

Dream Tags Charitable Fund Open Request for Proposal

Cover Sheet

Organization Name: Carson Valley Conservation District		Office Use Only		
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) EIN# _____ Governmental entity? Y		Date received:		
Address: 1702 County Rd Suite A Minden, NV 89423		Project #		
Project Name: Dream Tag Bi-State Sage Grouse Juniper Removal Project & Watershed Improvement Project Phase II		Grant Amount:		
Is this proposal being submitted as an emergency funding request? No				
Amount requested: 50,000.00		Website: https://franciscamendive.wixsite.com/cvcd		
Project start date: 09/2021		Projected completion date: 06/2022		
This funding will be used to (complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences): improve wildlife habitat and facilitate ecological health across the project area.				
Key People:	Director:	N/A		
	Board Chair:	James Settelmeyer		
	Project Contact:	Name:	Richard Wilkinson	
		Position:	Grant Manager/River Coordinator	
		Phone:	775-782-3661 ext. 3830	
		Fax:	N/A	
Email:		Richard.wilkinson@nv.nacdnet.net		
<p>Mission Statement: To achieve a stable, healthy river system that provides for abundant agricultural production, wildlife habitat, stable riverbanks, and high-water quality conditions. To achieve cooperative relations where the private landowners, county, state, and federal agencies maintain their lands and work cooperatively and openly to solve natural resource problems. To assist local agricultural producers with protection of their surface water conveyance system which supports 35,000 acres of productive farmlands.</p>				
Project is on (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private land.				
Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
If permits and decision documents are needed but not yet secured, in #4 of the Narrative Requirements provide a list of permits and documents needed and a schedule for securing them.				
Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund? Yes (use additional pages to list ALL funded projects)	If yes,			
	Date awarded:	8-24-2020		
	Project # & title:	DT#66 Bi-State Sage Grouse Pinion & Juniper Removal		
	Amount of Award:	\$25,000.00		
	Date awarded:			
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Amount of Award:				

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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION

Indicate the description that best fits the project you are proposing. Mark no more than three categories:

- A. Projects that improve, protect, or restore habitat
- B. Projects that embrace unique opportunities for advancing the mission of wildlife conservation in Nevada
- C. Projects that address emergent needs
- D. Other projects that meet the evaluation criteria

NARRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Provide answers for all sections below; use the numbers and topics (in **bold**) to label each section in your response. Your application is limited to 5 narrative pages, including the cover sheet. Your budget is page 6. **All projects are required to have measurable outcomes:**

1. Specific project goals and measurable outcomes. How do these tie to the project description?

It is the goal of this project to ultimately improve the habitat of the Greater Sage Grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) as well as improve the overall ecological health of the area indicated. Studies have shown that local sage-grouse populations are influenced by encroaching pinyon-juniper ecosystems. Areas that are over-ridden with pinyon and juniper trees function as an ecological trap for the Greater Sage Grouse and adversely impact population density. The District would like to hire a crew to manually cut and remove juniper trees from an area within the sage-grouse habitat. We would then like to transfer these materials to be used in our Carson River Restoration Project in the Carson Valley ensuring that all materials are utilized to their fullest potential. The scope and size of the area will be dependent upon the final award and funding amount. The District anticipates a substantial reduction of juniper trees suitable for sage-grouse habitat. This project should improve overall health for all species, not just the sage-grouse. Additional project scope and benefits include: the project will help minimize erosion, improve water quality, re-establish desirable vegetation improve river function within the project reach. The project will help trap sediment and provide for the natural recruitment of vegetation along the riverbank. The willow plantings will help hold the soil and provide a head start on the establishment of vegetation on the riverbank. The removal of large woody debris will allow for improved conveyance of river flows and reduce the negative impacts to infrastructure downstream.

2. Project location. Douglas County, Nevada

3. Project description. Include site map and aerial photos if applicable/possible. Maps and photos must fit on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Cite any studies that support your project.

