PREFACE

This catalog, "Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2002 Grant Programs," is an update to our previous publication about the various funding programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Included are funds from the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Appropriations for Operations and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

This publication primarily seeks to address two audiences. First, by sharing this information with our Legislators, we have addressed in part the requirements of PA 44 of 2001, Section 210(1)(a) through (g).

Second, by communicating this information to local units of government, we offer essential information on a wide spectrum of funding assistance. The Department is available to help communities address local needs, whether for recreation or resource management and protection.

Within the individual descriptions of each grant program, you will find the name and telephone number of the responsible Bureau/Division and a contact person. We encourage you to contact these individuals for additional information on programs of interest to you.

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- Clean Michigan Initiative – Recreation Bond: Program is no longer active; all available funds have been allocated.
- Private Land Habitat Management Grants: Program no longer exists.
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Program Objective(s):
The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the State for acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation or the protection of Michigan's significant natural resources.

Criteria:
Applications are evaluated on established criteria such as resource protection, water access, and project need. At least 25 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants. Recommendations are made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board (members are appointed by the Governor) to the State Legislature for final approval. Criteria are spelled out in the "Recreation Grants Selection Process" booklet given to all applicants. There are eleven evaluation criteria:

1. Protection and use of significant natural resources.
2. Use of inland waters.
4. Economic benefits.
5. Hunting, fishing and other wildlife-related values.
7. Capability of applicant.
8. Site and project quality.
9. Special Initiatives of the MNRTF Board (See below).
10. Financial need of the applicant.
11. Local match contribution.

The 2002 Special Initiatives of the Board are:

1. Acquisition or development of trailways that contribute to an overall State trail system.
2. Acquisition of lands open to hunting or development of hunting-related facilities, such as shooting ranges.
3. Acquisition of lands that provide for deer habitat with thermal cover.
4. Local shooting ranges or State/local shooting range partnerships.
5. Acquisition projects that create, establish and protect wildlife/ecological corridors by connecting to and/or buffering existing protected and managed State or local natural areas, forests or game areas.

Eligibility:
Any local of government, including school districts, or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved recreation plan to be eligible.
Application Process:
1. Submittal of community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by Department staff.
4. Recommendation by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board.
5. Passage of an appropriations bill by the Legislature and signature by the Governor.

Deadline(s):
In 2002, applications must be postmarked (by the U.S. Postal Service) no later than April 1, 2002. Applicants will need to have their recreation plans (see 1 above) adopted by their local governing body by March 1 and submitted to the Department for approval by March 30, 2002 to be eligible to apply as of April 1, 2002. A secondary application deadline of August 1, 2002 is for acquisition applications only.

Timeline(s):
Grant awards are dependent on the appropriations process, but in general grant awards can be made within 12 months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Development project minimum/maximum grant amount: $15,000 to $500,000. No minimum/maximum limits on land acquisition grants.

Source(s) of Funds:
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Authority:

Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division/Jim Wood (517-335-4050).

Fiscal Year 2002 Funding Available:
Between $12 million and $25 million. Available funds are dependent on revenue and interest accruing to the Trust Fund in a particular Fiscal Year and constitutional provisions.
Program Objective(s):
The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the State to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation.

Criteria:
Applications are evaluated on established criteria including project need, capability of applicant, and site and project quality. At least 50 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS), which grants final approval. Criteria are spelled out in the "Recreation Grants Selection Process" booklet given to all applicants. There are three evaluation criteria:

1. Need for proposal.
2. Capability of applicant.
3. Site and project quality.

Additional criteria will be used as tiebreakers among like scores if needed to meet funding limits.

Eligibility:
Any unit of government, including school districts or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved community recreation plan to be eligible.

While both land acquisition and development projects are eligible, the DNR may limit its use of Land and Water Conservation Funds to development projects only.

Application Process:
1. Submittal of community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by Department staff.
4. Recommendation by the DNR to the NPS.
5. Final approval of project by NPS.

