

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Laws of Minnesota 2016 Accomplishment Plan



Date: October 14, 2015

Program or Project Title: Contract Management 2016

Funds Recommended: \$ 150,000

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Legislative Citation:

Appropriation Language:

County Locations: Not Listed

Regions in which work will take place:

- Metro / Urban

Activity types:

- Contract Management

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Not Listed

Abstract:

Provide continued contract management and customer service to OHF pass-through appropriation recipients. Ensure funds are expended in compliance with appropriation law, state statute, grants policies, and approved accomplishment plans.

Design and scope of work:

This appropriation will be used to provide continued contract management services to pass-through recipients of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars appropriated to the Commissioner of Natural Resources. The major components of contract management include: grant agreements and amendments, training, technical support, reporting, fiscal monitoring, reimbursement request review and processing, and grant close-out. The goal of the DNR Grants Unit is to provide grantees with one consistent point of contact for their agreements and excellent customer service.

Crops:

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **No**

How does the request address MN habitats that have: historical value to fish and wildlife, wildlife species of greatest conservation need, MN County Biological Survey data, and/or rare, threatened and endangered species inventories:

N/A

What is the nature of urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible:

Contract management provides oversight of reimbursement for project deliverables and meets the requirements of the Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management procedures as well as the recommendations of the Legislative Auditor.

Describe the science based planning and evaluation model used:

N/A

Which sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are applicable to this project:

- Not Listed

Which other plans are addressed in this proposal:

- Not Listed

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

Metro / Urban:

- Not Listed

Relationship to other funds:

- Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund

The DNR Grants Unit provides contract management services for pass-through recipients of Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund dollars appropriated to the Commissioner of Natural Resources as well.

How does this proposal accelerate or supplement your current efforts in this area:

The DNR is currently the administrative agent for this program and is applying to continue to provide contract management services to pass-through grant recipients in FY17. This appropriation would fund contract management services billed using a professional services rate (rate for FY16 is \$59.00). Multiple staff with a variety of grant, financial, and/or audit responsibilities provide contract management services to OHF pass-through recipients.

Describe the source and amount of non-OHF money spent for this work in the past:

Not Listed

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

There are no other funds available for this program's service activity.

Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:

Not Listed

Activity Details:

If funded, this proposal will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056 - **Yes**

Contract Management

Contract management services provided are as follows:

1. Contract Management

- a. Prepare grant agreements and amendments.
- b. Contract related policy and procedure development.
- c. Process improvements that improve efficiency and ease for grantees while ensuring fiscal integrity.
- d. Contract management documentation, including file management.

2. Training and Communications

- a. Communicate regularly, informally and formally, with LSOHC staff and grant recipients (including website updates and newsletter).
- b. Train recipients on state grant requirements, including reporting procedures, proper documentation of expenses, and the Department of Administration’s grants management policies, to ensure grantees follow state law and grants management policies set forth by the state.
- c. Work with recipients to ensure grantees understand the state’s reimbursement procedures and requirements.
- d. Provide ongoing technical assistance/guidance to recipients.
- e. Participate in grants governance committees and meetings.
- f. Consultation with subject matter experts on land acquisition.

3. Reimbursement

- a. Review reimbursement requests to ensure claimed reimbursements include sufficient documentation and comply with state and session laws, the LSOHC approved accomplishment plan, and the Office of Grants Management (OGM) grants policies.
- b. Consult with grantees on documentation submitted.
- c. Arrange for prompt payment once grantee has submitted a completed reimbursement request and expenses have been determined eligible for reimbursement.

4. Fiscal and Close-out

- a. Encumber/Unencumber Funds.
- b. Detailed accounting by pass-through appropriation for each grant recipient.
- c. Electronically transfer funds for land acquisition.
- d. Execute Use of Funds Agreements.
- e. Financial reconciliation.
- f. Financial reporting.
- g. Contract management reporting (fund balance/expenditures).
- h. Examine records of recipients.
- i. Work with recipients to successfully close out grants.
- j. Work closely with and respond to requests from the Office of the Legislative Auditor.
- k. Grant monitoring in compliance with OGM policy.
- l. Provide/confirm information to assist with grantee audits.
- m. Process returned grant funds.

Accomplishment Timeline:

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Pass-through grant agreements prepared and provided to recipients	July 2016
Contract management for pass-through grant recipients	June 2018
Submit first biannual status report	January 2017
Submit second biannual status report	August 2017
Submit third biannual status report	January 2018
Submit final report	August 2018

Date of Final Report Submission: 8/31/2018

Federal Funding:

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - **No**

Outcomes:

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

- Ensures that OHF funds are spent appropriately and funds are reimbursed expediently so project work continues.

