

DT #125 Wildhorse Pronghorn Trap & Transplant

Dream Tags Charitable Fund- Spring 2026

Nevada Department of Wildlife

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Application Form

Grantee Requirements & Project Evaluation Criteria

GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for funding, grantees must adhere to the following requirements:

- Monies are to be used and/or disbursed exclusively for the charitable uses and purposes.
- The Dream Tags Fund shall be used exclusively to provide support for the preservation, protection, management or restoration of Nevada's big game and wildlife habitat
- The Charitable Beneficiaries may include 501(c)(3) organizations and governmental entities. Any grants to governmental entities must be made exclusively for public benefit purposes.
- All grantees will be required to sign a grant agreement stipulating their agreement with all of the terms, conditions, and reporting requirements.
- To maintain eligibility to receive grant funds, each Charitable Beneficiary must comply at all times with the following requirements:
 1. Charitable Beneficiaries must be exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
 2. Charitable Beneficiaries shall use all Fund distributions toward projects that are appropriate and legal public expenditures;
 3. Charitable Beneficiaries must provide financial details and/or reports of their organizations upon request;
 4. Charitable Beneficiaries must not use any Fund distributions for political contributions or political advocacy;
 5. Charitable Beneficiaries must implement the projects, activities, and/or programs for which they received Fund distributions as agreed upon in the grant acceptance agreement, or must return all such distributions to the Community Foundation forthwith;
 6. Charitable Beneficiaries must provide the Community Foundation with quarterly reports detailing the activities of their projects and/or programs; and
 7. Charitable Beneficiaries must sign an agreement regarding their compliance with the qualifications hereof.

PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each proposal will be evaluated on criteria that include but are not limited to:

- Measurable outcomes in accordance with the exclusive goal of the Dream Tags Charitable Fund.
- Monitoring and reporting to learn from the project and track project accomplishments.
- Closeness of project focus to areas of funding emphasis (on-the-ground habitat improvements).
- Readiness of sponsoring organization to undertake and complete project.
- Opportunities to partner with others to leverage funds and accomplish larger outcomes.
- Consistency with established Dream Tags Charitable Fund operations (timeline, match, etc.).
- Impact on preservation, protection, management, or restoration of Nevada's big game and wildlife habitat
- Absence of negative or unintended consequences.
- Solutions to known problems as identified through past research and monitoring.

Organization Information

Organization Name*

Nevada Department of Wildlife

Organization Type*

Governmental Entity

EIN

If the organization is a 501c3, please include the EIN#.

88-6000022

Director of Organization*

Alan Jenne

Project Contact Name*

Travis Allen

Project Contact Postion/Title*

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Organization Mission*

To protect, conserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitats for its aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of Nevada.

Project Information

Project Name*

Name of Project.

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Amount Requested*

\$100,000.00

Project Start Date*

07/01/2026

Project End Date*

06/30/2027

This funding will be used to:*

Complete this sentence with a max of 2 sentences.

A total of \$100,000 is requested to support the capture, translocation, and post-release monitoring of pronghorn from high-density source areas in northern Nevada. Funding will be used for capture operations (including helicopter and/or ground-based methods), animal handling and transport, purchase and deployment of GPS tracking devices, and biological sampling necessary to evaluate survival, movement, and translocation success.

This project is on:*

Check all that apply

Public land

Private land

Are government permits or decision documents needed for the project?*

No

If so, are those permits and decision documents already secured?

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.

Previous Funding from Dream Tags Charitable Fund

Has your organization received other grants from the Dream Tags Fund?*

Yes

If yes, please include the following information for all previously funded projects:

- *Date awarded*
- *Project # and Title*
- *Amount of award*

Please attach additional pages as needed to list ALL previously funded projects.

See attached

Description of Project Under Consideration

Indicate the description that best fits the project you are proposing*

Mark no more than three categories.

- B. Embrace unique opportunities for advancing the mission of wildlife conservation in NV
- C. Address emergent needs

Narrative Requirements

1.) How do the specific project goals and measurable outcomes tie to the project description?*

All projects are required to have measurable outcomes.