Deadline(s):
In 2002, applications must be submitted to the Grants Administration Division and postmarked (by the U.S. Postal Service) no later than April 1, 2002. Applicants will need to have their recreation plans (see 1 above) adopted by their local governing body by March 1 and submitted to the Department for approval by March 30, 2002 to eligible to apply as of April 1, 2002.

Timeline(s):
Grant awards are dependent on NPS approval process, but in general grant awards can be made 9 to 12 months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
$15,000 grant minimum/$500,000 grant maximum for development projects.
Source(s) of Funds:
Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Authority:

Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division/Jim Wood or Mike McDonald (517-241-2480).

Fiscal Year 2002 Funding Available:
Not determined at time of publishing.

NOTE: While Land and Water Conservation Fund applications will be accepted in April 2002, the DNR has not yet determined if it will apply for new federal funds in 2002.
WILDLIFE
Nongame Wildlife Fund Grants

Program Objective(s):
To identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, other natural features, and to promote the knowledge, enjoyment, and stewardship of Michigan’s native species and ecosystems for present and future generations.

Criteria:
1. Degree to which the proposal conforms to goals of the Wildlife Division or specific objectives/needs of subject species.
2. Availability of matching funds from outside sources and/or support sources such as labor, equipment, and advisory staff. Proposals with matching funds will receive higher priority.
3. Scope and impact of the proposal (Statewide, regional, local).
4. Technical merit and proposal design.
5. Ability of investigator(s) to achieve objectives of the proposal (technical expertise/credentials, previous experience, past performance).
6. Opportunity, attractiveness of the project to draw favorable publicity for the Nongame Wildlife program.
7. No development projects are considered for funding on private land unless they are part of a facility that is open to the public year-round.

Eligibility:
Individuals, local units, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and government.

Application Process:
Annual areas of emphasis are provided in a mid-September news release announcing the opening of the application period. Proposals are reviewed by a panel of experts to determine their potential for benefiting endangered, threatened, or special concern species and nongame species, including plants, through surveys, scientific studies, habitat management or protection, or public information and education.

Deadline(s):
Approximately December 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):
The grant application to award process usually runs from mid-September to mid-February.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Minimum, $200; maximum, $5,000.

Source(s) of Funds:
Nongame Fund; Nongame license plates; plus gifts, bequests, and donations.
Nongame Wildlife Fund Grants
(Continued)

Authority:

Contact(s):
Wildlife Division/Lori Sargent (517-373-9418).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$300,000.
FISHERIES
Inland Fisheries Grants

Program Objective(s):
1. To protect, maintain and/or enhance inland aquatic environments that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
2. To rehabilitate degraded inland fish communities on waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
3. To provide additional or more diverse fishing opportunities on inland waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
4. To foster educational and interpretive communications and interest in inland fish, fishing, and fisheries management when those communications and interests serve to protect, maintain, enhance, or rehabilitate the populations and habitat of fish and other forms of aquatic life.

Criteria:
Projects that are beneficial to the people of Michigan, inland fisheries resources, and meet one or more of the program objectives (above) are eligible for funding. Criteria for scoring include completeness of the application, project need and its relationship to Fisheries Division and Inland Fisheries Grant program objectives, and benefits to inland fisheries. Higher priorities will be placed on those projects that enhance fish production in inland lakes and streams. Fish culture projects must contain a discussion in the application that considers habitat rehabilitation as an alternative or a supporting statement by the Fisheries Division Management Unit Supervisor that concedes habitat conditions are not limiting. Maintenance activities and operational costs are not fundable.

Applicants must demonstrate they can contribute at least 50 percent of the project’s cost as a match to the State grant.

Eligibility:
Any individual, nonprofit organization, or unit of government, including school districts, are eligible. Preferences will be granted to nonprofit organizations and governmental units. Organized lake associations or sportsmen’s clubs are especially encouraged to apply.

Application Process:
Applications may be obtained by contacting the Fisheries Division Management Unit Supervisor at a DNR Management Unit Office. Lengthy and professionally prepared proposals are not necessary; however, it is suggested you seek assistance from the Fisheries Biologist in completing the narrative portion of the application.

