

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

ML 2023 Request for Funding Template and Instructions

General Information

Date: 04/05/2022

Proposal Title: Template / Directions for ML 2023

Funds Requested: \$46,200 (this amount is auto populated from the Budget Table)

For requests under \$500,000 see the MN DNR's Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program

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Location Information

County Location(s): , Blue Earth, Beltrami, Chippewa and Murray. (this is auto populated from the Parcel List)

Selections below for eco-regions, activities, and resources will trigger specific questions in the proposal.

Eco regions in which work will take place: (see map in the Call for Funding Request)

- Forest / Prairie Transition
- Northern Forest
- Southeast Forest
- Metro / Urban
- Prairie

Activity types:

- Enhance
- Protect in Fee
- Other: example: fish barriers
- Protect in Easement
- Restore

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Habitat
- Wetlands
- Prairie

Narrative (the CRITERIA indicted throughout refers to the hearing criteria on pg. 5 of Call for Funding Request)

Abstract

CRITERIA #1 - Provide a clear, concise summary of the proposed program's activities and outcomes. This should include Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. This is the most visible description of your program. The abstract will provide readers with an overview of program objectives and will be publicly visible on the LSOHC website and summary reports.

Design and Scope of Work

CRITERIA #1 - This section describes the problem to be addressed, the scope of work, how priorities were set, and the urgency and opportunity of the proposed project/program. Be sure that the narrative answers what specific habitat will be affected and how the actions will directly restore, enhance, and/or protect prairies, wetlands, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. Your narrative should also address the level of stakeholder involvement and partnership.

How does the proposal address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species?

CRITERIA #4 description entered here.

What is the degree of timing/opportunistic urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible?

CRITERIA #8 description entered here.

Describe how the proposal uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:

CRITERIA #3 description entered here.

Which two sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are most applicable to this project?

- H1 Protect priority land habitats
- H2 Protect critical shoreland of streams and lakes
- H3 Improve connectivity and access to recreation
- H4 Restore and protect shallow lakes
- H5 Restore land, wetlands and wetland-associated watersheds
- H6 Protect and restore critical in-water habitat of lakes and streams
- H7 Keep water on the landscape
- LU10 Support and expand sustainable practices on working forested lands
- LU6 Reduce Upland and gully erosion through soil conservation practices
- LU8 Protect large blocks of forest land

Which two other plans are addressed in this proposal?

- A Vision for Wildlife and Its Use -- Goals and Outcomes 2006-2012
- Driftless Area Restoration Effort
- Ducks Unlimited Living Lakes Initiative
- Grassland Bird Conservation Area
- Grassland Conservation Plan for Prairie Grouse
- Long Range Duck Recovery Plan
- Long Range Plan for Fisheries Management
- Long Range Plan for Muskellunge and Large Northern Pike Management Through 2020
- Long Range Plan for the Ring-Necked Pheasant in MN
- Long Range Plan for the Wild Turkey
- Lower St. Louis River Habitat Plan
- Managing Minnesota's Shallow Lakes for Waterfowl and Wildlife
- Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership
- Minnesota DNR AMA Acquisition Plan
- Minnesota DNR Nongame Wildlife Plans
- Minnesota DNR Scientific and Natural Area's Long Range Plan
- Minnesota DNR Strategic Conservation Agenda
- Minnesota Forest Resource Council Landscape Plans
- Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan
- Minnesota Sustainability Framework
- Minnesota's Wildlife Action Plan 2015-2025
- Minnesota's Wildlife Management Area Acquisition The Next 50 Years
- Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Plan
- Moose Advisory Committee Report to the Minnesota DNR
- National Audubon Society Top 20 Common Birds in Decline
- National Fish Habitat Action Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Northern Plains Prairie Potholes Regional Shorebird Conservation Plan
- Northern Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregion: A River and Stream Conservation Portfolio
- Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area (HPA) Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Other: Other plan gets entered here
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework
- Partners in Flight Conservation Plans for States and Physiographic Regions
- Partners in Flight Grassland Bird Plan
- Red River of the North Fisheries Management Plan
- Ruffed Grouse in Minnesota: A Long-Range Plan for Management
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Strategic Plan for Coldwater Resources Management in Southeastern Minnesota
- Superior National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan
- The Nature Conservancy's Superior Mixed Forest Ecoregional Plan
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Strategic Habitat Conservation Model
- U.S. Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Plan
- Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Projects Joint Ventures Plan
- Other: You can enter another plan that is not listed above here

Describe how your program will advance the indicators identified in the plans selected:

