

to: Wayne Rosenthal, Director

from: Mark Alessi, Chairman, Illinois Pheasant Fund Committee *MA*
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date: November 9, 2018

subject: IL State Pheasant Fund Committee Action

The Illinois State Pheasant Fund Committee had their annual meeting on November 8, 2018. The Committee's responsibility is to review and recommend all allocation of funds from the Illinois State Pheasant Fund.

Summary of Recommendations

The Committee tabled discussions for land acquisition until more of the members could be present, and recommended encumbering \$242,000 for projects of the FY2019 Pheasant funds. This is summarized as follows:

Pheasant Committee Recommendations	Total Funds
DNR Land Acquisition	Discussion tabled
DNR Program: Habitat Development	\$ 110,000
Grants to governmental and not-for-profits for Pheasant projects	\$ 242,000
Total FY2019 Committee Recommended Funding	\$ 352,000

State Pheasant Projects

The Department uses funding for the development or enhancement of permanent pheasant habitat projects on state sites. The Division of Wildlife Resources and the Division of Parks & Recreation will collaborate and use the funds for tasks that either are described in a site's Plan of Work or meet the strategies and objectives of the Statewide Wildlife Action Plan. The Department requested \$110,000 funds for the Habitat Development Program. The IDNR Habitat Team did not request any funding this year.

Not-for-Profit Organizations Grants

A total of 3 grant applications were received from not-for-profits in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State. One of those applications had been submitted to both the Habitat Fund and the State Pheasant Fund; the Habitat Fund Committee decided they would fund it. The remaining two applications are attached.

The Committee reviewed the individual grant applications and recommends both projects for funding. Their recommendation in Committee scoring order is as follows:

FY 2019 Grant Proposals -- Pheasant Committee Recommends -- Do Fund								
Grant Number	Score	County	Grantee Name	Project Description	Total Funds Requested	Matching Funds	%	Total Project Cost
19-002P	3.66	Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, Lee, Stephenson	Pheasants Forever	Farm Bill Biologist fund position in the Rockford NRCS Field Office, Rx Burns	\$120,313.00	\$30,000.00	20%	\$150,313.00
19-003P	2.50	20 Illinois counties	Quail & Upland Game Alliance	Fund bonus incentive payments to landowners for completing wildlife friendly work on CRP and Non-CRP acres	\$121,220.00	\$40,800.00	25%	\$162,000.00
Totals					\$241,553.00	\$70,800.00	23%	\$312,333.00

There were no applications that were not funded.

Please indicate your approval of the Division of Wildlife funding recommendations by signing below. Your earliest response will be most appreciated. Funds are currently available to award the recommended projects.

Upon your decision, staff of the Special Funds Section of the Office of Grant Management and Assistance will inform the Illinois State Pheasant Fund Committee, grantees and IDNR staff.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

 11-14-18

Mark Alessi, Chief
Division of Wildlife Resources

OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE


 Date

Chris Young, Director
Office of Resource Conservation

AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

 11/28/18
Wayne Rosenthal, Director
Department of Natural Resources

Attachments