Deadline(s):
Applications must be received by Fisheries Division Management Unit offices and postmarked (by the U.S. Postal Service) no later than March 31, 2002. (Late applications will be ineligible).

Timeline(s):
Grant award announcements will be made during August and September with funds available on October 1. Projects must be completed and funds expended (unless extended by mutual agreement) by September 30.
Dollar Amount(s) Available:
The maximum available is $30,000 per project.

Source(s) of Funds:
Game and Fish Protection Fund.

Authority:
Part 5, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Contact(s):
Application Functions: Todd Grischke, Fisheries Division (517-373-6762).
Administrative Functions: Linda Hegstrom, Grants Administration Division (517-241-4128).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$200,000.

NOTE: While Inland Fisheries Grant applications will be accepted in March 2002, the DNR has not yet determined if it will issue new grants under this program in 2002.
Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants

Program Objective(s):
To provide funds for projects on the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable rivers to improve and enhance fisheries and aquatic resources affected by the operation of Consumers Energy Company’s hydropower projects. These projects include fisheries habitat restoration and enhancement, preparing comprehensive river management plans, aquatic studies, fisheries recreation, water quality improvement and soil erosion control activities on these three rivers.

Criteria:
1. The proposed project must be needed in the area.
2. Degree to which the project meets one of the needs, areas of concern or management direction indicated by the watershed coordinator.
3. Length of time the project will provide benefits.
4. Impact on future research projects such as enhancement to increase natural recruitment thereby reducing future costs of stocking. Reduction of future expenditures or direct expenditures in a positive manner.
5. Size of area that will benefit from the proposed project.
6. Proposed project benefits compared to the costs.
7. Applicant has made preliminary arrangements with appropriate contractors for completion of the proposed project.
8. Proposed projects having match funds available will be given preference.

Eligibility:
All units of government, nonprofit organizations, and individuals willing to develop and complete projects located in the vicinity of the 11 Consumers Energy Company hydropower projects are eligible.

Application Process:
Project suggestion submissions are completed and submitted to Fisheries Division Coordinators between January 1 and the end of February. Process and review applications from March 1 through August 31. Successful project applications are notified of acceptance between September 1 and September 30. Contracts signed and funds will be transferred to successful applicants between October 1 and November 30. All projects will be required to file completion reports by October 30 of the following year.

Deadline(s):
Project applications are due in the office of the watershed coordinator by February 28, 2002.

Timelines(s):
The application review and funding process for eligible projects is January 1 through September 30. Funds are dispersed to successful candidate projects after October 1. Verification of completion is October 30 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
No minimum amount; no maximum amount.
Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants
(Continued)

**Source(s) of Funds:**
Game and Fish Settlement Fund.

**Authority:**
Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

**Contact(s):**
Fisheries Division/Kyle Kruger, Fisheries Biologist, Mio (517-826-3211).

**Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:**
Not determined at time of publishing.

**NOTE:** This program may not be funded in 2002.
BOATING
Waterways Program Grants

Program Objective(s):
To provide for design and construction of recreational boating facilities in the State. Funds are available for engineering studies and infrastructure improvement projects at State-sponsored harbor/mooring and boating access site/launch facilities.

Criteria:
On-site investigation by Parks and Recreation Bureau staff may be required to determine suitability of proposed work; applicant may be required to document area boating demand. Greater priority is given to projects for which a local applicant documents local match capabilities equal to or greater than the percentage of project cost they are required to provide.

Eligibility:
Only local units of government (city, village, township or county). Local units may cooperate with sports/community organizations in the conduct of projects.

Application Process:
1. Submit application form to Grants Administration Division (GAD).
2. Technical review by Parks and Recreation Bureau (PRB) staff.
3. Grants are awarded based on PRB review and prioritization.
4. Large projects will require a completed preliminary engineering study and permit approval prior to grant consideration.

