



2009 GRANT PROGRAMS

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PREFACE

This catalog, "*Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2009 Grant Programs*," is an update to our previous publication regarding the various funding programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Included are funds from the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Appropriations for Operations and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

This publication primarily seeks to address two audiences.

- ◆ First, by sharing this information with our Legislators, we have addressed in part the requirements of PA 525 of 2002, Section 210(1)(a) through (g).
- ◆ Second, by communicating this information to local units of government and other potential applicants, we offer essential information on a wide spectrum of funding assistance.

Within the individual descriptions of each grant program, you will find the name and telephone number of the responsible division and a contact person. We encourage you to contact these individuals for additional information on programs of interest to you.

For general information on this publication, or to request additional copies, please contact Grants Management, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, Michigan, 48909. Telephone: 517-373-9125.

This information is also available on the INTERNET at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.

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STATE AND LOCAL RECREATION, INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

Program Objective(s):

The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state for acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation or the protection of Michigan's significant natural resources.

Criteria:

Applications are evaluated on established criteria such as resource protection, access to recreation opportunities, and project need. At least 25 percent of the cost of the project is required as match from local government applicants. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board (members are appointed by the Governor) to the state legislature for final approval. Criteria are listed in the "2009 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines" booklet given to all applicants. There are thirteen evaluation criteria:

1. Need for project
2. Applicant history
3. Site quality
4. Project quality
5. Protection and use of significant natural resources
6. Use of inland water resources
7. Hunting, fishing and other wildlife-related opportunities
8. Opportunity to provide access
9. Population served by the project
10. Financial need of the applicant
11. Local cash match
12. Oil and gas impacted areas
13. Special initiatives of the MNRTF Board (see below)

The 2009 Special Initiatives of the Board are:

1. Acquisition of land or development of trailways that provide linkages to recreation opportunities. Projects that contribute to the state trailway system will be given a higher priority.
2. Acquisition of land open to hunting or development of hunting-related recreation facilities, such as shooting ranges. Specific seasons in which hunting will be allowed must be identified. Highest priority will be given to land in the southern Lower Peninsula, land that will be open for all DNR-established hunting seasons, and shooting ranges.
3. Acquisition of a DNR-established winter deer yard, or acquisition of land that connects or provides a buffer area to land that is already protected and that provides critical wildlife habitat or is of high ecological value.
4. Acquisition of land or development of facilities in urban areas.

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5. Development of projects that provide universally accessible outdoor recreation opportunities. Highest priority will be given to projects that provide natural resource-based recreation opportunities.
6. Fees charged to enter the proposed project site. Highest priority will be given to applications for projects for which no fee will be charged to enter the site.

Eligibility:

Any local unit of government, including school districts, or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved recreation plan to be eligible.

Application Process:

1. Submittal and approval of a 5-year community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by Department staff.
4. Recommendation by the MNRTF Board.
5. Passage of an appropriations bill by the legislature and signature by the Governor.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be postmarked (by the U.S. Postal Service) no later than April 1, 2009. A secondary application deadline of August 1, 2009, is for acquisition applications only.

Timeline(s):

Grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board of Trustees in December. Final grant awards are dependent on the appropriations process, but in general are made within 12 to 18 months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Development project minimum/maximum grant amount: \$15,000 to \$500,000. No minimum/maximum limits on land acquisition grants.

Source(s) of Funds:

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Authority:

Part 19 of P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended

Contact(s) :

Grants Management, Deborah Apostol (517-335-3046), apostold@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Available:

The amount of funds available are not known at this time. Available funds are dependent on revenue and interest accruing to the MNRTF in a particular Fiscal Year and constitutional provisions. For more information, go to Grants Management's website at: www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Program Objective(s):

The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state to develop land for public outdoor recreation.

Criteria:

Applications are evaluated based on established criteria outlined in the "2009 Land and Water Conservation Fund Application Guidelines" booklet. A 50 percent match is required by all applicants. The criteria used are as follows:

1. Need for the Project
2. Application History
3. Site Quality
4. Project Quality
5. Alignment with SCORP Priorities:
 - a. Trails
 - b. Community Outdoor Recreation
 - c. Green Technology in Outdoor Recreation
 - d. Universal Access
 - e. Coordination and Communication

Eligibility:

Any unit of government, including Native American tribes, school districts or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved community recreation plan to be eligible.