This program will advance the indicators by... explain activities here.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal? (select ONE in each area in which you are working, system will filter based on selections in general tab)

Forest / Prairie Transition

- Protect, enhance, and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success
- Protect, enhance, and restore rare native remnant prairie
- Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife
- Protected, restored, and enhanced habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need
- Protect from long term or permanent endangerment from invasive species

Metro / Urban

- Enhance and restore coldwater fisheries systems
- Protect habitat corridors, with emphasis on the Minnesota, Mississippi, and St. Croix rivers (bluff to floodplain)
- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna with an emphasis on areas with high biological diversity
- Protect, enhance, and restore riparian and littoral habitats on lakes to benefit game and nongame fish species
- Protect from long term or permanent endangerment from invasive species

Northern Forest

- Protect shoreland and restore or enhance critical habitat on wild rice lakes, shallow lakes, cold water lakes, streams and rivers, and spawning areas
- Provide access to manage habitat on landlocked public properties or protect forest land from parcelization and fragmentation through fee acquisition, conservation or access easement
- Restore and enhance habitat on existing protected properties, with preference to habitat for rare, endangered, or threatened species identified by the Minnesota County Biological Survey
- Restore forest-based wildlife habitat that has experienced substantial decline in area in recent decades
- Protect from long term permanent endangerment from invasive species

Prairie

- Protect expiring CRP lands
- Protect, enhance, and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success
- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant native prairie, Big Woods forests, and oak savanna
- Protect, enhance, or restore existing wetland/upland complexes, or convert agricultural lands to new wetland/upland habitat complexes
- Protect, restore, and enhance shallow lakes
- Restore or enhance habitat on public lands
- Protect from long term or permanent endangerment from invasive species

Southeast Forest

- Protect, enhance, and restore habitat for fish, game, and nongame wildlife in rivers, cold-water streams, and associated upland habitat
- Protect, enhance, and restore remnant goat prairies
- Restore forest-based wildlife habitat that has experienced substantial decline in area in recent decades
- Protect forest habitat though acquisition in fee or easement, to prevent parcelization and fragmentation and to provide the ability to access and manage landlocked public properties.
- Protect from long term or permanent endangerment from invasive species.

Describe how your program will produce and demonstrate a significant and permanent conservation legacy and/or outcomes for fish, game, and wildlife as indicated in the LSOHC priorities:

CRITERIA #2 description entered here.

What other funds that may contribute to this proposal?

- Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund
- Environmental and Natural Resource Trust Fund
- Clean Water Fund
- Parks and Trails Fund

Does this proposal include leveraged funding?

Yes/No

Explain the leverage:

CRITERIA # 9 - This box is to explain the leverage that is documented in the Budget Table.

Per MS 97A.056, Subd. 24, Please explain whether the request is supplanting or is a substitution for any previous funding that was not from a legacy fund and was used for the same purpose.

Explain any supplanting or substitution here.

Non-OHF Appropriations (other past money used for this work)

Year	Source	Amount
2020	Federal dollars	2500000
2019	ENRTF	1800000
2018	Local Tax Levy	500000

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

CRITERIA #7 description entered here.

Actions to Maintain Project Outcomes

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2018	Fund A	step 1 to maintain outcome - CRITERIA # 7	step 2 to maintain outcome	step 3 to maintain outcome
2019	Fund B	step 1 to maintain outcome	step 2 to maintain outcome	step 3 to maintain outcome
2020	Fund C	step 1 to maintain	step 2 to maintain	step 3 to maintain
		outcome	outcome	outcome

Identify indicator species and associated quantities this habitat will typically support:

CRITERIA #5 - Explain here game and non game indicator species that will benefit from the work outlined in this request.

Example 1: Mallards – Utilizing USFWS's thunderstorm models, we estimate the fee-title acquisition of 1,000 acres as outlined within the proposal can produce an additional 2,000 nesting pairs of mallards.

Example 2: Pheasants – The removal of trees and prescribed fire within the existing 20,000 acres of Wildlife Management Areas within the farmland zone of Minnesota as outlined in this proposal is estimated to produce an additional 10,000 pheasants annually.

Example 3: Monarch Butterfly – The conversion of 100 acres of cropland to restored native prairie (planting seed mix BWSR U3) as outlined within this proposal is estimated to grow an additional 500 new stems of milkweed which in turn is estimated to produce an additional 250 monarch butterflies.

Example 4: Brown Trout – The protection of 1,000 ft along the Outdoor Heritage Stream via conservation easement that protects the existing high quality stream habitat will protect an estimated 500 brown trout.

