

ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATION MANUAL

Appendix D: : Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can older versions of the application manual and forms be used for this grant cycle? A: No, the Heritage grant application manual, application forms, and grant prioritization process manual have been revised. The current version of the application manual is *Arizona Game and Fish Department, Heritage Grant Application Manual June 2005*. Do not use previous versions of the grant application manual or application forms.

Q: When is the application deadline time and date? A: One original and two copies of the application must be received by the Heritage Grant Coordinator no later than 5:00 p.m. the last working day of November.

Q: Are all mandatory forms and information required by the deadline? A: Yes, to be accepted for review and evaluation the application must be received at the Heritage Grant Coordinator's office on or before the deadline and must include all mandatory forms and information.

Q: Can I apply for funding in more than one subprogram fund in a given year, e.g., apply for funding for an IIAPM project and funding for an Urban Wildlife project? A: Yes, as long as the applications are not for the same project. Each application must identify the specific subprogram fund that applies. Requested funding must be specific for each project.

Q: Does the applicant have to be located in Arizona to qualify as an eligible public? A: Government agencies represented in Arizona are eligible publics, including federal agencies, tribes, Arizona state, county, and local government agencies, commission, and corporations. The project should be located in Arizona or involve research in which the wildlife or its habitat is located in Arizona.

Q: What is the difference between match and donation? A: Match dollars are funds that the applicant has available and committed to the project. Donation represents other support such as volunteer labor and donated or loaned equipment for the purpose of project implementation and development. Potential match or donation is not allowed as a basis of match/donation funding. The applicant must show proof of secured and dedicated match and/or donation support in the application. Augmented support is encouraged and is a scored item in the grant prioritization process.

Q: Can State Parks Heritage funding be used as match for a Department Heritage project? A: If the State Parks Heritage funding has already been awarded to the applicant and there is no conflict regarding eligible uses for which the funding has been awarded, the funding can be used as match. The Department project for which Game and Fish Heritage funding is sought must have a wildlife- or wildlife habitat-related focus.

Q: Do charter schools count as eligible publics? A: Schools that are supported by public revenue in the state of Arizona and are part of the Arizona public education system are eligible publics.

Q: Do I need an Arizona Game and Fish Department Scientific Collecting Permit if I am working for the applicant? A: All persons conducting field work on Heritage-funded projects involving the sampling, taking, handling, capturing and containing, transporting, or disturbing through field activity, of any Arizona wildlife must either have a valid Department Scientific Collecting Permit or a valid hunting and/or fishing license. The terms of allowable activities, including bag limits and disposition are covered

by the permit or license. Contact the Scientific Collecting Permit Administrator for specific information (602-789-3652 or e-mail, scpermits@gf.state.az.us).

Q: Is SHPO certification required if the applicant is not a state agency? A: Yes, the Department shall not release grant funds until certification is received from the State Historic Preservation Officer in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 41-861 through 41-864, the State Preservation Act, which mandates that all state agencies consider the potential of activities or projects to impact significant cultural resources. (Commission Rule R12-4-710).

Q: Can I apply for a Heritage Environmental Education or Schoolyard Habitat grant if I already have a grant from the AACEE (Arizona Advisory Council for Environmental Education)? A: Yes, AACEE grant awards may be used as a match for a Heritage Environmental Education or a Schoolyard Habitat grant. The proposed project for which Arizona Game and Fish Heritage funding is being sought must have a wildlife- or wildlife habitat-related focus.

Q: What will I need to do to fulfill the “Term of Public Use” obligation after the project closes? A: The DEPARTMENT will send compliance forms requesting information on the project each year until the end of the Term of Public Use. In addition, on-site inspections may be conducted periodically at the discretion of the DEPARTMENT.