Deadline(s):
Applications can be submitted at any time of the year. Decisions for large line item construction projects will be made in April for the next available fiscal year funding.

Timeline(s):
The application review and funding process for large projects is from April 1 until an appropriation is approved by the Legislature - normally an 18-month time period. Notification of approval of engineering and small infrastructure grants will occur within 60 days after complete application form and property documentation is received. Funding is not released until permits are secured.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Funding policy is to grant up to 50 percent of the project cost with equal local match for preliminary engineering and mooring projects. A 75 percent State match is available for launching projects. A greater percentage of State funding may be available, depending on the local unit's ability to provide funding.

Source(s) of Funds:
Michigan State Waterways Fund.
Authority:
Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):
Parks and Recreation Bureau/517-373-9900
   Harbors/Mooring – Mary Nardo – 517-373-8590
   Boating Access Sites/Launches – Jason Fleming – 241-2504

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
Approximately $20.5 million. Funds appropriated in FY2002 are already dedicated to approved projects. Grants approved from applications received in 2002 will be funded with future appropriations (FY2004 and beyond). Funds available for local grants varies considerably from year to year.
Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pumpout Grants

Program Objective(s):
To provide new or upgraded marine sewage disposal facilities, pumpouts and dump stations.

Criteria:
Approval based on the type of marine sewage disposal facility proposed, geographic location, number of boats served and cost of the facility. Greater priority will be given to projects which provide increased access to pumpouts and dump stations, taking into account cost considerations to provide the highest benefit for the monies spent.

Eligibility:
Grants are provided to both private and public boating facilities. Eligible projects primarily include dump stations, additional pumpouts at large boating facilities or those covered by a pumpout agreement, pumpouts for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pumpout systems.

Application Process:
1. Submit application form.
2. Grant agreement approval and signatures.
3. Complete approved work scope.
4. Submit cost documentation for reimbursement of eligible costs.

Deadline(s):
Applications must be returned by February 1, 2002 to be eligible for FY 2002. Applications may continue to be submitted throughout the calendar year, but as of January 2002, all available funds have been allocated. Additional grants will only be made if current grants are withdrawn or cancelled or the DNR applies for additional federal funds. Contact the Grants Administration Division for more information.

Timeline(s):
Notification of approval will occur within 30 days after complete application form and required information is received.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Grants are funded up to 75 percent of the eligible project cost with the 25 percent match provided by the grant recipient. Grants limited to the cost of a pumpout and holding tank/hookup.

Source(s) of Funds:
Sport Fish Restoration account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, commonly known as the Wallop-Breaux Fund. The DNR has a limited amount of federal funds available for this program. We will continue to accept applications, but the ability to award new grants is dependent upon future federal funds.
Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pumpout Grants
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Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division, Scott Butler (517-241-4934).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$175,000.
Program Objective:
To support tree planting projects that improve tree species diversity, age/class diversity, reduce current and long-term maintenance costs, increase awareness, education and technical knowledge of trees and natural resources, provide wildlife habitat, improve aesthetics, encourage community/volunteer participation, increase water and air quality, and expand/improve tree cover throughout communities in the State of Michigan.

Criteria:
1. Applicants must provide at least 50% of the total project cost.
2. Applications will be evaluated based on two criteria: project/program goals and project quality.
3. Projects for production forestry or reforestation of large tracts of land are not eligible for funding under this program.
4. Tree planting on nonpublic land is not eligible for funding under this program.

Eligible projects are separated into three types:

- **Community tree planting projects**: Includes tree planting in parks, along streets, on municipal grounds, stream restorations, and wildlife habitat plantings.
- **Projects organized by a nonprofit or nongovernmental agency on public land**: Includes stream restoration, wildlife habitat plantings, reforestation, tree planting, and other conservation projects.
- **Outdoor classroom/education sites**: Available to public, charter and private schools. Projects must be participatory with students and volunteers and include an education component.

Eligibility:
Local units of government, public, charter and private schools, and nonprofit organizations.

