

TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG) PROGRAM

2007-2009 Guidelines

Submit grant applications to:

North Dakota Department of Agriculture Attention: Rachel Seifert-Spilde 600 E Boulevard Avenue, Department 602 Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

ALL grant applications must be submitted by: January 15, 2008

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<u>Please Note:</u> An electronic version of the grant guidelines, application and voucher forms can be found on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture website at http://www.agdepartment.com/programs/plant/noxiousweeds.html.

Introduction

The goal of the Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) Program is to provide a simple, fair and accountable mechanism that will help you to target noxious and invasive weed control needs and provide a cost-share opportunity to county and city weed boards to meet those identified needs. TAG proposals should describe a noxious or invasive weed problem within your county or city weed board's jurisdiction and propose a management strategy to diminish the problem. Basically, describe your weed problem and propose a solution to that problem that you would like us to fund.

Program Details

2007-2009 Funds Available

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) will make approximately \$400,000 available for targeted assistance grants during the 2007-2009 biennium. Grant applications can request any amount but must show a demonstrated need for funds by describing the noxious and invasive weed problem, the acreage and location of infested acreage, the number of landowners affected, the estimated treatment costs and the management methods to be implemented, etc.

Eligibility

All county and city weed boards are eligible for TAG funds. Targeted assistance grants will not fund indirect costs and may not be used on state or federal lands.

Match

All grant applications are encouraged regardless of weed board match potential.

Fifty percent of the cost of the total project will be the standard match. However, the Agriculture Commissioner may reduce or waive the cost-share requirement. Project expenditures and match costs must be documented and submitted to the NDDA. Match expenditures can be referenced to the Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet.

Deadlines

Grant applications are due January 15, 2008. Applications must be in the required format, complete and received by this date. Award announcements will be made by March 2008.

Committee

A five-person advisory committee has been assembled to evaluate proposals and make recommendations. Committee members and the agencies they represent include Al Ulmer, NDSU Extension Service; Dan Stewart, North Dakota Association of Counties; Dave Hirsch, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Myron Dieterle, North Dakota Weed Control Association, and Rachel Seifert-Spilde, North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Project Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the TAG committee. The funding recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Agriculture Commissioner for approval. Applicants will be notified of their award status by March 2008.

The advisory committee will consider the following when ranking proposals.

- > Completeness of the grant application
- > Priority of noxious or invasive species being targeted
- > Appropriateness of the proposed weed management methods
- > Need for early detection and rapid response to new invaders in your area
- > Participation of private landowners and different cooperators in the project
- > Appropriateness of the budget for the proposed activities
- > Appropriateness of the introduction or maintenance of biological controls
- ➤ Use of GPS/GIS mapping in the project
- Project follow-up, including monitoring and evaluation of infested areas, biological controls, etc.
- > Need for educational materials and or trainings
- > Restoration of valuable ecosystems
- > Need for equipment purchases

TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT Application Check List

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	New grant proposal						
	2007-2009 Grant Application and Budget Form and Anticipated						
31	Funding Sources						
	Map of project area (if applicable)						
	Proposal to continue an established/previous grant project						
	Project history (project description, map of project area, activities completed to date, grant and matching funds spent, funding sources,						
	partners, project timeframe, etc.)						
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	Funding Sources						
	New map of project area (if applicable)						

TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT

2007-2009 Grant Application and Budget Form

Date of application	
Project title	
Project coordinator/	
Contact person	
Coordinator address	
Address cont.	
Phone (work, home)	
Phone (mobile)	
Fax	
Email	
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(Attach a map of the project	
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A map of the project area (if applicable) must be submitted along with this application. Please highlight problem areas within the map and outline the project boundaries. GPS coordinates, if available, of weed surveys, locations, etc. should be submitted upon project completion. Coordinates must be in latitude and longitude decimal degrees and in NAD83 or WGS84 datum.

What noxious or invasive weeds will be targeted?	Describe the weed management problem this project would address.

Please list the specific activities that will be completed in order to accomplish the project goals. Please detail who will perform the activities, the herbicides or methods to be used to control weeds, timeframes, associated costs, etc. In calculating anticipated project expenditures refer to the Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet. Utilize page 10 if more space is needed.

Activity	Performed By	Time- frame	Breakdown	Cash/Match Expenditures
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Anticipated Funding Sources

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Use Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet (page 12) as a reference in completing the table above.

Other-please specify	Materials-please specify (seed, herbicide, etc.)
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TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet

Item	Description	Rate
Labor	Standard Charges (includes administration)	Actual expenditures
Spray Rig	Average – All Types except ATV	\$15/hour
Sprayer	Backpack, 3 Gallon	\$4/day
Trailer	Average – All Types	\$38/day
ATV	4X4, 300-400 cc	\$60/day
ATV	4X4, >400 cc, With Sprayer Unit	\$100/day
Other off-road	Three-wheelers and Motorcycles	\$56/day
Boat	Powered	\$100/day
Boat	Unpowered	\$40/day
Livestock	Horse	\$50/day
Livestock	Horse With Sprayer Unit	\$53/day
GPS Unit	General Outdoor Use	\$4/day
Vehicle	Sedan/Wagon	\$.27/mile ¹
Vehicle	Light Truck	\$.48/mile ¹
Vehicle	Heavy Truck	\$.59/mile ¹

August 1, 2007 North Dakota Department of Transportation State Fleet Services Rental Rates.

Use of NDDA purchased equipment is not an eligible expenditure.

Approved by Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Jeff Weispfenning on October 8, 2007.



TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NOXIOUS WEEDS DIVISION

(10-07) SFN 58676

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EQUIPMENT/LABOR AND OTHER EXPENDITURES WORKSHEET

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Refer to the Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet in calculating expenditures.

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