Application Process:

1. Submittal of community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by Michigan DNR staff.
4. Approval of project selection by DNR Director.
5. Recommendation by the Michigan DNR to the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS).
6. Final approval of project by NPS.

Deadline:

March 1, 2009 grant application.

Timeline(s):

Grant awards are dependent on NPS approval process, but in general grant awards can be made six to nine months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

The amount of funds available from the Department of Interior is unknown at this time. Minimum grant of \$30,000 (total project \$60,000); maximum grant of \$75,000 (total project \$150,000).

Source(s) of Funds:

Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund

Authority:

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897)

CFDA 15.916 – Outdoor Recreation, Acquisition, Development & Planning

Part 703 of 1994 PA 451, as amended

Contact(s):

Grants Management, Jim Wood, (517-373-9125), woodj@michigan.gov

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Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Available:

Not determined at time of publishing, dependent on federal Fiscal Year 2009 apportionment. Details for the 2009 Land and Water Conservation Fund are currently under review. Please contact Grants Management for details on the current status of the program.

For more information, contact Grants Management's website at: www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.

WILDLIFE

NONGAME WILDLIFE FUND GRANTS - NATURAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

NOTE: NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS WILL NOT BE OFFERED IN 2009.

Program Objective(s):

The program is open to all individuals, groups, and government units. However, projects on private land that is not open to the public and is not contributing to natural resource conservation on a community-wide scale cannot be funded. All proposals will be reviewed and considered, although priority will be given to those projects deemed critical or significant to maintaining wildlife diversity in Michigan.

Primary funding is provided by the Nongame Wildlife Fund through a portion of the sale of the Wildlife Conservation license plate, through individual contributions, and through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grants Program. Grantees will be required to identify a minimum match of 25% of the total cost of the project.

The Grants Program was initiated in 1985 to encourage citizen involvement in achieving the goal of Michigan's Natural Heritage Program. The goal of the Natural Heritage Program is to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, other natural features, and to promote the knowledge, enjoyment, and stewardship of Michigan's native species and ecosystems for present and future generations.

Eligibility:

All individuals, groups and government units. All proposals will be reviewed and considered, although priority will be given to projects deemed critical or significant to maintaining wildlife diversity in Michigan.

Timeline(s):

Grants not being offered in 2009

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grants not being offered in 2009

Source(s) of Funds:

Primary funding is provided by the Nongame Wildlife Fund through citizen contributions on the state income tax form and through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grants Program. Grantees will be required to identify a minimum match of 25% of the total cost of the project.

Authority:

Part 439, PA 451 of 1994, as amended

Contact(s):

Wildlife, Lori Sargent (517-373-9418), sargentL2@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Available:

Grants not being offered in 2009

FISHERIES

INLAND FISHERIES GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

1. To protect, maintain and/or enhance inland aquatic environments that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
2. To rehabilitate degraded inland fish communities on waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
3. To provide additional or more diverse fishing opportunities on inland waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
4. To foster educational and interpretive communications and interest in inland fish, fishing, and fisheries management when those communications and interests serve to protect, maintain, enhance, or rehabilitate the populations and habitat of fish and other forms of aquatic life.

Criteria:

Projects that are beneficial to the people of Michigan, inland fisheries resources, and meet one or more of the program objectives (above) are eligible for funding. In past years, criteria for scoring included completeness of the application, project need and its relationship to Fisheries Division and Inland Fisheries Grant (IFG) program objectives, and benefits to inland fisheries.

Applicants must demonstrate they can contribute at least 50 percent of the project's cost as a match to the state grant.

Focus Area:

The Michigan DNR determines a focus area for each year's grant projects. Only those applications that meet the focus area for that year will be eligible for funding. The focus area for fiscal years 2010-2012 will be a combination of Fish Passage and Inland Lake Management projects.

The scope of a focus area can be large and there are a variety of projects that will be eligible under each category. Projects will be considered if they mitigate the impacts on a fishery related to fish passage or if it involves inland lake management on publicly accessible lakes. Examples of the types of projects that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Enhancement of habitat and fisheries.
- Improvement of water quality and ecology.
- Improvement of riparian property for public fishing use.
- Rehabilitation of riparian natural form and function.
- Quantification and removal of sediment, including contaminated sediment.
- Rehabilitation of stream stability for maintaining channel dimension, pattern and profile.
- Quantification of nutrient loading.
- Improvement of lake level maintenance that more closely mimic natural variations.
- Long-term planning projects for water quality and riparian lands improvement benefiting inland lake ecosystems.