The District will be actively improving the sage-grouse habitat area that has become overgrown by juniper trees. By reducing the juniper density and re-seeding areas with shrubs and grasses, we will be improving Sage Grouse habitat. The District anticipates award in August 2020, we will start landowner notification and the project stakeholder process immediately. Once the process has started, staff will order materials and supplies, coordinate treatment with a hired crew, and establish photo waypoints for monitoring. Before beginning work, the District will establish photo waypoints with GPS to inventory, map, and treat invasive plants within sage-grouse habitat. Before and after pictures will be consistent and easily recognizable to track the progress of the project. The District plans to return to the site once every summer to monitor the success of the site. If there are additional funds, the District can perform additional juniper density studies.

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4. **Permitting.** Provide a permitting schedule for your project along with your plan for getting the required permits and decision documents. Be sure to include the cost of permitting/decision documents as a line item in your budget.

United State Army Corp. of Engineers Nationwide Permit Completed
Nevada Department of Environmental Protection Working in Waterways Permit completed
Nevada Division of State Lands Right of Entry Permit Completed
State Historic Preservation Office Archeological Section 106 Completed
CVCD Landowner Access Right of Entry Permits Completed
Bureau of Land Management Right of Entry Permit Completed

The district has all needed permits in hand, and we will continue to work with all landowners, stakeholders, and permitting agencies to ensure that all compliance and best management practices are implemented during the project activities.

5. If **future phases** of the project will be needed, identify anticipated sources of funding.
The district would like to use this project as a pilot project for additional and future projects within the sage-grouse habitat areas. We would like to expand our efforts to include improving water access, predation concerns, and juniper encroachment. This district is currently looking into acquiring more equipment that would allow for future treatments as well as increasing the potential size of our projects. The District is looking into potential funding supplements from Carson Water Subconservancy District, Truckee Water Conservancy District, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Douglas County, Nevada Division of Wildlife, and Nevada Division of Water Resources.
6. **Principals involved** in leading or coordinating the project or activity.
The Carson Valley Conservation District will work with multiple project partners such as the Bureau of Land Management, Carson Water Subconservancy, RO Anderson Engineering, Wildscape Engineering, Carson, Truckee Water Conservancy District, Douglas County, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the Nevada Division of Water Resources.
7. Number of **staff positions involved** in project: Fulltime 2 Part-time 2 (“Fulltime” means 100% of their staff position will be dedicated to this project, “part-time” means only a portion of their staff position will be dedicated to this project)
There are two fulltime employees and two part-time employees. There is also a full-time seasonal crew of five members. They are paid sub-contractually through Tri-Odyssey Business Services.
8. Number of **volunteers involved** in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.
Although we do not have any confirmed volunteers it is likely that we will be working with River Wranglers to have a Carson River Workday at one of our project locations.
9. **Timeline** of Project. List key dates and include project milestones. *Note:* Be realistic in your estimate of dates and milestones. List any factors that may cause a delay in implementing and/or completing the project.
The District anticipates award in August 2021, we will start landowner notification and the project stakeholder process immediately. Once the process has started, staff will order materials and supplies, coordinate removal with crew, and establish photo waypoints for monitoring.
- Summer 2021- Right of Entry access/Permitting process
 - Summer 2021- Establish photo waypoints for monitoring
 - Summer-Fall 2021-Treatment and fence markers
 - Summer 2022- Final report and reimbursement

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- 10. Success.** Tell the committee how we will know you succeeded in what you proposed to do. The District anticipates a substantial reduction in juniper encroachment in and around sage-grouse habitat. The District would like to see an increase in sage-grouse population numbers as a result of this project. By decreasing the number of juniper trees within the sage-grouse habitat, the vegetation necessary to support a sagebrush obligatory bird will be able to flourish. In addition to improving Sage Grouse's habitat, we will be using all of the materials on our river restoration project near Genoa, Nevada. Our bioengineering crews will be installing Juniper Tree Revetments along the riverbanks of the Carson River. This technique is used to protect eroding banks from flood damage and help restore vital wildlife habitats.
- 11. Grant match.** All applicants must provide a match of at least 25 percent for dollars requested. The match may be with funding and/or in-kind services. Complete the Grant Match section of the application. The District would like to include private landowners, Federal and State Agencies, Douglas County, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, and the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem team in the project stakeholder process. The District would like to ensure that all parties contribute vital information necessary in making this project a success. We will be utilizing these funds to leverage additional funds through the Carson Water Subconservancy District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Nevada Department of Wildlife. The CVCD will contribute vehicles and equipment necessary to complete the work as an in-kind match.

Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District	\$50,000.00 Pending
Carson Water Subconservancy District	\$100,000.00 Approved
Nevada Department of Environmental Protection	\$150,000 Approved
Nevada Division of Water Resources	\$250,000 Approved \$122,000/\$128,000 Pending
Douglas County	\$125,000.00 Approved
Nevada Department of Wildlife	\$15,000.00 Approved
Nevada Dream Tags	\$50,000.00 Pending
CVCD Landowners (In-kind & Cash) Supplies	\$25,000 Approved
	<u>Totals: \$765,000.00</u>

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12. Project budget (see Sample Budget Template on page 5 of this RFP). Provide detail on line-item expenditures and show which costs are to be paid for by the Dream Tags Charitable Fund grant, which expenses will be paid by other sources of funding, and which will be paid for with in-kind services.

Project budget must be on its own on page 6.

Note: Indirect/overhead expenses cannot exceed 25 percent

Budget Item Description*	ORIGINAL PROJECT BUDGET				REIMBURSEMENT REPORT	
	DT \$	Other Funding Name**	Match \$	Total	Expenditures to date DT	Expenditures to date (other sources)
Project Management	\$3600	CWSD	\$900	\$4500	\$	
Administration	\$1400	NDWR	\$350	\$1750		\$
Fuel	\$200	CTWCD	\$50	\$250	\$	
Mileage	\$2800	DC	\$700	\$3500		
Materials	\$1000	NRCS	\$7250	\$8250		
Equipment	\$3000	CVCD	\$750	\$3750		
Labor	\$0	Private landowners	\$0	\$0		
Permitting/Overhead	\$0		\$0	\$0		
Sub-Contractual	\$38000	CWSD	\$9500	\$47500		
TOTAL	\$50000		\$19500	\$69500	\$	\$
<p>*These are sample descriptions. **Explain status of other funding if not in hand. ***Provide an itemized breakdown by skillset per hour. If project is to be implemented in phases, please separate budget into each phase.</p>						
<p>CWSD – Carson Water Subconservancy District NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation service CVCD – Carson Valley Conservation District NDWR – Nevada Division of Water Resources CTWCD – Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District DC – Douglas County BLM – Bureau of Land Management NDOW – Nevada Department of Agriculture</p>						

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Grant Match					
Match amount to be provided:	\$19,500.00				
Match details:	<p>Please provide the form of your matching funds. If match is made up of both cash and in-kind, fill in both sections.</p> <p>Match is:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%; padding: 5px;">Cash</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ 12,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">In-kind</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">\$ 7,000.00</td> </tr> </table> <p style="font-size: small;">Note: Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.</p> <p>For the cash portion of your match, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project? Yes <u>X</u> No ___</p>	Cash	\$ 12,500.00	In-kind	\$ 7,000.00
Cash	\$ 12,500.00				
In-kind	\$ 7,000.00				
Description of matching funds/in-kind donations:	Cash match will be coming from multiple sources which include federal, state and county grants. In-kind match will be private landowners allowing us to harvest and plant willows and the juniper tree revegetment.				

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Submit the following attachments via email. Clearly label each file with your organization's name.

Nonprofits submit:

