

AZGFD Grants for R&R

Local Sportsman's Group Grant Program





Overview

- ◎ The LSG grants program was created in 2007 to assist local sportsmen's groups facilitate wildlife conservation through recruitment and retention.
- ◎ \$75,000 is available this 2013-14 cycle.
- ◎ The grant opened July 1. The application deadline is **Aug. 12, 2013 by 5 p.m.**

Program Information

- ① Project must be related to hunter, angler, shooter, trapper (HAST) recruitment and retention.
- ① Project must be conducted in Arizona and focus on Arizona's public.
- ① Projects that involve multiple partnering groups are encouraged.

Program Information

- Eligible projects include hands-on, mentored recruitment & retention events, such as:
 - Small game hunts - quail, squirrel, rabbit & jackrabbit
 - Migratory bird hunts - dove, duck, and geese
 - Predator hunts - coyote, fox and bobcat
 - Big game hunts - javelina, turkey, deer and elk
 - Trapping and fur-harvesting



Program Information

◎ Other projects include:

- Fishing events and camps
- Marketing and educational outreach projects promoting: HAST) recruitment and retention, the North American Model, “next steps” and the “adoption sequence”

◎ Grant dollars can NOT be used for:

- Banquets or competitions (hunting/fishing, etc.)
- Raffle prizes, gifts, or give-a-ways
- To purchase licenses, tags or stamps
- For-profit projects

Improvements to program

- ◎ **Expanded qualifying organizations**
 - 501(c)(3) status is NOT required to apply
 - national organizations with a local chapter and local membership are considered “local”
 - Be a local, Arizona-based, or an Arizona-chapter sportsmen’s/outdoor development organization with a focus on hunting, fishing, shooting or trapping.
- ◎ **Added scoring for involving multiple partners**
 - This reflects HAHWG model and helps those that can’t afford insurance, or has limited resources for event
- ◎ **Added option to accept “partial funding”**

Improvements to program

- ◎ **Clarified some administrative needs**
 - procure.az.gov: organization registration required online
 - Submitted insurance / SAMI must be valid during project
- ◎ **Added “email” submission option**
 - This option requires applicants to call and confirm receipt
- ◎ **This PowerPoint**
 - To provide answers to concerns from last year
 - Improve process and communication
 - Outline due dates and process for successful applicants

Applying for a Grant

- ◉ Application at www.azgfd.gov/hahwg
- ◉ Apply by Aug. 12, 2013 by 5 p.m. (MST)
- ◉ Must meet eligibility requirements
- ◉ No past outstanding LSG reports
- ◉ Project completed before June 30, 2014

Processing Time Estimates

- **Aug. 12-31: Proposals scored**
 - 3-person panel, approved by Director
- **Sept. 6: Awards announced**
- **Sept. 10: Mail out contract package for action:**
 - copy of insurance with SAMI, valid during event dates
 - signed agreement
 - invoice for project to trigger check generation
- **Oct. 7 or later: Checks issued**
 - process takes 2-3 weeks through the Dept. of Admin.

CAUTION:
All dates are
estimated targets
and subject to
change due to
variables

Getting Funds on Time

- ◎ **This is not a reimbursement program**
 - If the event is not on top of the grant deadline, funding can be secured before the event. Funds can be placed in a NON-interest bearing account until needed.
 - Applicants are responsible for calculating backwards from their event date to complete contract to have funds available PRIOR to the event to cover logistics and expenses. (suggest submitting 6-8 weeks prior to event)
- ◎ **Note: Contracts must be completed prior to conducting the event or funding will be voided.**

Reporting Requirements

LSG Grant Program obligations include:

- **Following HAHWG event standards and best practices;**
- **Surveying participants with HAHWG survey;**
- **Include Game and Fish logo on materials;**
- **Providing actual financial statement report;**
- **Providing detailed record of expenditure;**
- **Providing final compliance report;**

Take-a-way

- Last year we received 27 proposals and awarded 22 projects totaling \$75,000.
- There is no cost to Arizona taxpayers for this grant program. The Arizona Game and Fish Department does not receive any of the state's general funds, and operates under a user-pay, public-benefit model. The Local Sportsmen's Group Grant Program is an investment in the continuance of wildlife conservation efforts and outdoor recreation participation in the state of Arizona.

How and When to Apply

- ◎ Application at www.azgfd.gov/hahwg
- ◎ Deadline, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.
- ◎ Mail or email application to:

Arizona Game & Fish Department, DOFP

Grants Administrator

5000 W. Carefree Highway

Phoenix, AZ 85086

or

rbeck@azgfd.gov

(623) 236-7530 confirmation required