

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
2020 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

Project Title:

ENRTF ID: 289-GH

Sportsmens Training and Developmental Learning Center

Category: H. Proposals seeking \$200,000 or less in funding

Sub-Category: G. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

Total Project Budget: \$ 85,000

Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested: June 30, 2023 (3 yrs)

Summary:

The Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association is requesting LCCMR funds to complete a site evaluation and for the development of a master plan for their outdoor educational learning center.

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Location:

Region: Statewide

County Name: St. Louis

City / Township: Hibbing/Statewide

Alternate Text for Visual:

Map shows a concept of a site lay-out.

_____ Funding Priorities	_____ Multiple Benefits	_____ Outcomes	_____ Knowledge Base
_____ Extent of Impact	_____ Innovation	_____ Scientific/Tech Basis	_____ Urgency
_____ Capacity Readiness	_____ Leverage	_____ TOTAL	_____ %



PROJECT TITLE: Sportsmen’s Training and Developmental Learning Center

I. PROJECT STATEMENT

The Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association (MFZTA) is requesting an \$85,000 grant to complete a site evaluation and a master plan for their Sportsmen’s Training and Developmental Learning Center located on a 38 acre parcel owned by the MFZTA in Hibbing. The site evaluation would include infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical) needs, wetlands, permitting, survey, elevations, cost estimates and soil building conditions. The master plan would include base maps, development concept and drawings, design workshops, conceptual evaluations, cost estimates, public engagement, site layouts and a public relations plan.

The site would include 24 RV and 24 primitive camp sites, bog walk trails, training facility, educational areas, parking space, equipment/maintenance building, restroom/shower facilities and seating bleachers. Educational activities will include trapping and hunting, environmental/wetlands training, drafting training manuals and providing workshops to designed to get more people involved in outdoor activities; especially youth.

The MFTZA is a non-profit 501C3 Corporation operating under the laws of Minnesota. They encompass over seven counties throughout northeastern Minnesota. The primary purpose of the MFTZA will be to achieve the best possible, highest quality outdoor experience. Their work to date to develop this project include meetings with regional, state and federal government officials, educating the general public, holding outdoor programs, regulation enforcement training, support wildlife research and developing relationships with wildlife officials and promoting good sportsmanship and ethic outdoor practices. The MFZTA offers multi-day conventions, annual workshops and numerous training sessions throughout the year that focus on education and environmental stewardship.

The MFTZA has developed satellite programs in which they partner with Delta Waterfowl, MN Deer Hunters Association, Pheasants Forever, Grouse Society, MN Darkhouse and Angling Association, Ducks Unlimited, NRA, National Turkey Association and others to promote outdoor activities throughout the region.

The completion of the site evaluation and the master plan will enable the MFZTA to promote their programs throughout the United States. The completion of this work will also provide detailed cost estimates for all of the activities proposed for their site and will be the foundation for MFZTA to seek local, state and Federal funds to construct their facility. The ultimate goal will be to own and operate the premier outdoor training and educational facility in the country.

II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

Activity 1 Title: Site Evaluation

Description: *Evaluation will include surveys, permit needs, activity area siting, infrastructure needs and ADA requirements.*

ENRTF BUDGET: \$25,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. <i>A well designed site</i>	<i>November 2022</i>
2. <i>Infrastructure needs identified</i>	<i>December 2022</i>
3. <i>Detailed cost estimates for the site</i>	<i>April 2023</i>



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Activity 2 Title: Master Plan Completion

Description: *The plan will include maps, conceptual drawings, public engagement and a public relations plan.*

ENRTF BUDGET: \$60,000

Outcome	Completion Date
1. <i>Conceptual drawings completed</i>	<i>June 2022</i>
2. <i>Public relation plan and public engagement (Ongoing)</i>	<i>August 2022</i>
3. <i>Master Plan completed</i>	<i>April 2023</i>

III. PROJECT PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS:

- MFZTA Board of Directors
- State and Federal Agencies
- State and Regional Outdoor and Environmental Groups
- Consulting Engineers, Landscape Architects, Planners, Financial Advisors
- Local governmental entities

IV. LONG-TERM IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

The first step in this process is to complete the site evaluation and the master plan. Upon the completion of this step, the MFZTA will begin the process of identifying potential funding agency and to submit applications to build-out their site and extend infrastructure. Once a feasible funding package is secured, the MFZTA will hire several key staff members, complete final site and infrastructure plans and specifications, bid the project and complete the construction phase.