Source of Funds:

Game and Fish Protection Fund

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

\$200,000 (available October 1, 2010)

Authority:

Part 5, PA 451 of 1994, as amended

Contact(s):

Application Functions: Fisheries, Christian LeSage, (517-241-3624), lesagec@michigan.gov

MICHIGAN HABITAT IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide funds for projects on the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable rivers to improve and enhance fisheries and aquatic resources affected by the operation of Consumers Energy Company's hydropower projects. These projects include fisheries habitat restoration and enhancement, preparing comprehensive river management plans, aquatic studies, fisheries recreation, water quality improvement and soil erosion control activities on these three rivers.

Criteria:

1. The proposed project must be needed in the area.
2. Degree to which the project meets one of the needs, areas of concern, or management direction indicated by the river assessments, river management plans, or Fisheries Division priorities and supported by the project coordinator
3. Length of time the project will provide benefits
4. Impact on future research projects such as enhancement to increase natural recruitment thereby reducing future costs of stocking
5. Reduction of future expenditures or direct expenditures in a positive manner
6. Size of area that will benefit from the proposed project
7. Proposed project benefits compared to the costs
8. Applicant has made preliminary arrangements with appropriate contractors for completion of the proposed project.
9. Proposed projects having match funds available will be given preference.

Eligibility:

All units of government, nonprofit organizations, and individuals willing to develop and complete projects located in the watersheds for the three river systems where the Consumers Energy Company hydropower projects are located.

Application Process:

Project applications are coordinated with the designated Project Coordinator for each river system. Project details should be provided to the Fisheries Division Coordinators by the end of February. Process and review of applications will be from March 1 through August 31. Successful project applications are notified of acceptance between September 1 and September 30. Contracts signed and funds will be transferred to successful applicants between October 1 and November 30. All projects will be required to file completion reports by October 30 of the following year.

Deadline(s):

Project applications are due in the office of the Project Coordinator by February 28, 2009.

Timelines(s):

If a call for projects is announced, the application review and funding process for eligible projects is January 1 through September 30. Funds are dispersed to successful candidate projects after October 1. Verification of completion is October 30 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No minimum amount; no maximum amount.

Source(s) of Funds:

Game and Fish Settlement Fund

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature

Contact(s):

Fisheries, Kyle Kruger, Mio (517-826-3211, Ext. 7073), krugerk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Not determined at time of publishing

NOTE: This program has been revised. Contact Kyle Kruger at 517-826-3211, Ext. 7073, regarding questions for new applications.

BOATING

WATERWAYS PROGRAM GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

Program Objectives provide design and construction of recreational boating facilities in the state. Funds are available for engineering studies and infrastructure improvement projects at state-sponsored harbor/mooring and boating access site/launch facilities.

Criteria:

On-site investigation by Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) staff may be required to determine suitability of proposed work; applicant will be required to document area boating demand.

Eligibility:

Only local units of government (city, village, township, county) and universities are eligible. Local units and universities may cooperate with sports/community organizations in the implementation of projects.

Application Process:

1. Submit application form to PRD.
2. Technical review by PRD staff.
3. Grants are awarded based on PRD review, prioritization, and funding appropriation.
4. Large projects will require a completed preliminary engineering study and permit approval prior to grant consideration for construction.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be received in Lansing office by 5:00 PM, April 1. Decisions for large line item construction projects will be made in the spring for the next available fiscal year funding.

Timeline(s):

The application review and funding process for projects is from April 1 until an appropriation is approved by the legislature. This can take up to approximately 18-24 months.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant assistance is provided at a base level of 50% of the estimated project cost. Requests for less than 50% state funding will be given additional preference in the selection process. Any funding requests above 50% state funding shall be evaluated based on a formal review of the community's certified financial audits filed with the Department of Treasury for the past three years. Project funding ratios will be determined by the project size and scope in relation to the community's annual budget. The scale for funding shall be in 5% increments to a maximum of 95% state funding.

Source(s) of Funds:

Michigan State Waterways Fund

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature

Contact(s):

Parks and Recreation Division, 517-373-9900

Harbors/Marinas, Paul Petersen, 517-335-3033, petersep@michigan.gov

Boating Access Sites/Launches, Jordan Byelich, 517-241-1533, byelichi@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Funds not determined at this time.

BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

To provide construction of recreational boating facilities in the state that meet the following goals:

- Create dockage for transient recreational boats 26 feet or larger in order to provide access to recreational opportunities and safe harbors;
- Provide navigational aids for transient boaters using these facilities;
- Enhance access to recreational, historic, cultural, natural, and scenic resources;
- Strengthen local ties to the boating community and its economic benefits;
- Promote public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities;
- Provide continuity of public access to the water, and;
- Promote awareness of transient boating opportunities.

For Waterways Grant Program Application and more information, select the following link:

- [Waterways Grant Program Application](#)

Criteria:

All facilities constructed under this program must be:

- Designed to accommodate boats 26 feet or greater in length;
- Used by transient boaters (boaters not at their home port and staying not more than 10 consecutive days);
- Open to the public;
- No commercial uses or seasonal slips allowed;
- Designed and constructed to last at least 20 years;
- Continue to be used for their original stated grant purpose; and
- Maintained throughout their useful life.

On-site investigation by Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) staff may be required to determine suitability of proposed work; applicant may be required to document area boating demand.

Eligibility:

Local units of government (city, village, township or county), public universities, and private facilities

Application Process:

1. Submit Waterways Grant Program application form to Department of Natural Resources, PRD.
2. Technical review of applications will be conducted by PRD staff. After May 15, grant applications are potentially recommended to proceed with a proposal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be received by the Department of Natural Resources, PRD, in Lansing office by 5:00 PM, May 15.

Timeline(s):

The Waterways Grant application initial review and funding process for projects is from April 1 until the federal government appropriates funding for projects. If the potential project application is approved to proceed, the community will then be asked to develop and complete a proposal with associated federal forms with the goal of submitting to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by October 31. If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approves the project proposal, the community will then be asked to submit a full package of required documents. A community can proceed with project preliminary engineering after a full proposal is approved and Boating Infrastructure funds awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant funding covers 75% of the total approved project costs for construction of infrastructure improvement projects started after formal award of the Boating Infrastructure funding. The remaining cost-share funds must come from applicants based on non-federal sources.

Source(s) of Funds:

Sport Fish Restoration Account (Federal Funds)

Authority:

Annual appropriation from the Sport Fish Restoration Account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund pursuant to the Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act.

Contact(s):

Parks and Recreation Division, 517-373-9900
Harbors/Marinas, Paul Petersen, 517-335-3033, petersep@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Funds not determined at this time.

CLEAN VESSEL ACT - BOAT PUMPOUT GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide new or upgraded marine sewage disposal facilities, pumpouts and dump stations.

Criteria:

Approval based on the type of marine sewage disposal facility proposed, geographic location, number of boats served and cost of the facility. Greater priority will be given to projects which provide increased access to pumpouts and dump stations, taking into account cost considerations to provide the highest benefit for the monies spent.

Eligibility:

Grants are provided to both private and public boating facilities. Eligible projects primarily include dump stations, additional pumpouts at large boating facilities or those covered by a pumpout agreement, pumpouts for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pumpout systems.

Application Process:

1. Submit application form.
2. Grant agreement approval and signatures.
3. Complete approved work scope.
4. Submit cost documentation for reimbursement of eligible costs.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be returned by August 1, 2009, to be eligible for currently available federal funds. Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the calendar year for future fiscal year consideration. Contact Budget and Support Services for more information.

Timeline(s):

Notification of approval will occur within 60 days after complete application form and required information is received.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grants are funded up to 75 percent of the eligible project cost with the 25 percent match provided by the grant recipient. Grants limited to the cost of a pumpout and holding tank/hookup.

Source(s) of Funds:

Sport Fish Restoration account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, commonly known as the Wallop-Breaux Fund. The DNR has a limited amount of federal funds available for this program. We will continue to accept applications, but the ability to award new grants is dependent upon future federal funds.

Contact(s):

Budget and Support Services, Scott Butler (517-241-4934), butlers1@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$400,000.

FORESTRY

FOREST STEWARDSHIP - PLAN WRITING GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) plan writing grant is to provide an incentive for certified plan writers to reach out to non-industrial private forest landowners in writing Management Plans. These plans will provide silvicultural, hydrological, recreational and ecological information that will assist eligible landowners make informed choices for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem on their property.

