

to: Colleen Callahan, Director

from: Mike Wefer, Chairman, Illinois Pheasant Fund Committee
Susan Duke, Grant Administrator

date: December 4, 2019

subject: IL State Pheasant Fund Committee Action

The Illinois State Pheasant Fund Committee had their meeting on October 15, 2019. The Committee's responsibility is to review and recommend all allocation of funds from the Illinois State Pheasant Fund.

Summary of Recommendations

The Committee recommended encumbering \$122,080.00 for one project of the FY2020 Pheasant funds. This is summarized as follows:

Pheasant Committee Recommendations	Total Funds
Grants to governmental and not-for-profits for Pheasant projects	\$ 122,080.00
Habitat Development on Public Lands	\$ 51,500.00
Total FY2019 Committee Recommended Funding	\$173,580.00

Not-for-Profit Organizations Grants

A total of 4 grant applications were received from not-for-profits in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State. One of those applications had been submitted to both the Habitat Fund and the State Pheasant Fund; the Habitat Fund Committee decided they would fund it. The remaining three applications are attached. The Committee reviewed the individual grant applications and recommended one project for funding.

Grant Number	Grantee Name	Project Description	Total Funds Requested	Matching Funds	%	Total Project Cost
20-001P Bonus Program	Quail and Upland Game Alliance	Private landowners - BONUS program - Offers landowners bonus payments for completing wildlife friendly management work on both CRP and Non-CRP areas.	\$122,080.00	\$41,100.00	25%	\$163,180.00

Habitat Work on Public Lands – The committee recommended funding for these projects – Manito PHA \$10,000 for grassland establishment, Coffeen Lake \$10,000 for treatment of woody invasives, Shelbyville SFWA \$20,000 for grassland renovation, \$1,500 at Dublin Highlands for tree removal follow-up restoration, and \$10,000 at Whitefield PA for grassland renovation.

There were two grant applications that were not funded because they did not receive scores above the committee funding threshold of 2.5.

Grant Number	Grantee Name	Project Description	Total Funds Requested	Matching Funds	%	Total Project Cost
20-002P Woody Succession	Quail and Upland Game Alliance	Private Landowners - This grant is for setting back woody succession throughout Illinois, and replace it with high quality habitat for all upland game and non-game species. This is usually fencerow and woodland edges or along old CRP areas. Restoration activities include removing undesirable closed tree canopies and invasive woody vegetation with a treesaw and tree puller.	\$39,600.00	\$12,000.00	23%	\$51,600.00
20-003P Drill Planter	Vermilion County Conservation District	Purchase of a drill planter for habitat and food plot planting for wildlife and restore an additional 75 acres of old agricultural fields into pollinator planting fields. All seed is to be donated to the project by partner organizations.	\$31,150.00	\$5,000.00	14%	\$36,150.00

Please indicate your approval of the Division of Wildlife funding recommendations by signing below. Your earliest response will be most appreciated. 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 Illinois State Pheasant Fund Committee, grantees and IDNR staff.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE


 Mike Wefer, Chief
 Division of Wildlife Resources

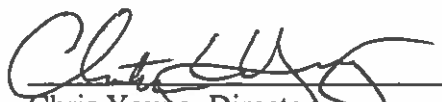
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OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE


 Chris Young, Director
 Office of Resource Conservation

12/7/19
 Date

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AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE


 Colleen Callahan, Director

12-11-19
 Date

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