

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

Agenda Item No. 5.A

Agenda Item: FY24 Shooting Range Grant Funding Recommendations for Commission Approval

Bureau Chief Approval: AW

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Background: The Range Grant Citizen Advisory Committee received applications from 14 shooting ranges throughout Idaho for consideration in the FY2024 grant cycle.

The Pittman-Robertson (PR) funding available for FY24 is \$455,000. Fines and forfeiture funding is estimated at \$150,478 and there is \$22,327 in unallocated funds from previous years that are available for FY24, making the total funds available for the year \$627,805.

This year the department set aside 10% of the funding as a contingency to help manage project overages, which have become more frequent in the current construction environment. The department also contracted with a program coordinator who has construction expertise to handle the many day-to-day technical questions from the clubs. The contingency set-aside and the coordinator expense reduce the total funds available to \$538,025.

The committee recommended funding for 23 projects from 13 of the 14 ranges that applied for grants, for a total of \$519,605. The projects come from across Idaho, with six regions receiving at least one recommendation. The committee also proposed the remaining \$18,420 be added to the contingency fund for potential overages.

Director Fredericks reviewed the committee's recommendations and chose to advance all of them as presented for consideration by the Commission. Table 1 is the Director's full list of recommendations to the Commission for the FY24 Range Grant cycle.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: House Bill 396 created authority and policy for the Commission to implement in concert with the Director. Specifically, the Commission is charged with approving Range Grant funding to applicants each year.

Public Involvement Process: The Committee held four public meetings on Jan. 24, Feb. 13, Feb 28, and March 7. All meetings were publicly noticed and open to the public to attend either in-person or via Zoom but were lightly attended.

Staff Recommendation: Proceed with approving funding for FY24 range grant recommendations.

Justification: Implementation of House Bill 396 is necessary to comply with new law.

Recommended Motion: I move the Commission approves the Director's Range Grant Funding Recommendations in Table 1 and the Director retains discretion for assigning the grant funding source.

Range Grant Advisory Committee FY24 Recommendations

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Recommended Projects	\$ 519,605
FY24 Funds Available (net)	\$ 538,025

Recommended Projects

Applicant	REGION	Project	Recommended Grant
Bear River Riflemen, Inc.	5	Build 3-10'x12' covered shooting shed/shelters. Removable covers.	\$ 10,000
Boise Gun Club	3	Install Sporting Clay range. Purchase 16 solar powered trap machines and carts (\$49,263.77). Purchase batteries, gun racks, road base and security cameras (\$25,616.88)	\$ 74,781
Boise Gun Club	3	Continue upgrading and moving the existing RV electrical and water system from the previous years awarded grant. This includes the increase of supplies and labor.	\$ 60,000
Boy Scouts of America Inland NW Council	1	Gravel and excavation.	\$ 2,100
Boy Scouts of America Inland NW Council	1	Fencing and cement	\$ 3,238
Boy Scouts of America Inland NW Council	1	Flagpole and Flag	\$ 325
Caldwell Gun Club	3	Replace "Pat-Traps" with new machines	\$ 18,670
Caldwell Gun Club	3	Move and update existing RV hookups	\$ 31,123
Cedar Hills Gun Club	5	Skeet Range Establishment	\$ 145,000
City of Greenleaf	3	Purchase HESCO barriers for side berms of new range	\$ 52,000
City of Greenleaf	3	Construct shooting range cover	\$ 12,500
City of Rupert Gun Range	4	ADA Parking Pad and sidewalks to ranges 3,4.	\$ 12,250
Glenns Ferry Frontsite	4	Archery Field Course	\$ 10,000
Grangeville Gun Club	2	Shooting Vests	\$ 1,500
Grangeville Gun Club	2	Traphouse roof modify. Remove concrete roof and add a metal type roof.	\$ 1,900
Grangeville Gun Club	2	Extend ADA sidewalk between trap houses	\$ 13,510

Jerome County Range	4	Preliminary engineering evaluation and range design	\$ 4,500
Jerome Rod and Gun	4	114 Concrete blocks to the 50 yard range for enhanced safety between ranges	\$ 9,000
Lewis Clark Wildlife Club	2	ADA compliant automatic door openers	\$ 9,144
Lewis Clark Wildlife Club	2	Entrance security fencing and gate(s)	\$ 6,070
Lewis Clark Wildlife Club	2	Epoxy 512 sq ft of clubhouse concrete floor.	\$ 12,000
Unified Sportsmen's Club	6	Purchase and install new storage container, purchase new trusses and roof between the existing storage containers and new container with garage and man doors to reduce theft and to secure targets and materials.	\$ 20,983
Unified Sportsmen's Club	6	New steel targets	\$ 9,011
Recommended Total			\$ 519,605