NOTE: Additional information is not provided because this program is not active in 2002. Contact the Grants Administration Division at 517-241-2480 to determine if the program will be operational in 2003.
Forest Stewardship- Plan Writing Grants

Program Objective(s):
To provide technical and financial assistance to eligible landowners who agree to develop and follow Forest Stewardship management plans for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem.

Criteria:
Proposals that cause a significant number of forest management plans and acres to be enrolled under the Forest Stewardship programs. Significance on a Statewide basis or the methods are easily adapted on a regional, watershed, or Statewide basis. A sound, complete plan that will help the Forest Stewardship program attain its goals and objectives.

Eligibility:
To have a Forest Stewardship program management plan prepared, applicants must be nonindustrial private landowners or private organizations owning at least 12 acres, 5 of which is forested or is planned to be reforested.

Application Process:
Contact the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division (FMFMD) to obtain a brochure and a list of certified planwriters. An application is completed by the landowner and the certified planwriter, and is submitted to the FMFMD. FMFMD staff reviews applications. Applications are approved, adjusted, or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):
Applications are accepted year-round.

Timeline(s):
Project completion by September 30, 2002.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
- For up to 75 acres, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed $200.00.
- For 76 acres and over, 50 percent of the cost of the plan not to exceed $125 plus $1.25/acre (maximum $2,000.00).

The landowner must pay at least 50 percent of the cost of the plan.

Source(s) of Funds:
U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:
1996 U. S. Farm Bill. Annual appropriation by the USDA Forest Service.
Contact(s):
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kathryn Arney, (517) 241-9051
Website: http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/SubIndex.asp?SubLinkID=450&sec=main&parent=168&imageid=4

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
Amount available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service has not been awarded at this time. However, it is estimated that $90,000 will be available.
Forest Stewardship - Outreach and Education Grant Program

**Program Objective(s):**
To increase the understanding of the benefits of actively managing forest ecosystems, developing long-term management plans that will achieve forest stewardship, while at the same time providing outreach and education to non-industrial private landowners about forest stewardship, providing outreach and education to all citizens about stewardship of our natural resources.

**Criteria:**
Proposals considered will be projects that include management plans for school and municipal forests, outreach and education projects, demonstration areas and ecosystem projects. All proposals MUST include a component or specifically target the non-industrial private landowner.

**Eligibility:**
Local units of government, individuals, nonprofit organizations, and school districts with school forests.

**Application Process:**
Contact the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division (FMFMD) to obtain a grant information packet and application.

**Deadline(s):**
Applications will be accepted in summer 2002. A specific deadline has not been set.

**Timeline(s):**
Project completion by September 15, 2002.

**Dollar Amount(s) Available:**
- Management Plans for school and municipal forests:
  - 12-75 acres, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed $200.00.
  - 76 acres and over, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed $125.00 plus $1.25/acre (maximum amount $2,000.00).

- Outreach and Education Projects: Maximum $5,000.00.
- Demonstration Areas: Maximum $5,000.00.
- Ecosystem Projects: Maximum $15,000.00.

**Source(s) of Funds:**
U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

**Authority:**
1996 U. S. Farm Bill. Annual funding by the USDA Forest Service.
Forest Stewardship – Outreach and Education Grant Program
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Contact(s):
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kathryn Arney, (517) 241-9051
Website: http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/SubIndex.asp?SubLinkID=450&sec=main&parent=168&imageid=4

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
Amount available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service has not been awarded at this time. However, it is estimated that $50,000 will be available.
Urban and Community Forestry Program

Program Objective(s):
To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities such as tree inventories, management plans, planting, and other maintenance activities.

Criteria:
Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: local government program development, nonprofit program development, demonstration projects, information/education projects, and tree planting.

Eligibility:
Local units of government and nonprofit organizations.

Application Process:
Applications are submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division. They are reviewed by Division staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):
Variable

Timeline(s):
Project duration - October 1 to September 30.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Grant requests may be up to $20,000, depending on the project type.

