

# HABITAT FUND APPLICATION

## STAFF REVIEW CRITERIA

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### Habitat Development and Management Proposals

#### 1. Biological Importance

- 25 = Assists with achieving the goals of the Illinois Statewide Wildlife Action Plan
- 20 = Assists with achieving partial goals of the Illinois Statewide Wildlife Action Plan
- 10 = Assists with development of habitat associated with general private land work
- 5 = Provides minimal assistance with habitat development
- 0 = No habitat development provided (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

#### 2. Geographical Reach

- 15 = Regional scope; natural division, game division, watershed
- 10 = County or managed area
- 5 = Individual Landowner

#### 3. Quality of Habitat Provided

- 15 = Provides high quality habitat for target wildlife species as prescribed by the Wildlife Action Plan
- 10 = Provides moderate quality habitat that can address some of the needs of target wildlife species
- 5 = Provides limited quality habitat that addresses only one of the target species' habitat needs
- 0 = Inappropriate plant materials are used or promoted (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

#### 4. Methodology and Project Cost (Feasibility)

- 15 = Proposed methodology is sound and project cost is economical
- 10 = Proposed methodology is sound but project cost is average
- 5 = Proposed methodology is sound but project cost is expensive
- 0 = Proposed methodology is not sound (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

#### 5. Match and Partners

- 15 = 50% or more match provided; or two or more partners participating
- 10 = 25% or more match provided
- 5 = less the 25% match provided
- 0 = no match provided

#### 6. Public Access Provided

- 15 = Full public access provided
- 10 = Limited public access provided or habitat used as a refuge
- 5 = No public access allowed
- 0 = Paid public access (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

Total Potential Score = 100

## Equipment Purchase Proposals

### **1. Equipment Need**

- 35 = Equipment will be used by a habitat team for habitat development and/or management and will be used over a broad areas or within Focus Areas or Priority Areas)
- 25 = Equipment is directly used for habitat development and/or management and is located in an area where equipment availability is limited
- 20 = Equipment is directly used for habitat development and/or management and is located in an area where equipment with the same capability is available for timely use to conduct management
- 10 = Equipment is indirectly used for habitat development and/or management and is located in an area where equipment with the same capability for timely use to conduct management is limited.
- 5 = Equipment is indirectly used for habitat development and/or management and is located in an area where equipment with the same capability is available for timely use to conduct management.
- 0 = Equipment is not involved with habitat development and/or management (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

### **2. Equipment Maintenance**

- 15 = Equipment will be stored in a building sheltered from the elements
- 10 = Equipment will be stored under tarp or in an open shelter
- 5 = Plans for equipment storage are unknown but equipment will be protected
- 0 = Equipment will be stored without protection (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

### **3. Appropriateness of Equipment and Project Cost (Feasibility)**

- 15 = Proposed equipment is appropriate and project cost is economical
- 10 = Proposed equipment is appropriate but project cost is average
- 5 = Proposed equipment is appropriate but project cost is expensive
- 0 = Proposed equipment is not appropriate (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

### **4. Match and Partners**

- 15 = 50% or more match provided; or two or more partners participating
- 10 = 25% or more match provided
- 5 = less the 25% match provided
- 0 = no match provided

### **5. Public Access Provided**

- 20 = Equipment will be used by a habitat team to provide habitat on private and public land
- 15 = Equipment will be provided to the public at no cost
- 10 = Equipment will be provided to the public at a reasonable cost
- 5 = Equipment will be limited to a group or site

**Total Potential Score = 100**

## Personnel/Position Proposals

### **1. Biological Importance**

- 25 = Provides staff (where there currently are none) needed to advance the goals of the Wildlife Action Plan. Position focused on promoting, establishing and enhancing grassland habitat in priority areas
- 15 = Provides staff that will advance the goals of the Wildlife Action Plan and will spend  $\geq 50\%$  of their time promoting, establishing and enhancing grassland habitat in a priority area
- 10 = Provides staff that will advance the goals of the Wildlife Action Plan and will spend  $\leq 50\%$  of their time promoting, establishing and enhancing grassland habitat in a priority area
- 5 = Provides minimal assistance with habitat promotion, establishment and enhancement in priority areas
- 0 = Position not focused on habitat (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

### **2. Geographical Reach**

- 20 = Focused 100% on WAP Priority Area
- 10 = Partially focused on one or more WAP Priority Areas
- 5 = Focused outside of WAP Priority Areas

### **3. Position Focus**

- 25 = Position focused on delivering technical and financial support to establish and manage high quality habitat in Wildlife Action Plan Priority Areas
- 15 = Position focused on delivering technical and financial support to establish and manage high quality habitat on private lands and some Wildlife Action Plan Priority Areas
- 10 = Position provides some technical and financial support to establish and manage quality habitat outside of WAP Priority Areas
- 0 = Position does not provide support for habitat improvements

### **4. Methodology and Project Cost (Feasibility)**

- 15 = Proposed methodology is sound and project cost is economical
- 10 = Proposed methodology is sound but project cost is average
- 5 = Proposed methodology is sound but project cost is expensive
- 0 = Proposed methodology is not sound (Project Not Recommended for Funding)

### **5. Match and Partners**

- 15 = 50% or more match provided; or two or more partners participating
- 10 = 25% or more match provided
- 5 = less the 25% match provided
- 0 = no match provided

Total Potential Score = 100