



NORTH DAKOTA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Conservation Projects - Guidelines for Proposals

Overview

The North Dakota Wildlife Federation (NDWF) is soliciting proposals for conservation projects. Funding will support unique on-the-ground efforts that benefit wildlife habitat, species conservation, and outdoor access across North Dakota.

Focus

Eligible projects must fit within at least one of NDWF's three pillars: Wildlife, Habitat, and Access. Preference will be given to proposals that hit multiple pillars.

Project Priorities

NDWF seeks unique proposals that advance practical, collaborative conservation outcomes benefiting wildlife, habitat, and access throughout North Dakota. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate clear ecological benefits, support long-term habitat resilience, and increase public access for hunting, angling, and trapping. Eligible project types include, but are not limited to:

- Wetland and grassland restoration and management practices that maintain open landscapes and reduce habitat fragmentation near key wetland complexes
- Grazing infrastructure supporting rotational or regenerative grazing systems that improve grassland structure and wetland health beneficial to grassland wildlife
- Native grass, sedge, and forb seedings that enhance upland nesting and foraging habitat. NDWF will pay for the seed, but the landowner (or other partner) must cover planting expenses.
- Land acquisition, wetland and grassland conservation easements, or other permanent conservation measures that protect important habitat

Projects that leverage additional funding, engage landowners or conservation partners, and align with NDWF's mission to conserve wildlife, habitat, and access are strongly encouraged.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants may include private landowners, conservation organizations, Tribal Nations, state and federal agencies, land trusts, and other qualified entities. Partnerships and match funding are encouraged.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals should be concise and include:

- Project description and objectives
- Location and acreage (if applicable)
- Expected conservation outcomes
- Project timeline
- Budget and funding request
- Partners involved (if any)

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by the North Dakota Wildlife Federation's staff and Board of Directors based on conservation impact, feasibility, alignment with NDWF priorities, and benefit to wildlife, habitat, and outdoor access.