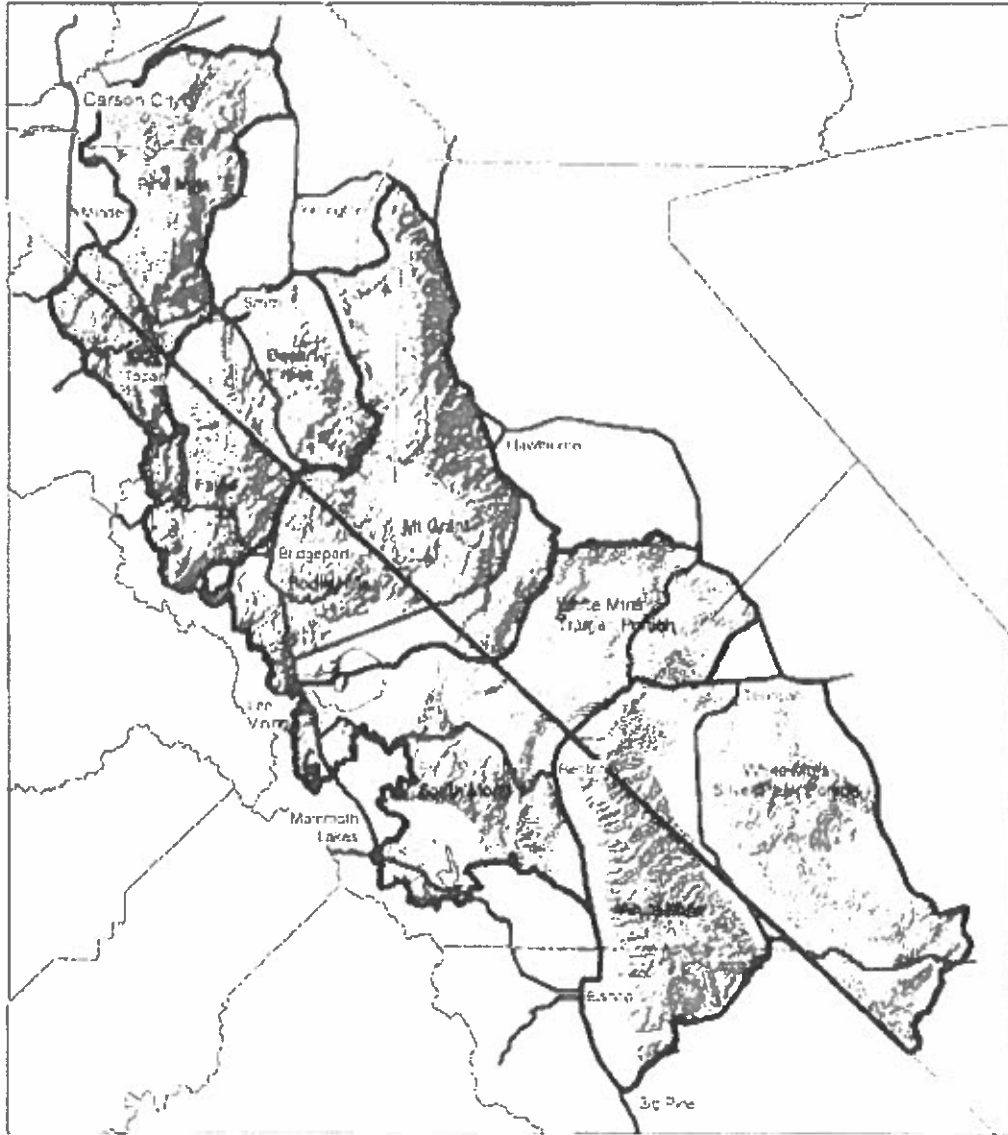
- Last audited financial statements if your organization has been audited
- List of Board of Directors
- Copy of agency's IRS 501(c)(3) Tax Determination Letter
- Copy of the agency's most recent IRS Form 990

Governmental entities submit:

- Departmental budget in lieu of audited financial statements

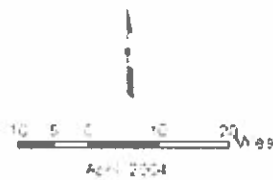
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Overview of Sage Grouse Management Units
within the Bi-State Planning Area of California and Nevada