Criteria:

To receive a Plan Writing Grant, a plan writer must:

1. **Submit the original application form (PR4219-1).** Applications will be accepted from FSP certified plan writers.
2. Submit a Memorandum of Understanding between the plan writer and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.
3. For each year AFTER the initial year, a Certified Plan Writer must have obtained a minimum of six hours of continuing education training during that year.
4. To receive payment for a completed plan on a grant, a plan writer and landowner must:
 - a. Landowner and plan writer must fill out the FSP Land Eligibility Application and invoice form (PR4065-3).
 - b. The plan must be submitted using the required cover page for Forest Stewardship (PR4062).
 - c. Local Service Forester must receive the prepared management plan and documentation showing the landowner paid at least 50 percent of the cost of the plan and that they accept the plan. The Service Forester will review the plan to ensure that it meets all the required criteria for a Forest Stewardship Plan, approve the plan, and forward it to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for a plan writing grant, applicants must be Forest Stewardship program-certified plan writers. A Certified Plan Writer must:

1. Have a four-year degree in Forestry or related Natural Resource field OR have a two-year degree in Forestry or related Natural Resource field with approved experience and submit documentation to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.
2. Applicant must attend initial six-hour training on the Michigan Forest Stewardship Program, either through the Forest Stewardship Coordinator or their local Service Forester.
3. Maintain six hours of approved continuing education in natural resource management yearly and submit documentation of such to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.
4. Remain in good standing by providing professional service in a timely manner.

Application Process:

1. Become a Certified Plan Writer by submitting a resume to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator, attending the required training and submitting a signed Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Complete the grant application and return to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator with a signed W-9 form. Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division staff reviews applications. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and grant agreements are awarded.

Deadline(s):

Applications are accepted year-round. Grants are issued annually and all work must be completed and approved by September 15 of each year.

Timeline(s):

Project completion by September 15 of each year. Grant applications may be submitted at any time.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$300.00, plus \$1.25/acre (maximum \$2,000.00).

The landowner **must** pay at least 50 percent of the total cost of the plan.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

U. S. Farm Bill. Annual appropriation by the USDA Forest Service.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Debra Huff, (517-335-3355), huffd@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Amount available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service has not been awarded at this time; however, it is estimated that \$85,000 will be available.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP - OUTREACH AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program is designed to encourage private forest land owners to actively manage their forest ecosystems and to develop long-term management plans that will enhance the understanding of forest systems, while at the same time providing outreach and education to all citizens about stewardship of our natural resources. Projects which offer information and education to private owners regarding the use of sound forest management principles to sustainably manage their forest land are used to encourage landowners to actively manage their forest land.

Criteria:

Proposals considered will be for projects that include management plans for school and municipal forests, outreach and education projects, demonstration areas and ecosystem projects. All proposals MUST include a component or specifically target the non-industrial private landowner.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, individuals, nonprofit organizations, and school districts with school forests. Grant funds cannot be used as substitutions for existing program expenditures and may not be used to purchase equipment. A 50 percent match is required, with a detailed budget prepared that identifies the source of the match dollars.

Application Process:

Applications for 2008-2009 grants must be postmarked by September 15, 2008. No facsimiles will be accepted.

[Download the Application by clicking here.](#)

[Download the Application Information Document by clicking here.](#)

Deadline(s):

The deadline for FY 2008 has passed. New applications for FY 2010 will be accepted up to September 15, 2009.

Timeline(s):

Project completion by September 15, 2009 for existing grants. Extensions are occasionally granted upon written request, and with the approval of the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

- Management Plans for school and municipal forests:
 - 12-75 acres, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$200.00.
 - 76 acres and over, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$125.00 plus - \$1.25/acre (maximum amount \$2,000.00).
- Outreach and Education Projects: Maximum \$5,000.00.
- Demonstration Areas: Maximum \$5,000.00.
- Ecosystem Projects: Maximum \$15,000.00.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

U. S. Farm Bill. Annual funding by the USDA Forest Service.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Debra Huff, 517-335-3355, huffd@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

A total of up to \$35,000 is dedicated to this grant program. Maximum individual grant amount is between \$2,000 and \$15,000, depending on the type of proposal. This is a 50-50 cost share match program. The applicant's matching funds cannot come from other federal funds.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide funds for projects that address the urban forestry needs of municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups throughout Michigan. These projects may include: tree inventories, management plans, tree planting educational workshops and trailing materials, and other maintenance activities.

