



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

2021 Request for Proposal

General Information

Proposal ID: 2021-429

Proposal Title: Sportsmen's Training and Developmental Learning Center

Project Manager Information

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Project Basic Information

Project Summary: The Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association (MFZTA) is requesting an \$85,000 grant to complete a site evaluation and a master plan for the Sportsmen's Training and Development Center.

Funds Requested: \$85,000

Proposed Project Completion: 2021-12-31

LCCMR Funding Category: Small Projects (H)

Secondary Category: Environmental Education (C)

Project Location

What is the best scale for describing where your work will take place?

Region(s): NE

What is the best scale to describe the area impacted by your work?

Statewide

When will the work impact occur?

In the Future

Narrative

Describe the opportunity or problem your proposal seeks to address. Include any relevant background information.

The Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association (MFZTA) is requesting an \$85,000 grant to complete a site evaluation and a master plan for their Sportsmen's Training and Developmental Learning Center located on a 38 acre parcel owned by the MFZTA in Hibbing. The site evaluation would include infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical) needs, wetlands, permitting, survey, elevations, cost estimates and soil building conditions. The master plan would include base maps, development concept and drawings, design workshops, conceptual evaluations, cost estimates, public engagement, site layouts and a public relations plan.

The site would include 24 RV and 24 primitive camp sites, bog walk trails, training facility, educational areas, parking space, equipment/maintenance building, restroom/shower facilities and seating bleachers. Educational activities will include trapping and hunting, environmental/wetlands training, drafting training manuals and providing workshops to designed to get more people involved in outdoor activities; especially youth.

What is your proposed solution to the problem or opportunity discussed above? i.e. What are you seeking funding to do? You will be asked to expand on this in Activities and Milestones.

The MFTZA is a non-profit 501C3 Corporation operating under the laws of Minnesota. They encompass over seven counties throughout northeastern Minnesota. The primary purpose of the MFTZA will be to achieve the best possible, highest quality outdoor experience. Their work to date to develop this project include meetings with regional, state and federal government officials, educating the general public, holding outdoor programs, regulation enforcement training, support wildlife research and developing relationships with wildlife officials and promoting good sportsmanship and ethic outdoor practices. The MFZTA offers multi-day conventions, annual workshops and numerous training sessions throughout the year that focus on education and environmental stewardship.

The MFTZA has developed satellite programs in which they partner with Delta Waterfowl, MN Deer Hunters Association, Pheasants Forever, Grouse Society, MN Darkhouse and Angling Association, Ducks Unlimited, NRA, National Turkey Association and others to promote outdoor activities throughout the region.

What are the specific project outcomes as they relate to the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's natural resources?

The completion of the site evaluation and the master plan will enable the MFZTA to promote their programs throughout the United States. The completion of this work will also provide detailed cost estimates for all of the activities proposed for their site and will be the foundation for MFZTA to seek local, state and Federal funds to construct their facility. The ultimate goal will be to own and operate the premier outdoor training and educational facility in the country.

Activities and Milestones

Activity 1: Activity 1 Title: Site Evaluation

Activity Budget: \$25,000

Activity Description:

Evaluation will include surveys, permit needs, activity area siting, infrastructure needs and ADA requirements.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
A well designed site	2021-11-30
Detailed cost estimates for the site	2021-12-31
Infrastructure needs identified	2021-12-31

Activity 2: Master Plan Completion

Activity Budget: \$60,000

Activity Description:

The plan will include maps, conceptual drawings, public engagement and a public relations plan.

Activity Milestones:

Description	Completion Date
Conceptual drawings completed	2021-06-30
Public Relations plan and public engagement	2021-08-31
Master Plan Completed	2021-12-31

Project Partners and Collaborators

Name	Organization	Role	Receiving Funds
Consulting Engineers, Landscape Architects, Planners, Financial Advisors	Consulting Engineers, Landscape Architects, Planners, Financial Advisors	Consulting Engineers, Landscape Architects, Planners, Financial Advisors	No
State and Regional Outdoor and Environmental Groups	State and Regional Outdoor and Environmental Groups	State and Regional Outdoor and Environmental Groups	No
State and Federal Agencies	State and Federal Agencies	Various state and federal agencies will be a part of this project.	No
MFZTA Board of Directors	MN Forest Zone Trappers Association	This group will oversee the project.	No

Long-Term Implementation and Funding

Describe how the results will be implemented and how any ongoing effort will be funded. If not already addressed as part of the project, how will findings, results, and products developed be implemented after project completion? If additional work is needed, how will this be funded?

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Project Manager and Organization Qualifications

Project Manager Name: Ray Sogard

Job Title: President

Provide description of the project manager's qualifications to manage the proposed project.

Ray Sogard is president of the Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association.

Organization: Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association

Organization Description:

The MFZTA is a 501 (c) (3) organization. They are governed by a board that consists of a president, secretary, 3 directors and an at large member. They were incorporated in May 2011. They are eligible to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers and gifts under 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Since their inception the MFZTA have hosted and organized numerous activities including conventions, workshops, training and numerous other activities throughout the State of Minnesota. They partner on a regular basis with a variety of outdoor and environmental groups as listed in the main proposal section of this proposal.

A copies of their IRS corporation information, audited financial statements and a list of board members are attached and included in this proposal.

Budget Summary

Category / Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Purpose	Gen. Ineligible	% Benefits	# FTE	Classified Staff?	\$ Amount
Personnel								
							Sub Total	-
Contracts and Services								
Engineering	Professional or Technical Service Contract	Site evaluation, Master Plan Completion				0.5		\$85,000
							Sub Total	\$85,000
Equipment, Tools, and Supplies								
							Sub Total	-
Capital Expenditures								
							Sub Total	-
Acquisitions and Stewardship								
							Sub Total	-
Travel In Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Travel Outside Minnesota								
							Sub Total	-
Printing and Publication								

							Sub Total	-
Other Expenses								
							Sub Total	-
							Grand Total	\$85,000

Classified Staff or Generally Ineligible Expenses

Category/Name	Subcategory or Type	Description	Justification Ineligible Expense or Classified Staff Request
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Non ENRTF Funds

Category	Specific Source	Use	Status	Amount
State				
			State Sub Total	-
Non-State				
Cash	IRRRB	Planning	Pending	\$5,000
In-Kind	MFZTA	Planning	Secured	\$5,000
			Non State Sub Total	\$10,000
			Funds Total	\$10,000

Attachments

Required Attachments

Visual Component

File: [c496cd83-bb4.pdf](#)

Alternate Text for Visual Component

Site view of project site.

Financial Capacity

File: [654f2da1-21d.pdf](#)

Board Resolution or Letter

Title	File
Resolution	baf2cad4-609.pdf

Optional Attachments

Support Letter or Other

Title	File
Tax Information	08b0d32c-1a9.pdf

Administrative Use

Does your project include restoration or acquisition of land rights?

No

Does your project have patent, royalties, or revenue potential?

Yes,

- Potential revenue generated or net income from the sale of products or assets developed or acquired with ENRTF funding

Does your project include research?

No

Does the organization have a fiscal agent for this project?

No