Source(s) of Funds:
U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:
Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/ Kevin Sayers, (517) 241-4632, sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
Approximately $130,000 for grants.
Urban and Community Forestry Program
Arbor Day Mini Grants

Program Objective(s):
To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities related to Arbor Day.

Criteria:
Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. These include tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and reference material acquisition.

Eligibility:
Local units of government and nonprofit organizations.

Application Process:
Applications are submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division. They are reviewed for eligibility. Fifty applications will be randomly selected from those eligible. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):
November 30, 2001

Timeline(s):

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Grant requests may be up to $200.

Source(s) of Funds:
U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:
Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kevin Sayers, (517) 241-4632, sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2002 Funding Available:
$10,000.
Michigan Volunteer Fire Assistance  
(Formerly – Rural Community Fire Protection)

**Program Objective(s):**
To assist fire departments in acquiring fire fighting equipment for local communities.

**Criteria:**
The number of fire departments involved; number of communities served; population of area served; number of formal, written, nonpay mutual aid agreements; annual budget; type of organization (paid or volunteer); current participation in FHA Community Facilities Loan; currently under a commercial loan; unusual fire hazards; type of water supply; and insurance classification.

**Eligibility:**
Fire departments in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less and that have publicly-owned forested land within protection area.

**Application Process:**
1. Local fire department makes application to Division’s Management Unit Office.
2. Management Unit prioritizes applications within unit and forwards to Division.
3. Division office prioritizes applications Statewide and awards grants.
4. Fire department purchases equipment and sends documentation to Division.
5. Division pays 50 percent of the cost, up to allocation amount.

**Deadline(s):**
Applications by February 1 of each year; project completion by September 15 of each year.

**Timeline(s):**
Grantees are notified of a grant award within six weeks of the application deadline.

**Dollar Amount(s) Available:**
No minimum or maximum amount; average is $1,500.

**Source(s) of Funds:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

**Authority:**

**Contact(s):**
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Arthur Sutton (517-373-1226).

**Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:**
Approximately $300,000.
Federal Pass-Through Funds

Program Description:
By federal statute, a portion of timber and mineral revenue generated from the national forests in Michigan is disbursed to the counties in which the forests are located. These revenues are paid to the State who in turn disburses the monies to the counties. The counties are required by law (P.A. 182 of 1990) to distribute 75% of the funds to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships.

An application process is not necessary because the revenues are flow through and are disbursed in accordance with federal and State statutes.

Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division, Judy Chamberlain (517-373-9443).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
The amounts appropriated for Fiscal Year 2002 were $3,300,000 for timber revenue and $150,000 for oil and gas revenues. Actual distributions made will, however, be for the amounts actually received from the federal government.
TRAILS
Recreational Trails Program Grants

Program Objective(s):
To fund the maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities.

Criteria:
1. Project need and benefit.
2. Site/project quality.
3. Balance among project types.
5. Geographic distribution of projects.

Eligibility:
State projects and State/local government partnership projects. (A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division/bureau must always be the applicant).

Application Process:
Internal Department process. Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division/bureau must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):
July 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):
Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:
Federal Department of Transportation-Highway Administration (federal gas tax).

Authority:
Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.
Recreational Trails Program Grants
(Continued)

Contact(s):
Parks and Recreation Bureau/Ed Hagan (517-373-9483).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$1,850,000 – approximately $1,500,000 available for grants.
Recreation Improvement Fund Grants

Program Objective(s):
To fund the operation, maintenance, and development of recreation trails and restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup.

Criteria:
Recreation Improvement Fund (RIF) dollars are available for operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails, restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles, and inland lake cleanup. Projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Project need and benefit.
2. Site/project quality.
3. Balance among project types.
5. Geographic distribution of projects.

Eligibility:
State projects and State/local government partnership projects. (A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division/bureau must always be the applicant).

Application Process:
Internal Department process. Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division/bureau must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):
July 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):
Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:
Recreation Improvement Fund.