Criteria:

Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: management and planning, education and training, tree planting, and library resources.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools, tribes and nonprofit organizations

Application Process:

Applications are announced each summer, submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and then reviewed by Division staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each summer. Visit <http://www.michigan.gov/dnrucf>.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately one year (October through September).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant requests may be up to \$20,000, as determined by project category.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Kevin Sayers (517-241-4632), sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Approximately \$100,000 for grants

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - ARBOR DAY MINI GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities related to Arbor Day.

Criteria:

Projects that highlight and focus on the celebration of Arbor Day in Michigan. These may include tree planting on public land, holding Arbor Day celebrations, and purchasing library reference materials related to natural resources in Michigan.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools, tribes and nonprofit organizations

Application Process:

Applications are made available each fall (October-November), submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and reviewed for eligibility. Fifty applications will be randomly selected from those eligible. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each Fall. Visit <http://www.michigan.gov/dnrucf>.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately eight months (January through July).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Maximum grant requests may be up to \$200 each.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Kevin Sayers, (517-241-4632), sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Available:

\$10,000

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - DTE ENERGY FOUNDATION TREE PLANTING GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To increase the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy.

Criteria:

Tree planting projects such as park, right-of-way, city streets, nature study areas, school grounds planting and neighborhood revitalization projects. All trees must be planted on public land or land open to the public.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools and nonprofit organizations within the service territory of DTE Energy and its subsidiaries, Detroit Edison Electric and Michigan gas.

Application Process:

Applications are announced each Fall (November-December), submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and reviewed by Division and DTE staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each Fall. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnrucf.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately one year (February through December).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant requests may be up to \$3,000 each.

Source(s) of Funds:

DTE Energy Foundation

Authority:

Annual partnership with DTE Energy Foundation

Contact(s):

DTE service area eligibility – Roberta (“Bert”) Urbani (313-235-8624), urbanir@dteenergy.com
Program issues – Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Kevin Sayers, (517-241-4632), sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Available:

Approximately \$60,000

MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (FORMERLY – RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION)

Program Objective(s):

To assist fire departments in acquiring fire fighting equipment for local communities.

Criteria:

The number of fire departments involved; number of communities served; population of area served; number of formal, written, nonpay mutual aid agreements; annual budget; type of organization (paid or volunteer); current participation in FHA Community Facilities Loan; currently under a commercial loan; unusual fire hazards; type of water supply; and insurance classification.

Eligibility:

Fire departments in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less

Application Process:

1. Local fire department makes application to Division's Management Unit Office.
2. Management Unit prioritizes applications within unit and forwards to Division.
3. Division office prioritizes applications statewide and awards grants.
4. Fire department purchases equipment and sends documentation to Division.
5. Division pays 50 percent of the cost, up to allocation amount.

Deadline(s):

Applications by June 15 of each year; project completion by August 1 of the following year.

Timeline(s):

Grantees are notified of a grant award by November 15.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No minimum or maximum amount.

Source(s) of Funds:

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Authority:

Cooperative Forest Assistance Act of 1978, P. L. 95-313

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Jack Schultz, (517-373-1218), schultcj@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Approximately \$250,000

FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Program Description:

By federal statute, a portion of timber and mineral revenue generated from the national forests in Michigan is disbursed to the counties in which the forests are located. These revenues are paid to the state who in turn disburses the monies to the counties. The counties are required by law (P.A. 182 of 1990) to distribute 75% of the funds to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships.

An application process is not necessary because the revenues are flow through and are disbursed in accordance with federal and state statutes.

Contact(s):

Financial Services, Brandon Reed (517-335-3237), reedb2@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

The amounts appropriated for Fiscal Year 2008 were \$3,300,000 for timber revenue and \$150,000 for oil and gas revenues; however, distributions made will be for the amounts actually received from the federal government.

TRAILS

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To fund the maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities.

Criteria:

1. Project need and benefit
2. Site/project quality
3. Balance among project types
4. Balance among trail uses
5. Geographic distribution of projects
6. Balance among programs/divisions

Eligibility:

State projects and state/local government partnership projects. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division must always be the applicant.

Application Process:

Internal Department process. Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):

June 15, 2009

Timeline(s):

Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:

Federal Department of Transportation-Highway Administration (federal gas tax).

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Mark Mandenberg, (517-335-3037),
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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Approximately \$2,000,000 available for grants

RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To fund the operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails and restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup.