How will the program directly involve, engage, and benefit BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) and diverse communities:

Explain/Describe here: examples include outreach activities, partner and volunteer involvement, secondary educational or community opportunities of environmental or social significance.

Activity Details (questions here vary based on the activities selected in General Tab, this is a list of ALL possible questions)

Requirements

If funded, this proposal will meet all applicable criteria set forth in $\underline{\text{MS 97A.056}}$? Yes/No

Will county board or other local government approval <u>be formally sought**</u> prior to acquisition, per <u>97A.056 subd 13(j)</u>?

Yes/No

Describe any measures to inform local governments of land acquisition under their jurisdiction: If no, explain here.

Is the land you plan to acquire (fee title) free of any other permanent protection? Yes/No

Describe the permanent protection and justification for additional protection: If no, explain here.

Is the land you plan to acquire (easement) free of any other permanent protection? Yes/No

Describe the expected public use:

If no, explain here.

Will restoration and enhancement work follow best management practices including MS 84.973 Pollinator Habitat Program?

Yes/No

Explain why the work will not follow best management practices:

If no, explain here.

Is the restoration and enhancement activity on permanently protected land per <u>97A.056</u>, <u>Subd 13(f)</u>, tribal lands, and/or public waters per <u>MS 103G.005</u>, <u>Subd. 15</u>?

Yes/No

Where does the activity take place?

- WMA
- SNA
- Permanently Protected Conservation Easements
- Refuge Lands
- State Wilderness Areas
- State Forests
- WPA
- AMA
- County/Municipal
- Public Waters
- State Recreation Areas
- Other: example: State Park

Land Use

Will there be planting of any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program?

Yes/No

Explain what will be planted:

If yes, explain here.

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing?

Yes/No

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

If yes, explain here.

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion?

Yes/No

Describe any variation from the State of Minnesota regulations:

If yes, explain here.

Will the eased land be open for public use?

Yes/No

Describe the expected public use:

If yes, explain here.

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the proposed acquisitions?

Yes/No

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

If yes, explain here.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition?

Yes/No

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

If yes, explain here.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition?

Yes/No

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

If yes, explain here.

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished?

If yes, explain here.

Will the land that you acquire (fee or easement) be restored or enhanced within this proposal's funding and availability?

Yes/No

Explain how, when, and source of the R/E work:

If no, explain here.

Other OHF Appropriation Awards

Have you received OHF dollars in the past through LSOHC?

Yes/No (if yes, you will be required to complete a table showing past OHF appropriations)

Approp Year	Approp Amount Received	Amount Spent to Date	Leverage Reported in AP	Leverage Realized to Date	Acres Affected in AP	Acres Affected to Date	Complete/Final Report Approved?
2018	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$50,000	\$45,000	150	175	Yes
2019	\$15,000,000	\$750,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	350	280	No

Timeline

(click "add new activity" to create a timeline of your program's MAJOR activities and estimated completion dates)

Activity Name	Estimated Completion Date
Activity 1 - example seek willing landowners and obtain	June 2023
purchase agreements	
Activity 2 - close on acquisitions	-
Activity 3 - start restoration of purchased lands	-
Activity 4 - design, engineering, and permitting complete	-
Activity 5 - convey lands to final management organization	June 2027

Budget

CRITERIA #10 - Enter budget data in round numbers without comas. Numbers will be rounded to the nearest 100 and decimal places are not accepted. Copying from an excel spreadsheet is not supported.

If multiple organizations are working together on a program and have different budgets for their specific activity, and each organization will manage their portion of funding and submit separate reimbursements, check the partnership box on the top left side of the budget tab. Each budget will be completed separately and then automatically combined into one overall MAIN program budget. Once a partnership budgets have been created, you may delete the DEFAULT partner in the dropdown menu. Budget Term description listed here

Totals

Item	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$30,000	\$15,000	-	\$45,000
Contracts	\$100	-	-	\$100
Fee Acquisition w/	\$100	\$100	Federal dollars	\$200
PILT				
Fee Acquisition w/o	\$100	-	-	\$100
PILT				
Easement Acquisition	\$100	-	-	\$100
Easement	\$100	-	-	\$100
Stewardship				
Travel	\$100	-	-	\$100
Professional Services	\$100	-	-	\$100
Direct Support	\$100	-	-	\$100
Services				
DNR Land Acquisition	\$100	-	-	\$100
Costs				
Capital Equipment	\$15,000	\$5,000	-	\$20,000
Other	\$100	-	-	\$100
Equipment/Tools				
Supplies/Materials	\$100	-	-	\$100
DNR IDP	\$100	-	-	\$100
Grand Total	\$46,200	\$20,100	-	\$66,300