Authority:
Part 711, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.
Recreation Improvement Fund Grants
(Continued)

Contact(s):
Parks and Recreation Bureau/Ed Hagan (517-373-9483).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$1,100,000; approximately $800,000 is available annually for grants.
Program Objective(s):
To provide funds to maintain existing snowmobile trails and connect existing trails. Grant funds are available in three areas:

1. Annual grooming maintenance, including new trail development
2. Special Maintenance
3. Equipment Replacement

Annual grooming maintenance grants must include grooming, signing and brushing of the trails. The applicant may apply to groom trail segments that they have received a grant for in the prior year AND/OR groom trails that were handled by another sponsor in the prior year, if the previous sponsor is no longer participating in the program. Applications can also be submitted to develop a new trail segment provide annual grooming maintenance for the new segment, however, very limited funding is available for new trail development.

Special maintenance project grants may include bridge construction and repairs, erosion control, replacement of culverts and relocation of trails off plowed roads. Only current sponsors may apply for special maintenance projects.

Equipment replacement cost-share grants may include grooming tractors, drag, front blade and radio or telephone equipment. Only current sponsors may apply for an equipment replacement grants.

Criteria:
Applicant must be able to obtain a trail right-of-way that is open to public snowmobiling and the area must receive adequate snowfall upon which a snowmobile can be utilized from December through March of each year. The applicant must also have equipment to maintain the trail. Further, the trail should tie into other State snowmobile trails.

Eligibility:
Local units of government, nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs and other nonprofit, incorporated organizations. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:
1. Applications out by May 1.
2. Signed applications returned to the Department by June 15.
3. Applications reviewed with the Snowmobile Advisory Committee by August 30.
4. Department approves applications by September 15.
5. Grants program agreements mailed to sponsors by October 1.
6. Signed grant agreements returned to the Department by October 15.

Deadline(s):
Application deadline is June 15.
Snowmobile Trail Local Grants Program
(Continued)

**Timeline(s):**
The time period from grant application to grant award is three to four months.

**Dollar Amount(s) Available:**
Maximum allowable is up to 100 percent of cost, not to exceed the actual grant allocation and no minimum for maintenance projects; maximum of 60% of actual costs up to $69,000 for equipment grants.

**Source(s) of Funds:**
Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund.

**Authority:**
Part 821, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

**Contact(s):**
Parks and Recreation Bureau/Dan Moore (517-335-3321).

**Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:**
$5,480,000.
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Grants Program

Program Objective(s):
To provide funds for maintenance of existing ORV facilities and development of new facilities and for restoration of natural resources damaged by ORV use.

Criteria:
Applications for trail, route, or area maintenance and/or development must be for facilities that are open to the public. Applications for damage restoration funds must be for lands under public ownership.

Eligibility:
Applicant must be a public agency or nonprofit, incorporated club or organization. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:
1. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) distributes applications to prospective sponsors.
2. Signed applications are returned to DNR.
3. DNR will review applications and field review project sites.
4. DNR will prepare application summary. ORV Advisory Board will review and staff will make recommendations to Resource Management Deputy.
5. Two original project agreements will be distributed to each approved sponsor.
6. Approved sponsors must return two signed, original contracts to DNR.

Deadline(s):
Grant applications are available June 1 and are due August 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):
The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately four months.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Maximum allowable is up to 100 percent of cost, not to exceed the actual grant allocation; there is no minimum.

Source(s) of Funds:
ORV Trail Improvement Fund.

Authority:
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Grants Program
(Continued)

Contact(s):
Parks and Recreation Bureau/Steve Kubisiak (517-373-1665)

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$1,374,500. Includes funds that are allocated for ORV Law Enforcement grants.
Program Objective(s):
To promote safe recreational watercraft activities through enforcement and education.

Criteria:
Marine safety enforcement grants are available to county sheriff departments for enforcement of marine safety laws.

Eligibility:
County sheriff departments in the State of Michigan concerned with the safe recreational boating on the waters in the State, i.e., law enforcement and boating safety education.