Criteria:

Recreation Improvement Fund (RIF) dollars are available for operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails, restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup. Projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Project need and benefit
2. Site/project quality
3. Balance among project types
4. Balance among trail uses
5. Geographic distribution of projects
6. Balance among programs/divisions

Eligibility:

State projects and state/local government partnership projects. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division must always be the applicant.

Application Process:

Internal Department process, Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):

June 15, 2009.

Timeline(s):

Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:

Recreation Improvement Fund

Authority:

Part 711, PA 451 of 1994, as amended

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Mark Mandenberg, (517-355-3037),
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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Approximately \$1,000,000 available for grants

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program provides funding to maintain snowmobile trails as part of the designated statewide trail system. Grant funds are available for three purposes.

1. Seasonal grooming and general maintenance of snowmobile trails.
2. Special maintenance projects that improve the condition and/or access to trails.
3. Replacement of equipment used for maintaining trails.

Seasonal grooming and maintenance includes grooming of the trail surface, placing signs along the assigned trail segments and clearing brush from the trails.

Special maintenance projects may include bridge construction and repairs, erosion control, replacement of culverts and relocation of trails off plowed roads. Only current trail sponsors may apply for special maintenance projects.

Equipment replacement grants may include grooming tractors, drag, front blade and radio or telephone equipment. Only current trail sponsors may apply for equipment replacement grants.

Criteria:

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program grants are issued to trail sponsors for maintaining the state of Michigan's designated snowmobile trail system. If a trail is not on public property, a trail sponsor must be able to obtain a trail right-of-way that is open to public snowmobiling in an area that receives adequate snowfall for snowmobiling from December through March of each year. Trail sponsors must have their own equipment for maintaining trails. The trails to be maintained by a trail sponsor will be assigned by the Department of Natural Resources (Department).

Eligibility:

Local units of government and nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs and organizations are eligible to apply for these grants. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications and information on applying for grants are made available in late spring.
2. Grant applications with required documents are due to the Department in summer.
3. The Department reviews applications and selects projects to be funded.
4. Grant agreements are issued to sponsors in October for the upcoming snowmobile season.
5. Signed grant agreements are returned to the Department by the end of October.
6. A fully executed grant agreement is provided to each sponsor.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by June 30 of each year for annual grooming and special maintenance projects. New trail proposals may be submitted any time during the year.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is three to four months. Grants are issued for an entire fiscal year, October 1 through the following September 30. Grants that include Special Maintenance projects are issued for two fiscal years.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

For trail signing, brushing and grooming, payment is made on a pre-established per mile basis.

For equipment replacement grants, 100 percent of actual cost is reimbursable.

For special maintenance projects, 100 percent of actual cost is reimbursable.

Source(s) of Funds:

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Authority:

Part 821, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management:

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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$8,014,000

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program provides funding for maintenance of established ORV trails and facilities as part of the designated statewide trail system. It also funds development of new trails and facilities, and restoration of natural resources damaged by ORV use.

Criteria:

Applications for trail, route, or area maintenance and/or development must be for facilities that are open to the public. Applications for damage restoration funds must be for lands in public ownership.

Eligibility:

Government agencies and nonprofit, incorporated clubs and organizations are eligible for these grants. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications and information on applying for grants are available in late spring.
2. Grant applications with required documents are due to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department) by August 1.
3. The Department reviews applications and selects projects to be funded.
4. Grant agreements are issued to sponsors in late winter for the upcoming ORV season.
5. Approved sponsors must return two signed, original project agreements to the Department.
6. A fully executed grant agreement is provided to each sponsor.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due August 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately six months. Grants are issued for a time period of approximately 1-1/2 years, March 1 through September 30 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Maximum allowable is up to 100 percent of cost, not to exceed the actual grant allocation.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Trail Improvement Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Authority:

Part 811, 1994 PA 451, as amended

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management:

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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$2,068,000

LAW ENFORCEMENT

MARINE SAFETY GRANTS TO COUNTIES

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Marine Safety program is to promote safety in the use of recreational watercraft through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available to county sheriff departments within the State of Michigan and is dependent on such factors as the area of public waters to be patrolled, the number of law enforcement personnel available for marine patrol, the number of boat livery inspections to be conducted and the extent of the county's boating safety education program.

Eligibility:

All counties in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for Marine Safety grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time and law enforcement work, instruction of boating safety classes, inspection of boat liveries, operating costs, and purchase of equipment necessary for patrol and law enforcement work are eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in October each year.
2. County grant proposals are due by December 31 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to counties.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each county of their approved Marine Safety program grant.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by December 31 for the following calendar year.