Personnel

Position	Annual FTE	Years	Funding	Antic.	Leverage Source	Total
		Working	Request	Leverage		
engineering	1.0	3.0	10000	\$5,000	federal funds	\$15,000
various:	2.5	5.0	20000	\$10,000	donations/private	\$30,000
program						
management						

Capital Equipment (only for items over \$10,000)

Item	Funding Request	Antic. Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
UTV with spray unit	\$15,000	\$5,000	-	\$20,000

Amount of Request: \$46,200 **Amount of Leverage:** \$20,100

Leverage as a percent of the Request: 43.51%

DSS + Personnel: \$30,100

As a % of the total request: 65.15%

Easement Stewardship: \$100

As a % of the Easement Acquisition: 100.0%

Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

CRITERIA #9 - Explain here.

Does this proposal have the ability to be scalable?

Yes/No

If no, Please explain why this project can NOT be scaled.

If yes, If the project received 70% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? Explain here.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why? Explain here.

If yes, If the project received 50% of the requested funding

Describe how the scaling would affect acres/activities and if not proportionately reduced, why? Explain here.

Describe how personnel and DSS expenses would be adjusted and if not proportionately reduced, why? Explain here.

Personnel

Has funding for these positions been requested in the past?

Yes/No

Please explain the overlap of past and future staffing and position levels previously received and how that is coordinated over multiple years?

Explain here.

Contracts

What is included in the contracts line?

Explain here – restoration and enhancement contracts, sub-contract with personnel not listed in the personnel table.

Fee Acquisition

What is the anticipated number of fee title acquisition transactions?

This box only shows up depending on figures entered in the budget table.

Easement Stewardship

What is the number of easements anticipated, cost per easement for stewardship, and explain how that amount is calculated?

This box only shows up depending on figures entered in the budget table.

Travel

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental?

Yes/No

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging Explain here.

I understand and agree that lodging, meals, and mileage must comply with the current <u>MMB Commissioner</u> Plan:

Yes/No

Direct Support Services

How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program?

Explain here.

Other Equipment/Tools

Give examples of the types of Equipment and Tools that will be purchased? Explain here.

Federal Funds (federal fund match MAY affect the end date of the appropriation availability)

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program?

Yes/No

If yes, Are the funds confirmed? (if yes, you will be required to attach the confirmation letter/contract as proof of funds)

Yes

Cash: \$20,000In Kind: \$5,000Other: Explain here

Output Tables (outputs are specific products resulting from activities and are described as volume of work achieved)

Acres by Resource Type (Table 1)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Acres
Restore	10	10	10	10	40
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	10	10	10	10	40
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	10	10	10	10	40
Protect in Easement	10	10	10	10	40
Enhance	10	10	10	10	40
Total	50	50	50	50	200

How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie? (Table 1b)

Туре	Native Prairie (acres)
Restore	5
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	5
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	5
Protect in Easement	5
Enhance	5
Total	25

Total Requested Funding by Resource Type (Table 2)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat	Total Funding
Restore	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,700	\$500	\$8,200
Protect in Fee with State PILT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$9,500
Liability					
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$9,500
Liability					
Protect in Easement	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$9,500
Enhance	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$500	\$9,500
Total	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,700	\$2,500	\$46,200

Acres within each Ecological Section (Table 3)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total Acres
Restore	10	10	10	10	10	50
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	10	10	10	10	10	50
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	10	10	10	10	10	50
Protect in Easement	10	10	10	10	10	50
Enhance	10	10	10	10	10	50
Total	50	50	50	50	50	250

Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section (Table 4)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest	Total
						Funding
Restore	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$9,500
Protect in Fee with State	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$9,500
PILT Liability						
Protect in Fee w/o State	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$8,500
PILT Liability						
Protect in Easement	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$500	\$8,500
Enhance	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,700	\$2,000	\$500	\$10,200

Total	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$8,700	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$46,200
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Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type (Table 5) (this table is auto populated)

Type	Wetland	Prairie	Forest	Habitat
Restore	\$300	\$300	\$170	\$50
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$50
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$50
Protect in Easement	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$50
Enhance	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$50

Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section (Table 6) (this table is auto populated)

Туре	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	N. Forest
Restore	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$50
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$200	\$50
Protect in Fee w/o State PILT Liability	\$250	\$250	\$100	\$200	\$50
Protect in Easement	\$250	\$250	\$100	\$200	\$50
Enhance	\$250	\$250	\$270	\$200	\$50

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

3 miles

Outcomes

CRITERIA #6 – Outcomes are benefits to people and resources resulting, directly or indirectly, from outputs. Outcomes typically relate to changes in behavior, knowledge, skill satisfaction, quantity and quality. E.g. healthy lands and waters, higher angler satisfaction, desirable catch rates and fish size. See the complete list in the Call for Funding Request. Options here are determined by the LSOHC section priorities selected under the Narrative Tab. Text boxes provide the ability to explain the measurement of those or create your own.

