional projects will use the remaining archery range grant funding. A list of anticipated projects in Spring 2006 is included as a part of Attachment B.

As of 8/31/05: A total of \$197,254 has been spent to date. Additional funding requests that have been received will use the remaining firearms range grant funding. Archery ranges on public property will use a large portion of those funds, and the remainder of the engineering funding was recently spent.

Project Update as of 1/4/05: A total of \$146,963 has been spent to date, with \$81,573 in firearm range funding, \$49,150 in archery projects, and \$16,240 in engineering assistance spent.

Project update as of 4/15/04: None to Date. Recommendations for funding from the Advisors for both Archery and Firearms are shown above, and on the attached page listing the groups recommended for funding. Applicants have been offered funding, but no work will be done, nor funds spent until all required paperwork is in place for each recipient group. This includes SHPO and Natural Heritage site reviews, signed and executed contracts, and any necessary permits, either state (i.e., MPCA/EPA NPDES) or local (county, city or township conditional use permitting, where required).

As of 8/31/04: A total of \$128,743 has been spent to date. Of this total, \$79,473 has been offered to eight firearms range operators, \$34,150 offered to nine archery ranges, and \$15,120 has been spent on engineering services provided to recipients.

D. Required Match: All participants will be required to provide an equal matching cash amount of local (non-state) source funding.

C. Future Spending: Additional sources of funding, from the public and private sectors will be sought. Groups such as the Bowhunting Preservation Alliance and Arrowsport, which are national foundations supporting archery shooting sports, are being solicited to provide input on obtaining non-state funding to be used as match where possible, to fund building archery ranges. The opportunities here include the National Archery in the Schools Program, which is being developed for use in Minnesota communities by the DNR Recruitment and Retention Coordinator.

VII. Project Partners:

A. Partners Receiving LCMR Funds: Minnesota DNR-Division of Enforcement, along with 5-10 firearms shooting ranges, and up to 20 to 30 archery ranges.

B. Project Cooperators:

This list also includes the Advisory Committee, comprised of representatives of the following organizations:

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association

MN Chapter Izaak Walton League

Friends of the NRA MN Foundation [Grant Program] Field Representative

Federal Cartridge Marketing Staff

Local Range Representation

Archery Representatives will be added from Safari Club International and Bowhunters Inc have been added to the Advisory Committee

MN DNR Division of Engineering Staff

VIII. DISSEMINATION: Information regarding grant recipients, project improvements and overall participation will be made available via press releases, and communications with the local and statewide media.

IX. LOCATION: Statewide

X. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Six (6) semi-annual reports will be provided to the LCMR, outlining progress made using project funds. These include April 13, 2004, August 31 2004, December 31, 2004, August 31, 2005, December 31, 2005, and June 30, 2006, the date of the project Completion Report.

Attachment A: Budget Detail for 2003 Proposals - Summary

Proposal Title: Development and Rehabilitation of Minnesota Shooting Ranges (6(K))

Project Manager Name: Chuck Niska, MN DNR, Division of Enforcement

Requester Requested Dollars: \$240,000.00.

