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To: Colleen Callahan, Director
From: Don Kahl, (Mike Wefer Designee), Chairman State Pheasant Fund Committee
Date: October 13, 2021
Subject: IL State Pheasant Fund Committee Action

Summary of Recommendations

Grants to governmental and not-for-profits for Pheasant projects	\$ 113,362.40
DNR Request for Pheasant Projects	\$ 100,000.00
Set aside for DNR Land Acquisition	\$ 186,637.60

Total October FY2022 Committee Recommended Funding \$ 400,000.00

The Committee recommended funding both grant applications.

- \$ 83,362.40 Quail and Upland Game Alliance - BONUS program- offers landowners bonus payments for completing wildlife friendly management work on both CRP and Non-CRP acreage.
- \$ 30,000.00 Natural Lands Institute – Winnebago County - A project at Lost Flora Fen on Raccoon Creek - hand seed 397 acres of grassland with native prairie and woodland seed to provide better nesting locations and forage opportunities for pheasant and a diverse array of wildlife. This site is open to the public.

STATE PHEASANT FUND 2022 GRANT APPLICATIONS										
Grant Number	Grantee Name	Project Description	Total Funds Requested	Other State Funding	Matching Funds	%	Total Project Cost	Partner Organizations	State Cost	
									Acreage	per acre
22-001P	Quail and Upland Game Alliance	BONUS PROGRAM - offers landowners bonus payments for completing wildlife friendly management work on both CRP and Non-CRP acreage.	\$83,362.40		\$25,296.00	23%	\$108,658.40	Landowners	4000	\$20.84
22-002P	Natural Lands Institute	This project seeks to hand seed 397 acres of grassland with native prairie and woodland seed to provide better nesting locations and forage opportunities for pheasant and a diverse array of wildlife at Lost Flora Fen on Raccoon Creek. This site is open to the public.	\$30,000.00		\$0.00	0%	\$30,000.00	Roscoe Sportsmens Club, Kepotah Sportsmens Club, PF of Winnebago County	397	\$75.57
Grant Proposals - Total Requested amount available \$200,000			\$113,362.40		\$25,296.00					
					Match					

A sharepoint server file is available of all grant application materials at:

<https://dnr.portal.illinois.gov/teams/orc/SpecialFunds/PheasantFund/default.aspx?RootFolder-%2Fteams%2Forc%2FSpecialFunds%2FPheasantFund%2FShared%20Documents%2F2022%20Pheasant%20Fund>

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For any review of the materials considered by the Committee as well as the grant proposals themselves.

Habitat Development and Enhancement on Public Lands - \$100,000.00 requested

The Division of Wildlife Resources and the Office of Land Management will use these funds to enhance, renovate and/or maintain state-managed properties within the range of the wild pheasant. Requested funds will be used to purchase planting materials, herbicides, soil amendments or specialized equipment; to contract special services for exotic species control, brush control or special planting services; and/or to provide small equipment and fire protection gear for prescribed burns. All plant materials provided shall be of a perennial nature, capable of providing food and/or cover for a minimum of 5 years after establishment.

Project funds shall be restricted for use only on properties either purchased through the State Pheasant Fund or which have the harborage, propagation or conservation of wild pheasants as a management objective. **No work may be done on acreage involved in the Controlled Pheasant Hunting program without the concurrence of the Committee.**

Project tasks shall either be described in the site’s approved Plan of Work or meet the strategies and objectives of the Wildlife Action Plan. Sites where most of the 2022 funding will be focused include those listed in the following table:

2022 Site Habitat Projects - Proposed

Site Name	Amount Requested	Project Size (acres)	Project Description
Ilo Dillin SHA	\$ 5,000.00	40	Invasive species control
Double T SFWA	\$20,000.00	50	Native grassland establishment
Double T SFWA	\$10,000.00	150	Invasive species control
Middle Fork SFWA	\$10,000.00	130	Woody species removal
Little Rock Creek	\$15,000.00	20	Native grassland establishment
Snakeden Hollow SFWA	\$ 6,700.00	15	Native grassland establishment
Victoria PHA	\$ 9,600.00	80	Invasive species control
Paul C. Burrus HA	\$ 5,000.00	10	Native grassland restoration
Shelbyville SFWA	\$ 10,000.00	20	Grassland habitat enhancement
Total	\$ 91,300.00		

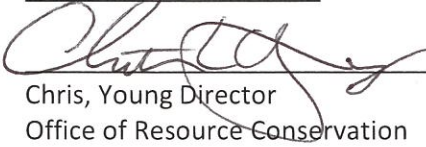
Any questions about the meeting materials or the grant proposals should be directed to Don Kahl, Mike Wefer Designee, IDNR Chair. Any technical questions about grant processes should be directed to Susan J. Duke IDNR Grant Administrator for the State Pheasant Fund.

Please indicate approval of the Office of Resource Conservation funding recommendations by signing below. Funds are currently available to award the recommended projects. Upon your decision staff of the Special Funds Section of the Office of Grant Management and Assistance will inform the State Pheasant Fund Advisory Committee, grantees and IDNR staff of the intent on the use of FY2022 Habitat Funds.

Office Recommendation

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

 10/19/2021
Chris, Young Director
Office of Resource Conservation

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Habitat Chair Recommendation

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

 10/15/21
Don Kahl (Mike Wefer Designee)
Office of Resource Conservation
Chair of the State Pheasant Fund Committee

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AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

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 10-20-21
Colleen Callahan
Director of Illinois Natural Resources

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