

## Dream Tags Charitable Fund Open Request for Proposal

### Cover Sheet

<b>Organization Name:</b> Nevada Department of Wildlife		<b>Office Use Only</b>		
<b>Organization Type:</b>		Date received:		
501(c)(3) EIN# _____ <b>Governmental entity? Yes</b>		Project #		
<b>Address:</b> 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120, Reno Nevada 89511		Grant Amount:		
<b>Project Name:</b> 2022 wildfire habitat restoration projects and treatment effectiveness monitoring <b>Is this proposal being submitted as an Emergency funding request? (Circle one) No</b>				
<b>Amount requested:</b> \$250,000		<b>Website:</b> www.ndow.org		
<b>Project start date (mm/yyyy):</b> 07/2022		<b>Projected completion date (mm/yyyy):</b> 02/2022		
<b>This funding will be used to (complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences):</b> This funding will be used to supplement seed mixes agencies put on high priority wildlife habitat burned in 2018-2022 wildfires and to provide support for effectiveness monitoring.				
<b>Key People:</b>	<b>Director:</b>	Tony Wasley		
	<b>Board Chair:</b>			
	<b>Project Contact:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	Mark Freese	
		<b>Position:</b>	Wildlife Staff Specialist	
		<b>Phone:</b>	775-688-1542	
		<b>Fax:</b>		
<b>Email:</b>		markfreese@ndow.org		
<b>Organization Mission:</b> The NDOW manages, protects, and restores Nevada's wildlife and its habitat, and promotes safe boating on Nevada waters.				
<b>Project is on (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private land.</b>				
<b>Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</b> <b>If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</b> <b>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.</b>				
<b>Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund?</b> <b>Yes</b> (use additional pages to list ALL funded projects) <b>(See Attachment A)</b>	<b>Date awarded:</b>			
	<b>Project # &amp; title:</b>			
	<b>Amount of Award:</b>			
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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?

The monies from this funding request will be used to purchase seeds, apply seed and conduct other seed bed preparation for the rehabilitation of fires occurring 2018-2022 across high priority wildlife habitats, including sage grouse and mule deer habitat in the state of Nevada. The seeding and other activities will augment the amount and diversity of species that will be applied to key burned habitats on public and private lands across Nevada in fall and winter 2022/2023.

The primary goal is to work with Nevada Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service (FS), and other landowners/managers (e.g. private) to supplement fire rehabilitation efforts. NDOW is seeking funds to provide assistance in two main ways. First, NDOW can add important species to seed mixes. Second, NDOW can seed and provide additional rehabilitation activities on areas other landowners/managers may not have received funding for including seed application by helicopter or fixed wing, seed bed preparations by herbicides and chaining where tree removal will enhance project outcomes. Associated with these treatment actions will be monitoring to evaluate success and develop adaptive management actions if necessary.
- 2. Project location.**

Funding from this request will be used on 2022 fires. Additionally, funds may be used to augment or continue rehabilitation on fires from 2018 to 2021 that impacted nearly 1,466,950 million acres collectively. Fires that burned or will burn in high quality sage grouse and mule deer habitat have been and will continue to be the highest priority for treatments. The activities proposed within this funding request could be applied anywhere within the state of Nevada that is high priority habitat.
- 3. Project description.** Include site map and aerial photos if applicable/possible. Maps and photos must fit on 8-1/2" x 11" paper and may be attached at the end of your proposal after the budget. NDOW routinely works with the BLM, FS, and private landowners to support or augment wildfire rehabilitation through the purchase and application of seed or herbicide. NDOW will work with our partners to prioritize any remaining treatments and this Dream Tag funding request will supplement federal and state funding.
- 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.

All national environmental policy act (NEPA) activities fall under BLM's (or Forest Service) emergency stabilization and rehabilitation (ES&R) program. For the 2018 -2021 fires, all necessary compliance with NEPA has been completed. Once the 2022 fires have been controlled and extinguished, the federal agency will undertake NEPA to allow post-fire seeding and other rehabilitation activities.

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5. If **future phases** of the project will be needed, identify anticipated sources of funding.  
If future phases of the project will be needed, NDOW will continue to support and pursue funding to support these activities. Originally, there were few multi-year restoration activities, however recent experience in chemical fallowing and other herbicide application techniques have shown substantial benefit. There will be continuing work on the highest priority burned areas back to 2018 fires. Where high quality habitat is burned in 2022, rehabilitation activities will be planned, permitted and undertaken as funding is available.
  
6. **Principals involved** in leading or coordinating the project or activity.  
Mark Freese, Habitat Staff Specialist  
Lee Davis, Habitat Staff Specialist  
Caleb McAdoo, Supervising Habitat Biologist Eastern Region  
Katie Andrie, Supervising Habitat Biologist Western Region  
Brad Hardenbrook, Supervising Habitat Biologist Southern Region  
Alan Jenne, Habitat Division Chief
  
7. Number of **staff positions involved** in project: Fulltime\_\_\_\_\_Part-time\_\_\_\_\_ (“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)  
Regional Supervising Habitat Biologists will be the NDOW staff dedicated to facilitating the purchase of seed and seedbed preparation within the statewide rehabilitation efforts. Other NDOW personnel will be involved in the application of the seed through either aerial or drill seeding efforts. No salary money is being requested through this Dream Tag proposal as all NDOW salaries are generated by other sources. All Dream Tag funding will be used for on-the-ground rehabilitation efforts with up to 15% being used for post treatment monitoring.
  