V. SEE ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL COMPONENTS:

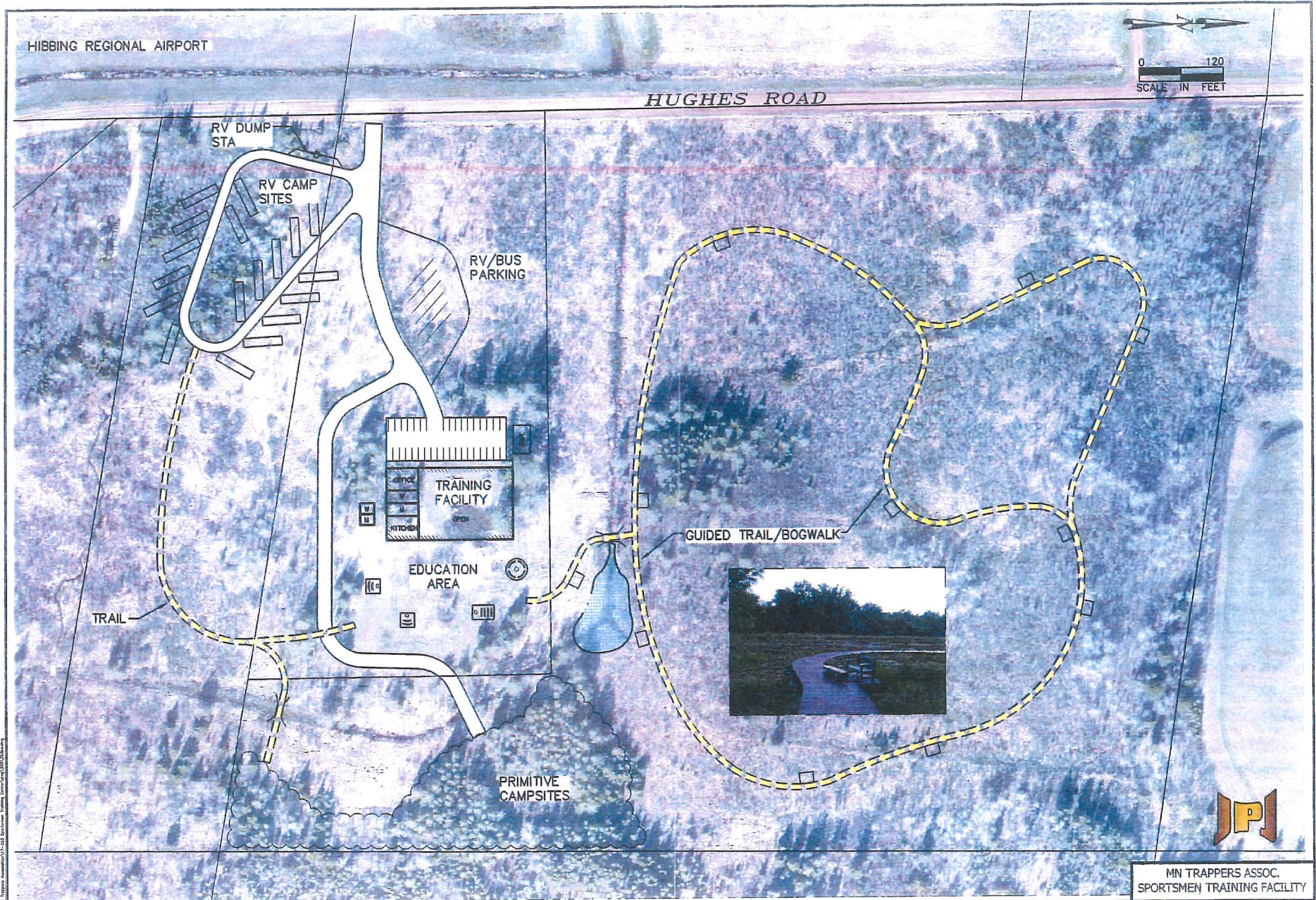
- A. Proposal Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements**
- E. Research Addendum (Not required at proposal submission stage. Required later in process, if proposal is recommended. Staff will provide further information at that time)**
- F. Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**
- G. Letter or Resolution**
- H. Financial Capacity**

Attachment A: Project Budget Spreadsheet
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 M.L. 2020 Budget Spreadsheet



Legal Citation:
 Project Manager: Ray Sogard
 Project Title: Sportsmen's Training and Developmental Learning Center
 Organization: Minnesota Forest Zone Trappers Association
 Project Budget: \$85,000
 Project Length and Completion Date: 3 - years - June 2023
 Today's Date: April 12, 2019

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET		Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM				
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Site Evaluation - Consultants hired through a qualifications process		\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000
Master Plan Completion - Consultants hired through a qualifications process		\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
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COLUMN TOTAL		\$ 85,000	\$ -	\$ 85,000
SOURCE AND USE OF OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT				
	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: IRRRB	Pending	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
State:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In kind: MFZTA	secured	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Other ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS AWARDED IN THE LAST SIX YEARS				
	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -



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Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description

Project Manager Qualifications

The overall manager for this project will be the MFZTA under the direction of the organization's President, Ray Sogard and the governing board. MFTZA will be hiring consultants through a qualifications process that will include engineers, landscape architects, financial advisors and organizational staff.

Organization Description

The MFZTA is a 501 (c) (3) organization. They are governed by a board that consists of a president, secretary, 3 directors and an at large member. They were incorporated in May 2011. They are eligible to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers and gifts under 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Since their inception the MFZTA have hosted and organized numerous activities including conventions, workshops, training and numerous other activities throughout the State of Minnesota. They partner on a regular basis with a variety of outdoor and environmental groups as listed in the main proposal section of this proposal.

A copies of their IRS corporation information, audited financial statements and a list of board members are attached and included in this proposal.