The proposed pronghorn translocation project is designed to address population imbalance, inject genetic diversity, and reduce human-wildlife conflict by relocating individuals from high-density source areas to suitable but underutilized habitats. Each project goal is directly tied to measurable biological, spatial, and management outcomes that will be evaluated through post-release monitoring and spatial analyses.

1) Improved population distribution and habitat utilization:

Measured by: Changes in seasonal distribution, home range size, and habitat use patterns derived from GPS collar data compared to pre-translocation conditions.

Tie to project: Translocation directly redistributes individuals into suitable but underutilized habitats.

2) Documented movement patterns, survival, and habitat selection of translocated pronghorn

Measured by: GPS collar datasets, survival estimates, seasonal movements, and habitat selection.

Tie to project: Post-release monitoring quantifies how translocated individuals respond to new landscapes.

- 3) Increased genetic diversity in recipient populations
Tie to project: Introducing individuals from distinct source populations increases gene flow.
- 4) Assessment of disease presence and health risks (possible)
Measured by: Disease screening results and health assessments conducted during capture and release.
Tie to project: Capture and handling provide a unique opportunity to evaluate disease risk prior to integration.
- 5) Actionable spatial data to support land-use and habitat management decisions
Measured by: GIS products and analyses identifying pronghorn use areas relative to mineral or renewable development, urbanization, wildfire restoration areas, and conifer encroachment.
Tie to project: Fine-scale movement data enables integration of wildlife needs into land-use planning.
- 6) Reduction in agricultural conflict in high-density source areas
Measured by: Reduced pronghorn presence on cultivated lands and decreased duration of crop use following translocation.
Tie to project: Removing individuals from areas exceeding local tolerance thresholds (>800 pronghorn) directly addresses conflict.

2.) Describe the project location.*

The capture portion of the project will occur in northern Elko County, Nevada, within the Saval Bench area of the Independence Mountains. This area supports high pronghorn densities and includes extensive irrigated agriculture, where seasonal concentrations of pronghorn have resulted in persistent crop depredation concerns.

The capture area is located on the northern portion of the Saval Bench and is bounded on the north by National Forest Development Road 473, on the west by the crest of the Independence Mountains, on the south by the First Majestic Jerritt Canyon Mine Road, and on the east by State Route 225. The area encompasses several large agricultural operations, with capture activities occurring primarily on and adjacent to the PX Ranch.

3.) Project Description*

Include site map and aerial photos if applicable/possible as an attachment.

Pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) are a native ungulate widely distributed across Nevada's open rangelands, where seasonal movements and access to high-quality forage are critical to population health and resilience. While several pronghorn herds in Nevada have experienced reduced productivity following recent drought and severe winter conditions, other herds have rebounded strongly under favorable moisture regimes, resulting in localized population concentrations, uneven distribution, and increased conflict with agricultural operations. These contrasting conditions present an opportunity to strategically redistribute animals to improve statewide population balance, genetic connectivity, and habitat utilization.

This project proposes the capture and translocation of up to 200 pronghorn from high-density source populations in northern Nevada where private land use and agricultural conflict exceed local tolerance thresholds. Capture methods have not yet been finalized and will be selected based on site conditions, animal behavior, weather, and operational safety considerations. Capture techniques may include helicopter-based net-gunning and/or ground-based corral trapping methods, consistent with established wildlife handling

protocols and best management practices. The project will also deploy GPS radio collars on approximately 30, or more, translocated individuals to evaluate post-release survival, movement patterns, habitat selection, and seasonal distribution. Comprehensive disease screening and basic health assessments will be conducted during capture to reduce risk to recipient populations and inform future translocation efforts.

Source populations targeted for capture currently exhibit strong population growth and high pronghorn densities. Recent survey data indicate that the source unit group now supports over 2,500 pronghorn, exceeding previous population highs. Mild winters, improved access to productive summer and transition ranges, and several consecutive favorable water years (with the exception of a drier late 2025) have supported sustained body condition and recruitment. In some areas, pronghorn have remained farther north and in closer association with cultivated lands later into winter than historically observed, resulting in persistent crop depredation concerns. These conditions indicate that removal of a limited number of individuals for translocation can be accomplished without negatively affecting source population viability while providing meaningful management benefits elsewhere.