8. Number of **volunteers involved** in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.  
The number of volunteers that may be involved in fire rehabilitation efforts is unknown at this time as NDOW frequently seeks out volunteer assistance when laborious activities such as planting rooted plants or collecting seed are necessary.
  
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.<sup>2</sup>*
  - May – October 2022 – Coordinate with land management agencies and private landowners on fire suppression and fire rehabilitation plans, including post fire field assessments.
  - September 2022 - February 2023 – Seed and herbicide purchase will occur in late summer to early fall with herbicide seedbed preparation occurring in early fall. Seed application through aerial broadcasting or drilling will begin early fall and carry through to late winter with most application wrapping up by the end of February. Some rooted plantings may occur in late winter to early spring depending on need and site availability.
  - September 2022 - August 2025 - Monitoring crews will collect pre and post treatment data based upon schedules determined by the restoration efforts at individual fires. It is difficult to predict precise timing and locations for the monitoring.
  
10. **Success.** Tell the committee how we will know you succeeded in what you proposed to do.  
Project goals, objectives and success vs. failure determinations may vary depending upon site constraints (e.g. ecological site potential) and prescription (e.g. herbicide vs. seeding, simple seed mix vs. diverse seed mix). Below are examples of a few measurable objectives that could be used

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to measure success.

- Seeding: A minimum of three seeded perennial grasses per square meter rooted firmly in the soil, with consideration to seeding rate, site selection factors such as soils, topography, native release of desirable species, and the potential for seedling establishment.
- Seeding: A minimum of one seeded shrub per three square meters, with consideration to seeding rate, site selection factors such as soils, topography, native release of desirable species, and the potential for seedling establishment.
- Herbicide: One or zero surviving cheatgrass or medusahead plants that produce seed per square foot.
- Shrub planting: Planted shrubs (e.g. sagebrush or bitterbrush) survival is greater than 50% during the fall of the first growing season.
- Private and public lands may be monitored through the establishment of vegetation sampling (e.g. line-point intersect, density quadrats, belt transects, etc).
- Private and public lands may be monitored through the establishment of long-term photo points to track community establishment through time.

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.

For fire restoration on the 2017 -2021 wildfires, NDOW secured nearly \$9,500,000 from Pittman-Robertson Restoration Grant funding, NDOW funding sources (e.g. heritage, IDF), Federal Agreements, and NGO donations committed for fire rehabilitation. It should also be noted that the land management agencies will also be providing the majority of the fire rehabilitation funds and that this proposal simply captures the NDOW related partnerships, expenditures and efforts.

NDOW assumes that funding will come from the same variety of sources as in previous years however, precise amounts are not known at this date.

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*

Grants from the Dream Tags Charitable Fund are paid on a reimbursable basis for actual expenditures only. Craft your budget in such a way that requests for reimbursement correspond to the original budget.

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<sup>2</sup> Funding will not be provided for work performed prior to grant approval.

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### Grant Match

<b>Match amount to be provided:</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>				
<b>Match details:</b>	<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: 20%;">Cash</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>\$1,500,000</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>In-kind</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>\$</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>Note: Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.</p>	Cash	<b>\$1,500,000</b>	In-kind	<b>\$</b>
	Cash	<b>\$1,500,000</b>			
	In-kind	<b>\$</b>			
<p>For the cash portion of your match, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project? Yes ___ No <u>X</u></p>					
<b>Description of matching funds/in-kind donations:</b>	<p>Matching funds will be comprised of a combination of funds including but not limited to federal grant dollars, federal partner dollars provided to NDOW through agreements, numerous NDOW generated funding sources (e.g. Habitat Conservation Fee), and non-governmental organization donations.</p>				

### 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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### SAMPLE BUDGET TEMPLATE

Budget Item Description*	ORIGINAL PROJECT BUDGET				REIMBURSEMENT REPORT	
	DT \$	Other Funding Name**	Match \$	Total	Expenditures to date DT	Expenditures to date (other sources)
Design/Engineering	\$xx,xxx	Agency X	-	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx	
Permitting	\$xx,xxx	Agency X	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx		\$x,xxx
Labor--paid	\$x,xxx	Agency X	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	
Labor—volunteer***		Own people	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx	\$x,xxx	
Construction	\$xx,xxx	Agency Y	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx		
Materials – seed and herbicide	\$100,000	Agency Y	\$1,000,000	\$1,100,000		
Contracting for seed application and additional restoration activities	\$150,000	Agency Y	\$500,000	\$650,000		
Overhead (max. 25%)	\$xx,xxx	Own agency	\$xx,xxx	\$xx,xxx		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>		<b>\$1,500,000</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>	<b>\$xx.xxx</b>	<b>\$x,xxx</b>

\*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.