2003 LCMR Proposal Budget	Result 1 Budget:	Result 2 Budget:			
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BUDGET ITEM	Archery Range Improvements	Firearms Range Improvements	DNR Engineering Assistance: FOS	Totals for Projects/Recipients	TOTAL FOR BUDGET ITEM
PERSONNEL: Staff Expenses, Wages, salaries & benefits – Be specific on who is paid \$, to do what?			20,000	20,000	20,000
Contracts					
Professional/technical (with whom?)					
Other contracts (with whom?) list out personnel, equipment, etc.					
Space rental: NOT ALLOWED	X	X	X	X	X
Maintenance - What?					
Utilities - What?					
Other direct operating costs (for what? – be specific)					
Printing					
Advertising					
Communications, telephone, mail, etc.					
Office Supplies (list specific categories)					
Other Supplies (list specific categories)					
Travel expenses in Minnesota					
Travel outside Minnesota (where?)					
Tools and equipment (list categories)					
Office equipment & computers (be specific)					
Other Capital equipment (list specific items)					
Land acquisition					
Staff or Contract Employee Expenses related to land acquisition					
Land rights acquisition (less than fee)					
Buildings (for what?)					
Other land improvement (for what?) Shooting safety, access, environmental concerns, utility, etc. that advance shooting sports opportunities throughout MN	Archery Range Grants: \$110,000.00	Firearms Range Grants: \$110,000.00			\$ 240,000.00 (Includes Engineering Assistance by DNR)
Groups Funded:	Amount Utilized	Amount Utilized		Total	\$240,000.00
2nd Rifle & Pistol Club (Owatonna)	\$3,115.00	\$4,337.00		\$7,452.00	\$232,548.00
Archery Club	\$3,635.90			\$3,635.90	\$228,912.10
Regional Community Center	\$3,540.61			\$3,540.61	\$225,371.49
American Legion Post 435 (New Market)		\$8,700.00		\$8,700.00	\$216,671.49
Bald Eagle Sportsmens Association*		\$4,819.56		\$4,819.56	\$211,851.93
Beaverbrook (East Bethel)		\$6,163.62		\$6,163.62	\$205,688.31
Bemidji Archery Club	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$203,688.31
Broken Arrow Archery Club (Henderson)	\$2,281.54			\$2,281.54	\$201,406.77
Carlton (City of)	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00	\$181,406.77
Duluth Archery Club	\$3,667.86			\$3,667.86	\$177,738.91
Eden Prairie (City of)	\$3,796.67			\$3,796.67	\$173,942.24
Fairmont Trap Club		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$163,942.24
Faribault Archery Club	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00	\$153,942.24
Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club	\$6,497.15	\$20,000.00		\$26,497.15	\$127,445.09
Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club		\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	\$123,445.09
Grand Rapids Archery Club	\$5,642.51			\$5,642.51	\$117,802.58
Heart of Lakes Bowhunters (Detroit Lakes)	\$1,911.03			\$1,911.03	\$115,891.55
Key Cities Conservation Club (Mankato)	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$112,891.55
Minnewawa Sportsmens Club	\$2,457.43			\$2,457.43	\$110,434.12
Moonlight Archery Club	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	\$107,934.12
No. Mississippi Range Assn (Cass Lake)		\$8,785.23		\$8,785.23	\$99,148.89
North Star Sportsmen (Walker)	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00	\$94,148.89
Plummer Area Sportsmen's Club	\$3,125.00	\$7,176.73		\$10,301.73	\$83,847.16
Red Wing Sportsmens Club		\$8,298.72		\$8,298.72	\$75,548.44
Sandstone Sportsmen's Club	\$5,000.00	\$10,300.00		\$15,300.00	\$60,248.44
Saratoga Archery Club	\$3,689.75			\$3,689.75	\$56,558.69
Suburban Sportsmens Club		\$5,500.00		\$5,500.00	\$51,058.69
Wolf Track Archery Club (Blaine)	\$3,564.53			\$3,564.53	\$47,404.16
Engineering Assistance: To Archery Range Grant Recipients			\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Engineering Assistance: To Firearms Range Recipients			\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
State of Minnesota MAPS/SEMA4 System Use Charge					\$6.00
AMOUNT NOT SPENT					\$27,398.16
COLUMN TOTAL:	\$94,424.98	\$98,080.86	\$20,000.00	\$209,541.24	

Last updated: 12/28/05

Note: Bald Eagle to receive additional grant funds from 2005-8 LCMR funding

Faribault Archery Club applied for, and was provided two grants, each totaling \$5,000

Note: Grand Rapids Archery Club applied for two grants totaling \$5,655 (\$4,750 and \$905)

Attachment B. Shooting Range Grant Recipients: 2003-2006 (Updated 8/29/06)
Firearms Range Grants