Application Process:
1. Budget requests mailed to county sheriffs.
2. Sheriff submits to Board of Commissioners.
3. Board meets and mails budget to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by December 31 each year.
4. The DNR reviews, evaluates and approves funding subject to legislative appropriation.
5. The DNR notifies county of approved budget for State aid.
6. County Treasurer establishes the Marine Safety Fund.

Deadline(s):
Grant applications must be mailed to the DNR prior to December 31 for the upcoming program year.

Timeline(s):
It normally takes about three months from grant application to award.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
This amount is determined by a need study performed for each county by the DNR or contracted out to assist the DNR.

Source(s) of Funds:
Marine Safety Fund.

Authority:
Part 801, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.
Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division/Merritta Hunt-Proctor (517-373-2965).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$3,230,000.
Program Objective(s):
To provide funds for snowmobile law enforcement grants program.

Criteria:
Snowmobile law enforcement grants are available to county sheriff departments and/or other local law enforcement agencies solely for enforcement of snowmobile law. The primary focus of this enforcement effort will be on the designated snowmobile trail system.

Eligibility:
These law enforcement grants are available to county sheriff departments and/or other local law enforcement agencies. This is further restricted to those departments and agencies in which the county has a minimum of 25 miles or more of designated, funded snowmobile trails.

Application Process:
1. Distribute applications to eligible county sheriff departments and other local law enforcement agencies.
2. Signed applications returned to Grants Administration Division (GAD).
3. GAD reviews and prioritizes applications.
4. GAD provides summary of applications to snowmobile advisory committee for information purposes.
5. GAD prepares and distributes two original grant agreements to each approved sheriff department and/or other local law enforcement agencies.
6. Approved sheriff department and/or other local law enforcement agencies will return two signed, original grant agreements to GAD.

Deadline(s):
Grant applications are available by June 1 and are due in GAD by August 1.

Timeline(s):
The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately four (4) months.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:
Maximum allowable is up to 75 percent of DNR-approved costs, not to exceed the actual grant application.

Source(s) of Funds:
Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund.

Authority:
Part 821 of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.
Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division/Merritta Hunt-Proctor (517-373-2965).

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$1,142,000.
**Program Objective(s):**
To support county ORV law enforcement.

**Criteria:**
Enforcement application must be from a county sheriff department having the authority and responsibility for enforcing ORV law and have designated ORV trails located in their county.

**Eligibility:**
County sheriff departments with designated ORV trails located in their county.

**Application Process:**
1. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) distributes applications to prospective sponsors.
2. Signed applications are returned to DNR.
3. DNR will review applications and field review project sites.
4. DNR will prepare application summary. ORV Advisory Board will review and staff will make recommendations to Resource Management Deputy.
5. Two original project agreements will be distributed to each approved sponsor.
6. Approved sponsors must return two signed, original contracts to DNR.

**Deadline(s):**
Grant applications are available June 1 and are due August 1 of each year.

**Timeline(s):**
The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately four months.

**Dollar Amount(s) Available:**
Maximum allowable is up to 100 percent of cost, not to exceed the actual grant allocation; there is no minimum.

**Source(s) of Funds:**
ORV Trail Improvement Fund.

**Authority:**
Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Grants Program
(Continued)

Contact(s):
Grants Administration Division/Merritta Hunt-Proctor (517-373-2965)

Fiscal Year 2002 Appropriation:
$1,374,500. Includes funds allocated for ORV Trails grants.
OTHER
Demolition of Structures on Tax-Reverted Lands

Program Objective(s):
To remediate threats to the public's health and safety for tax-reverted properties currently under the ownership of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Criteria:
Proposals must be for tax-reverted properties currently under the ownership of the DNR. The properties must be in such a condition that it affects the public's health and safety. The proposals must be approved by resolution of the local board.

Eligibility:
All local units of government.

NOTE: Additional information is not provided because this program is not active in 2002. Contact Roxanne Harris, DNR, Office of Property Management, at 517-335-3253, to determine if the program will be operational in 2003.