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### Appendix A

#76: NDOW Smith Valley 2021

Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Organization Match: \$75,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#75: NDOW Douglas Canyon 2021

Grant Amount: \$40,000  
Organization Match: \$152,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#74: NDOW Whistler Mountain Pinyon Juniper Hand Thinning Project

Grant Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$60,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#73: NDOW Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement Project

Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$76,500  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#72: NDOW 2021 Emergency Fire Rehab

Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$2,000,000  
Proposal Date: July 2021

#68: NDOW Emergency Proposal- Southern Nevada Guzzler Fill

Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Proposal Date: September 2020

#67: NDOW Emergency Proposal- 2020 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring

Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$2,000,000  
Proposal Date: August 2020

#61: NDOW for White Pine County Conservation District Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon & Juniper Removal Project

Grant Amount: \$30,000  
Organization Match: \$10,000  
Proposal Date: February 2019

#58: NDOW Emergency Proposal for 2018 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects- add'l funding

Grant Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$2,106,000  
Proposal Date: February 2019

#58: NDOW Emergency Proposal for 2018 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects

Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$894,000  
Proposal Date: August 2018

#55: NDOW Acquisition of Replacement Helicopter for NDOW

Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$2,925,000

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Proposal Date: June 2018

#45: NDOW 2017 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects

Grant Amount: \$250,000  
Organization Match: \$450,000  
Proposal Date: August 2017

#42: NDOW Wildfire Habitat Restoration Emergency

Grant Amount: \$125,000  
Organization Match: \$450,000  
Proposal Date: December 2016

#41: NDOW Seeds for 2016 Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects

Requested Amount: \$100,000  
Organization Match: \$95,000  
Proposal Date: August 2016

#40: NDOW 2015 Emergency Fire Rehabilitation

Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW.  
Organization Match: \$100,000+  
Proposal Date: December 2015

#36: Mud and Upper and Lower Scott Springs Habitat Enhancement Project

Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Organization Match: \$138,191  
Proposal date: April 2015

#34: NDOW Smith Ranch Fire

Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$33,000  
Proposal Date: September 2014

#33: NDOW Seed Proposal Complete

Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$300,000  
Proposal Date: September 2014

#28: Nevada Department of Wildlife

Grant Amount: \$25,000  
Organization Match: \$193,500  
Proposal Date: January 2014

#27: Nevada Department of Wildlife

Grant Amount: \$150,000  
Organization Match: \$250,000  
Funding Date: August 2013

#11: NDOW Rock Spring Habitat Improvement

Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$151,400  
Funding Date: September 2012

#8: NDOW Paradise Valley Medusahead Treatment

Grant Amount: \$4,500



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Organization Match: \$205,000  
Funding Date: September 2012

#7: NDOW Overland Big Pass habitat improvement

Grant Amount: \$12,500  
Organization Match: \$660,000  
Funding Date: September 2012

#4: NDOW Eureka County Habitat Project

Grant Amount: \$12,000  
Organization Match: \$145,296  
Funding Date: September 2012

#3: NDOW Duck Creek Habitat Improvement

Grant Amount: Project cancelled by NDOW  
Organization Match: \$186,000  
Funding Date: September 2012

#2: NDOW 2012 Wildfire Restoration

Grant Amount: \$50,000  
Organization Match: \$650,000  
Funding Date: September 2012





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February 4, 2022

Dash Hibbard  
Stewardship Manager  
Walk Basin Conservancy

Re: Establishment of Shrub Seed Orchard

Dear Mr. Hibbard,

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) is pleased to support the proposal for the establishment of a shrub seed orchard managed by the Walker Basin Conservancy. Research and field trials have identified that locally adapted native shrub seed improves the reliability and likelihood of success of shrub establishment compared to using seed sold in the seed market and grown outside the Great Basin; however, locally grown seed is mostly unreliable and unavailable. This project will help fill the gap by increasing locally grown native shrub seed for use in wildfire rehabilitation and habitat restoration efforts across the state, specifically antelope bitterbrush, Wyoming big sagebrush, winterfat, and fourwing saltbush.

We support this effort as it will expand upon existing management tools by improving seed availability of locally adapted native shrub species that wildlife depends upon, and we are pleased to be a partner in this joint effort. Shrub orchards have several benefits over wildland collected seed that will make them more reliable for seed production because they are not reliant on the increasingly volatile climatic conditions that determine seed production of wildland stands and the availability of collection permits. Also, shrub orchards do not face the same risk of being lost to wildfire as wildland collection sites. Furthermore, shrub orchards do not adversely affect the seed output of wildland populations, which can be burdened by repeated seed collection. Lastly, shrub orchards are more efficient sources of seed once established.

The NDOW has already dedicated more than \$5,000 to this effort and is in full support of the Walker Basin Conservancy's Dream Tag Fund proposal to initiate the development of a seed orchard program in Nevada that can be used to improve habitats throughout Nevada. This project will also help guide future development of seed production capacity in Nevada. We look forward to providing support through technical advising, feedback and review, and development of the framework.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Wasley".

Tony Wasley  
Director  
Nevada Department of Wildlife