Name of Organization/Location	Amount of Request	Amount Actually Used	Type of Work/Comments
Am. Legion Post 435 (New Market)	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,700.00	Various improvements to existing facilities
Bald Eagle Sportsmens Association (Hugo)	\$10,736.00	\$ 4,819.56	Sound abatement improvements at various yardage ranges
Beaverbrook (East Bethel)	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 6,163.62	Fencing as a safety improvement in an urban shooting range setting
Fairmont Trap Club (Fairmont)	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	New range construction (due to closure of existing range on county fairgrounds)
Forest Lake Sportsmen (F. Lake)	\$20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	Firearm range safety modifications to 50 yard range
Gopher Rifle & Revolver Club (Harris)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	Rehabilitation of the existing pistol range
Long Prairie Sportsmen (Long Prairie)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 0	Firearms range expansion from 100 yards, adding 200, 300 yards
No. Mississippi Range Assn (Cass Lake)	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,785.23	Various upgrade to an existing facility first funded and built in 2000
Plummer Area Sportsmen (Pennington Cty)	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,176.73	Shooting range improvements to backstops (Change: \$7176.13)
Red Wing Sportsmens Club	\$12,027.00	\$ 8,298.72	Shooting range improvements for access, safety and sound abatement
Sandstone Sportsmen (Pine County)	\$10,300.00	\$ 10,300.00	Various improvements to firearms range
Suburban Sportsmens Club (Rice Cty)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	Construction of a new 100 yard range backstop berm
The 20 Rifle & Pistol Club (Owatonna)	\$ 4,337.00	\$ 4,337.00	Range improvements on 200 yard range
Total	\$110,000.00	\$ 98,080.86	

Total Funds Recommended: \$ 110,000

Total Funds Used: \$ 98,080.86

Total Not Spent: \$11,919.14

Note: Long Prairie Sportsmen's Club project canceled, 12/17/04; Range adjacent to public wetlands without opportunity to expand

Attachment B.2. Archery Range Grant Recipients: 2003-2006 (Updated 25 August 2006)

Name of Organization (New Ranges in Bold Print)	Amount Requested	Amount Actually Used	Type of Work/Comments
Aitkin Archery Club (Aitkin)	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,635.90	Indoor range improvements & outdoor walking course range construction
Akeley Regional Community Center	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,540.61	Indoor ranges constructed in a former elementary school *
American Legion Post 435 (Rice Cty)	\$ 5,000.00	0	Project cancelled at grant recipient's request; funding re-allocated
Bemidji Archery Club	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Outdoor range improvements-both targets for archery and a walking course
Broken Arrow Archery (Henderson)	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,281.54	Outdoor range improvements
Carlton (City of)	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	Indoor archery range built at a city-owned recreation complex (4 Seasons)
Duluth Archery Club	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,667.86	Construction of shooting platform and outdoor target storage container purchase
Eden Prairie (City of)	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 3,796.67	Completion/ construction of a new outdoor public archery range
Faribault Archery Club (Faribault)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Indoor range construction and improvements using 4-H building at fairground
Forest Lake Sportsmen (F. Lake)	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 6,497.15	Constructing a new archery range
Grand Rapids Archers (G. Rapids)	\$ 5,655.00	\$ 5,642.51	Indoor range improvements
Heart of Lakes Bowhunters (Detroit Lakes)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,911.03	Outdoor range improvements
Key Cities Conservation Club (Mankato)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Outdoor range walking course construction, target purchase and placement
Minnewawa Sportsmen (McGregor)	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 2,457.43	Construction of a new outdoor archery range
Moonlight Archery Club (Intl Falls)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	Outdoor range target purchase/upgrade/expansion
North Star Sportsmens Club (Walker)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Construction of a new outdoor archery range
Plummer Sportsmen's Club	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,125.00	Construction of a new outdoor archery range
Sandstone Sportsmen (Sandstone)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Construction of a new outdoor archery range
Saratoga Archery Club (Tracy)	\$ 3,689.75	\$ 3,689.75	Target repair, improvement, replacement
The 20 Rifle & Pistol Club (Owatonna)	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 3,115.00	Access improvements and renovation of an outdoor archery range
Wolf Track Archery Club (Blaine)	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,564.53	Indoor range improvements
Total	\$112,714.75	\$ 94,424.98	

Total Funding Available: \$ 110,000.00

Total Amount Requested: \$ 112,714.75

Total Amount Recommended: \$ 102,800

Total Amount Used: \$ 94,424.98; Two grants each were provided to the Faribault and Grand Rapids Archery Clubs

Amount Not Used: \$ 15,575.02

- Akeley is located between Walker & Park Rapids, in Hubbard County; the organization is changing its operating name to Paul Bunyan Archery Club

2005-8 funds used for:

Hardwood Country Sportsmen (Rushford)	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	Renovating an existing archery range
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