

Natural Resources Assistance Council
DISTRICT 12 – LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO



Application Information Sheet

Program Eligibility

Any local political subdivision or any non-profit organization within District 12 (Lucas County) may apply for grant monies to be used for open space preservation. Said non-profit organizations are defined as those exempt from federal income taxation and have one of their designated activities directly related to the purposes for which grants may be issued under O.R.C. Sections 164.20 to 164.27.

Open Space projects must include acquisition of land or land rights. The land acquisition can be used for parks, forests, wetlands, natural areas that protect rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal populations, and corridors connecting these areas. Related development of the acquired land could include construction, management, maintenance and/or enhancement of facilities for public accessibility.

Riparian Corridor projects must protect or enhance streams, rivers, bodies of water, or watersheds, and can include acquisition of land.

Grant Funding Limitations

District 12 has \$1,709,612.00 in round 2 funding. Projects and funding requests may be phased over multiple funding rounds. A 25% minimum local match is required from the applicant.

Program Duration

The program established by House Bill 3 created funding for four (4) years (rounds).

Application Procurement and Submittals

All applications for round two (2) should be submitted to the District 12 Natural Resources Assistance Council in care of: Scott B. Bernhard, District N.R.A.C. Liaison
One Government Center, Suite 870
Toledo, Ohio 43604-2258

Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm (local time) on May 16, 2003.

Award Notification

All successful applicants will be notified of the grant approval by June 30, 2003.

Administrative Expenses

All successful applicants will be requested to voluntarily provide 1% of the grant amount (not to be paid from grant funds) to cover administrative expenses of the District Council.

Submission Requirements (in application form)

An entity seeking a grant for a project that is eligible for funding under section 164.22 of the Ohio Revised Code in District 12 shall submit with the application the following:

- (1) A copy of a resolution supporting the project from the County, Municipal Corporation, or Township in which the proposed project is to be located, or an affidavit as required in O.R.C. Section 164.23 (C) (2);
- (2) Documentation that demonstrates that the applicant has the capacity, financial or otherwise, to complete the project for which the grant is sought and to provide any necessary ongoing maintenance of the project;
- (3) Documentation that indicates compliance with division (A) of section 164.26 of the Ohio Revised Code related to the long term ownership or control of the property that is the subject of the grant application.

Submission Requirements (per District Council)

- (1) Upon receipt of the application, the NRAC may request additional information concerning the proposed project to which the application and information apply. Upon receiving such a request, the entity proposing the project shall provide the additional information requested as soon as possible.
- (2) All applications should include the Project location identified on a U.S.G.S. 7.5' Topographic Quadrangle map.
- (3) Twelve (12) copies of each individual application form.

Application Instructions

Please read carefully the application package and all attached information prior to starting completion of the application form. NOTE: The wrapped package provided by the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund contains three (3) separate sections. The first section is detailed instructions on answering each application question along with the question itself. The second section contains the actual application form, which should be copied several times before starting the answering process. The third section contains the glossary established by the Ohio Public Works Commission, which defines the terms contained in the application materials.

This information sheet highlights items that may be overlooked or that are of significance to the Council. Also included is the application Scoring Methodology which will be applied by the Council to determine those projects which will be recommended for funding. This Methodology is for your reference only and should not be submitted with your application. *** PLEASE NOTE*** Points will only be awarded if the application contains specific information demonstrating how they qualify to receive those points.

If you have questions regarding the program or application process, please contact the District N.R.A.C. Liaison, Scott Bernhard, at (419) 213-4547. A program workshop will be held at Metroparks Hall at Wildwood Metropark at 3:00 PM on March 16, 2003.

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