A completed State Aid Voucher and documentation of expenditures are due no later than April 1 following the end of the grant period for reimbursement with state funds. A State Aid Voucher and documentation of expenditures are due by October 31 following the end of the grant period, for reimbursement with federal funds.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is two to three months. For state funds, grants are issued for an entire calendar year, January 1 through December 31. For federal funds, grants are issued for a partial fiscal year, January 1 through September 30.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies from county to county. Reimbursement with state funds is up to 75 percent of actual expenditures, but not to exceed the grant allocation. Reimbursement with federal funds is up to 100 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation.

Source(s) of Funds:

State funds: administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Federal funds: Boating Safety Financial Assistance, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

Authority:

State funds: Part 801, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Federal funds: 46 U.S.C. 13103(a)(2) and (3), Boating Safety Financial Assistance.

Contact(s):

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Grants Management, Christie Bayus (517-335-2253), bayusc@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$2,305,000 State (estimated)

\$1,381,800 Federal (estimated)

SNOWMOBILE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Snowmobile Law Enforcement program is to promote safety in the use of snowmobiles through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available for patrol of the state designated snowmobile trail system and routes connecting with the state designated trails.

Eligibility:

County sheriff departments and other local law enforcement agencies in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for snowmobile law enforcement grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time, operating costs, and purchase of equipment necessary for enforcement work are eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of state funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in June each year.
2. Law enforcement agencies' grant proposals are due by August 1 to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to law enforcement agencies based on the criteria listed above.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each law enforcement agency of their approved snowmobile law enforcement grant.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by August 1 for the following snowmobile season.

For reimbursement, a completed State Aid Voucher, annual activity report and other expenditure documentation are due by June 30 to the Department, following the end of the grant period.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is two to three months. Grants are issued for a partial fiscal year, October 1 through the following May 31.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies between grantees. Reimbursement is up to 85 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation. A local match of 15 percent of reimbursable expenditures is required.

Source(s) of Funds:

Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Authority:

Part 821 Snowmobiles, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Contact(s):

Law Enforcement, Lieutenant Andrew Turner (517-373-7109), turnera1@michigan.gov
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965),
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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$1,142,000

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Off-Road Vehicle Law Enforcement program is to promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available to counties with state designated ORV trails for law enforcement and law enforcement equipment purchases.

Eligibility:

County sheriff departments in the State of Michigan are the only eligible applicants for ORV law enforcement grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time, operating costs, and purchase of equipment necessary for law enforcement work are eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of state funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in June each year.
2. County grant proposals are due by August 1 to the Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to counties based on the criteria listed above.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each county of their approved ORV law enforcement grant.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by August 1 for the following fiscal year, beginning October 1.

For reimbursement, a completed State Aid Voucher, annual activity report and other expenditure documentation are due by October 31 to the Department, following the end of the grant period.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately two months. Grants are issued for an entire fiscal year, October 1 through the following September 30.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies from county to county. Reimbursement is up to 100 percent of actual expenditures, but not to exceed the grant allocation.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Trail Improvement Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Authority:

Part 811 Off-Road Vehicles, 1994 PA 451, as amended

Contact(s):

Law Enforcement, Lieutenant Andrew Turner (517-373-7109), turnera1@michigan.gov
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965),
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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$386,900

SAFETY EDUCATION

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) SAFETY EDUCATION GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the ORV Safety Education program is to promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) through education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available for certified ORV Safety instructors to teach ORV Safety classes. Grant applicants must meet requirements, and instructors must successfully pass a background check in addition to obtaining an ORV safety instructor certification.

Eligibility:

County and local government agencies, school districts, colleges and universities in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for ORV Safety Education Program grant funds.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications and information on applying for grants are made available in late spring.
2. Grant applications are due to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Department) by August 1.
3. The Department reviews applications and selects grantees.
4. Grant agreements are issued to grantees for the following fiscal year, which begins October 1.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by August 1.

Grant payment requests are due by October 31 following the end of the grant period.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately two months. Grants are issued for an entire fiscal year, October 1 through the following September 30.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant awards are based on the number of students to be taught, and may be up to \$20.00 per student. No other expenses, such as purchase of equipment, are covered directly by the grant program.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Safety Education Fund, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Authority:

Part 811, 1994 PA 451, as amended

Contact(s):

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Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

\$150,000