Budget Spreadsheet

Budget reallocations up to 10% do not require an amendment to the Accomplishment Plan

How will this program accommodate the reduced appropriation recommendation from the original proposed requested amount

Not applicable

Total Amount of Request: \$ 150000

Budget and Cash Leverage

Budget Name	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$0	\$0		\$0
Contracts	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0		\$0
Professional Services	\$150,000	\$0		\$150,000
Direct Support Services	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total	\$150,000	\$0		\$150,000

Amount of Request: \$150,000

Amount of Leverage: \$0

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 0.00%

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	0
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro Urban	ForestPrairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

0

Parcel List

For restoration and enhancement programs ONLY: Managers may add, delete, and substitute projects on this parcel list based upon need, readiness, cost, opportunity, and/or urgency so long as the substitute parcel/project forwards the constitutional objectives of this program in the Project Scope table of this accomplishment plan. The final accomplishment plan report will include the final parcel list.

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type protect.

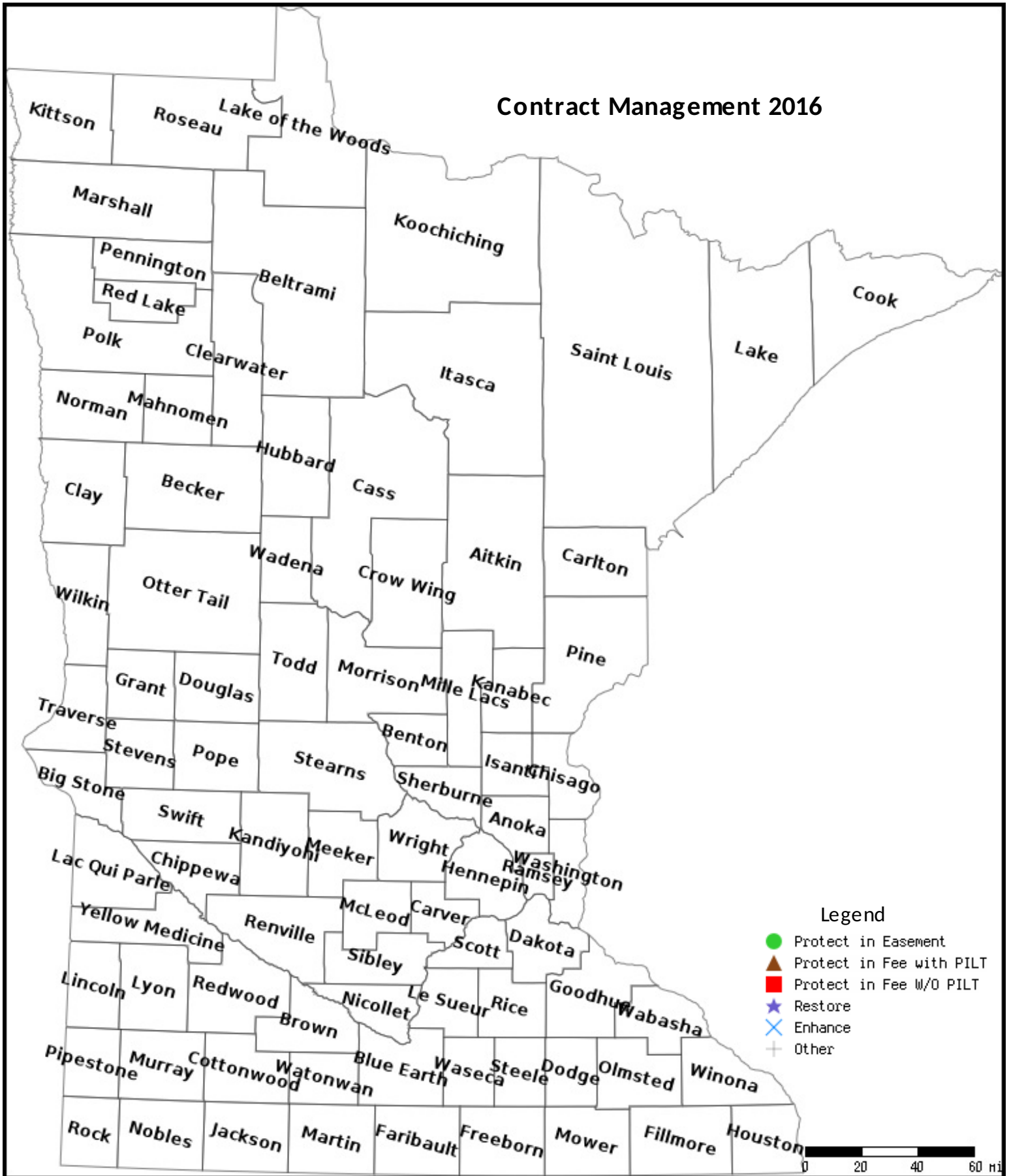
Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Parcel Map



Data Generated From Parcel List

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council Comparison Report

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Organization: MN DNR

Manager: Amanda Sroka

Budget

Requested Amount: \$150,000

Appropriated Amount: \$150,000

Percentage: 100.00%

Budget Item	Total Requested		Total Appropriated		Percentage of Request	
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