Post-release monitoring will generate fine-scale spatial data to evaluate movement behavior, habitat use, and distribution of translocated pronghorn across seasons. These data will be used to assess habitat connectivity, identify barriers to movement such as roads, fences, and mineral development infrastructure, and evaluate responses to landscape features including wildfire restoration areas, conifer encroachment, and prior habitat treatments. Survival estimates and movement metrics will allow managers to assess translocation success and refine future capture and release strategies.

In addition to biological outcomes, the project will produce actionable spatial and demographic information to support land-use planning and wildlife management decisions. GPS collar data will help inform mitigation measures related to mineral extraction, renewable development, urban development, and habitat restoration planning, while redistribution of animals from high-conflict areas is expected to reduce pronghorn use of cultivated lands and associated agricultural conflicts.

This project is consistent with Nevada Department of Wildlife priorities and is included under the approved Big Game Trap and Translocation Plan. By leveraging existing population surpluses, cooperative landowner access, and targeted monitoring, the proposed effort will improve pronghorn distribution, enhance genetic connectivity, reduce localized conflicts, and provide critical data to guide long-term management of pronghorn populations across Nevada.

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.

No permitting necessary for the project.

5.) If future phases of the project will be needed, identify anticipated sources of funding.*

All funds for the project are being sought in 2026 to be able to complete the trap and translocation effort, along with all associated veterinarian and collaring needs, required through 2027. However, if acquired funding is not sufficient or desired scale of project increases, Heritage, Habitat Conservation Fee, Habitat Research and Management, NDOW Pittman Robertson, and/or additional Dream Tag funds would be pursued.

6.) Identify the principals involved in leading or coordinating the project or activity.*

Travis Allen, Area 6 Game Biologist,
 Scott Roberts, Eastern Region Game Supervisor
 Cody Schroeder, Mule Deer Staff Specialist

7.) Number of staff positions involved in project.*

Identify how many staff will be full-time and how many will be 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.

part-time

8.) Number of volunteers involved in project and an estimated number of volunteer hours.*

~30 volunteers, (possible 2 day effort), with an average of 10 hours per day each for a total of = 300-600hrs

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.

***Note: Funding will not be provided for work performed prior to grant approval.*

(Feb – June 2026): Site selection, logistics planning, procurement of equipment, coordination with stakeholders, and pre-capture reconnaissance.

(Fall 2026 – Winter 2027): Capture, collaring, disease sampling, and translocation. Capture timing will depend heavily on pronghorn distribution and capture strategy logistics.

(Post Translocation – ~2030): Continued data analysis and final report.

10.) What factors will indicate a successful project?*

Project success will be indicated by the successful capture and translocation of pronghorn, post-release survival and use of suitable habitats in recipient areas, reduced animal concentrations in source areas, and the collection of GPS movement and health data sufficient to evaluate translocation effectiveness and inform future management decisions.

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.

If Volunteer Labor is used, it must be documented and valued at a maximum of \$35.00 per hour.

Total grant match to be provided.*

Total Match = Cash + In-Kind

\$110,500.00

Cash

\$100,000.00

For the cash portion, is the funding already being held by the applicant for this project?

No

In-kind

***Note: Provide an itemized breakdown of volunteer match in your budget with rationale.*

\$10,500.00

Description of matching funds/in-kind donations.*

The Nevada Department of Wildlife will provide the required non-federal match through a combination of anticipated grant funding and in-kind services. NDOW will actively pursuing a variety of additional funding sources to include approximately \$50,000 in funding from the Heritage Account and \$50,000 from the Habitat Research and Management Account to support capture operations, animal handling, and monitoring associated with this project. The scope of this project is scalable, with the number of pronghorn translocated and/or collared increasing as additional funding is secured. Accordingly, the budget is intentionally flexible to accommodate varying levels of available funding while maintaining core project objectives.