Legend

- Management Unit
- County Line
- State Line
- Highways



Phase II Before Pictures

Upper Carson River Charney Ranch Site #2 B

Up Stream Looking Down



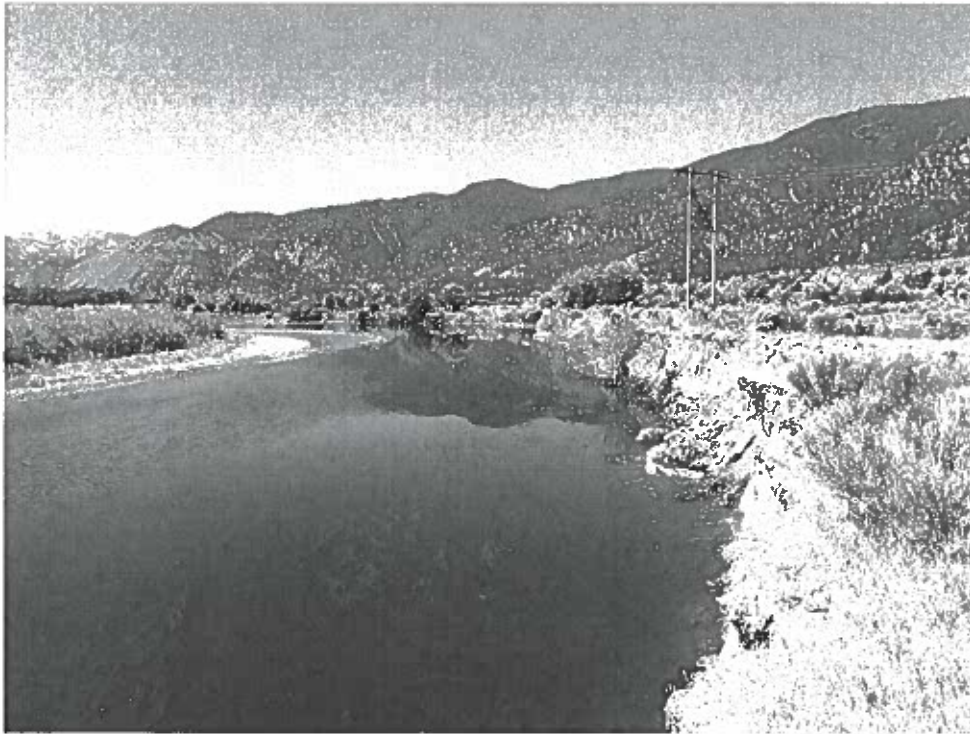
Upper Carson River Holbrook Ranch Site B

Up Stream Looking Down



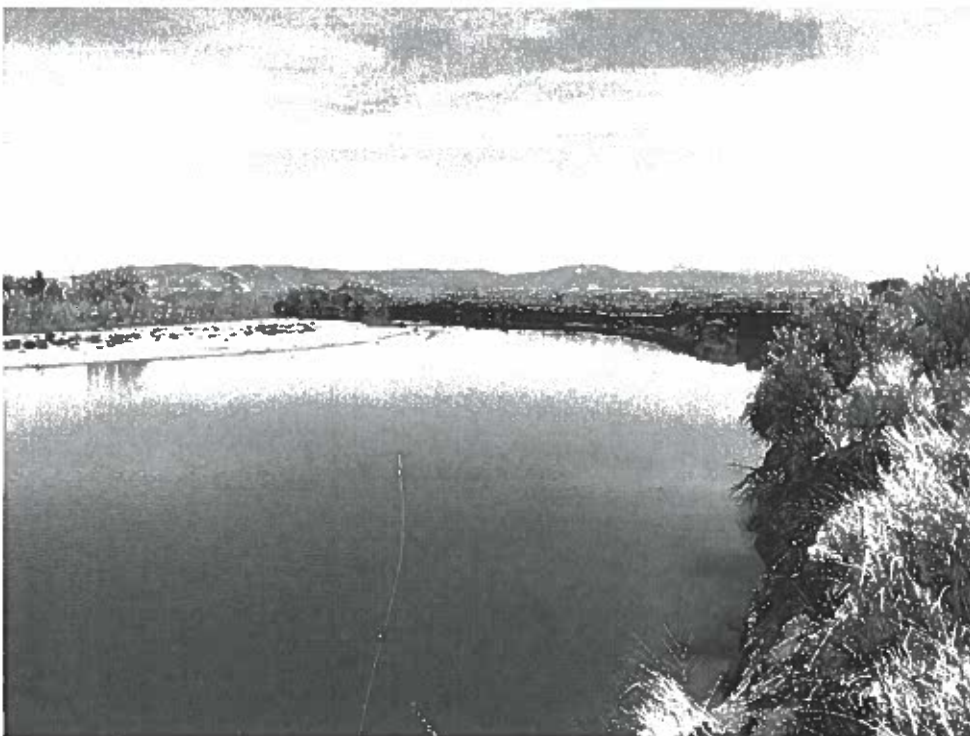
Upper Carson River Flying J Ranch Site 2

Down Stream Looking Up



Upper Carson River Flying J Ranch Site #3

Up Stream Looking Down



Upper Carson River Running River Ranch

Down Stream Looking Up