This project will be supported by a contribution of volunteer labor, representing an in-kind donation of services, with a work-force of approximately 30 volunteers who will participate in a 1 or 2-day effort.

The in-kind contribution is calculated as follows:

Volunteer Pool: ~30 individuals

Duration: 1-2 Days

Daily Commitment: Average of 10 hours per person/day

This results in an estimated aggregate of 300 to 600 volunteer hours dedicated directly to project execution, at 35\$ hour = \$10,500

Attachments

Project Budget*

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. **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. **Please contact Lauren Sgandurra, Director of Donor Services at CFNN, at laurens@nevadafund.org for a Sample Budget Template if needed.**

Wildhorse Pronghorn Trap and Transplant Budget.xlsx

Supplemental Attachments

Please upload any additional attachments here.

2026 Jan Dream Tag Project List.docx

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Wildhorse Pronghorn Trap and Transplant Budget.xlsx
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Treatment Type/Material	#	Cost/animal	Total Cost
Capture costs and translocation	100-200	\$1,000.00	\$200,000.00
Collar Costs	30	\$1,500.00	\$45,000.00
GPS Data Telemetry Fees			\$5,000.00
TOTAL			\$250,000.00

Funding/Match Sources	Status	Amount
Heritage Fund	Upcoming	\$50,000.00
HRM	Upcoming	\$50,000.00
In-kind Volunteer Match	Upcoming	\$10,500.00
Total Available		\$0.00
Total		\$110,500.00

Attachment A: List of Dream Tag projects previously awarded to NDOW

FY13	DT #7	Overland Pass/Big Wash Sage Grouse and Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project
FY15	DT #36	DT #36 Mud and Upper and Lower Scott Springs Habitat Enhancement Project
FY17	DT #41	Seeds for 2016 Wildfire Habitat Restoration \$100K
FY17	DT #42	2016 Wildfire Habitat Restoration \$125K
FY18	DT #45	2017 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Funds
FY19	DT #58	Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects
FY19	DT #61	Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon and Juniper Removal Project
FY21	DT #67	Emergency Proposal-2020 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring
FY21	DT #68	Emergency Proposal-Southern Nevada Guzzler Fill
FY22	DT #72	Emergency Fire Rehab
FY22	DT #73	Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement Project
FY22	DT #74	Whistler Mountain Pinyon Juniper Hand Thinning Project
FY22	DT #75	Douglas Canyon 2021
FY22	DT # 76	DT # 76 Smith Valley 2021
FY22	DT #80	2022 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring
FY22	DT #81	Dry Valley Rim and Parsnip Fire Seeding Project
FY23	DT #84	Pole Canyon Ranch Conservation Easement
FY23	DT #86	FY24 Wildcat Fire Mule Deer Migration Corridor Bitterbrush Planting
FY23	DT # 87	DT # 87 2023 Wildfire Habitat Restoration Projects and Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring
FY23	DT # 88	DT # 88 Waking Spring Project
FY23	DT #89	Pole Canyon Easement Access (Fence)
FY23	DT #90	Parrado Purchase
FY24	DT # 91	South Schells Land Acquisition
FY24	DT # 97	Sheep Creek Habitat Improvement Project
FY24	DT # 92	2024 Wildfire Habitat Restoration & Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring
FY24	DT # 95	Granite Range Mule Deer Habitat Restoration
FY25	DT # 102	Management Area 7 Fence Removal and Modification in Mule Deer Migration Corridors
FY25	DT # 104	North Pequop Mountains & Murdock Mountain Habitat Enhancement
FY25	DT # 107	Area 7 Mule Deer Winter Range Habitat Restoration
FY25	DT # 109	Northwestern Nevada Large-Scale Rangeland Restoration
FY25	DT # 110	Management Area 10 Fence Modification and Removal in Mule Deer Migration Corridors

FY25	DT # 112	Sheep Creek Range Restoration, Phase 2 - Facilitating Succession for Mule Deer Survival
FY25	DT # 113	Eastern Nevada Antelope Collaring Project
FY25	DT # 115	Emergency Proposal - 2025 Drought Management of Water Developments and Bighorn Sheep