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

• Protected, restored, and enhanced nesting and migratory habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need

Programs in metropolitan urbanizing region:

 A network of natural land and riparian habitats will connect corridors for wildlife and species in greatest conservation need

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Healthy populations of endangered, threatened, and special concern species as well as more common species
- Landlocked public properties are accessible with have increased access for land managers

Programs in prairie region:

- Restored and enhanced upland habitats
- Protected, restored, and enhanced habitat for migratory and unique Minnesota species

Programs in southeast forest region:

• High priority riparian lands, forestlands, and savannas are protected from parcelization and fragmentation

Parcels

Sign-up Criteria? (must attach document if there are no parcels are listed in the proposal) No

Explain the process used to identify, prioritize, and select the parcels on your list: Explain here.

Restore / Enhance Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing
					Protection
-	-	-	22	\$20,000	No
Tract 5	Murray	-	5	\$300	No

Protect Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
Tract 1	Blue Earth	-	150	\$5,000	No
Tract 9	Chippewa	-	20	\$500	No

Protect Parcels with Buildings

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection	Buildings	Value of Buildings
Smith Farm	Beltrami	-	50	\$2,000	No	2	\$0

Other Parcels

Name	County	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection
-	-	-	1	\$150,000	Yes

(Enter only one parcel per row. Make sure to **scroll all the way to the right** in the Parcel Tab table and complete all fields.)

Entering Parcel Data

There are dropdown menus for most of the fields in the form:

Township: Numerical range is 026-258. A "0" must be placed in front of single or double digits.

Range: Numerical range is 01-51 A "0" must be placed in front of single digits.

Direction: All of Minnesota is 02, except for parts of northeastern Cook County which are 01.

Section: 01-36. A "0" must be placed in front of single or double digits.

Description: Add a brief land description of the target property.

Activity: If completing the spreadsheet template provided for upload, make sure that this field is filled with the choices in the drop down box exactly as they appear. (*Protect in Fee w/o PILT, Protect in Fee with PILT, Protect in Easement, Restore, Enhance, Other, Not Applicable*)

Existing Protection: Check *Yes* if there is already existing permanent protection on this property and *No* if not.

Open to Hunting and Fishing: Options are: *Full, Limited, No, Not Applicable*. Trapping is included in hunting. Regarding fishing, if the parcel does not have water, select *Not Applicable* rather than *No* in this field. *No* means it is NOT open for hunting/fishing.

Status: All proposed parcels should default to *Proposed*.

Buildings/Improvements: For fee acquisition programs, complete the final four columns for buildings or improvements on the property.

Attachments

Required Attachment

Proposal Illustration *is required* – a one-page (front and back) illustration that helps visually convey the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of your proposal. This graphic representation may be in color and will be provided with the proposal for evaluation. Readers should have a strong understanding of your proposal after reviewing this document. Items to consider include photos, graphics, tables, maps, highlights, etc.

Required Attachments for Non-Government Organizations

- Most Recent Financial Audit
- List of Board Members

Optional Attachments

- Letters of support (combine all letters into one PDF)
- Maps: should show the neighborhood, aerial photos, and adjacent public lands to help show habitat connections
- Other documents that clearly support your request may be attached
- Attachments have a maximum file size of 25MB/file

Submitting Requests

Print your proposal for review prior to submission. To do this: Click the *Dashboard* link near the top of the page, bringing you to your manager dashboard. Click the *Generate Proposal* link to open your draft request as a PDF to save or print. The way your proposal looks when it is printed is how the proposal will be presented to the Council.

When you are ready to submit your final request for funding, AFTER you have reviewed it, click the *Select Action* button near the top right side of the page. Select *Submit to LSOHC*. If errors exist, a dialogue box will appear listing the errors and how to correct them. *Select Submit to LSOHC* again after addressing the errors.

Important: Once your proposal has been submitted, your request for funding is final. There is no option for further editing.

You will receive an automated system generated email confirmation of your submission. If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact LSOHC staff.

Information and Assistance

Council staff is available to assist applicants with general proposal questions or technical issues during the submission process.

To make an appointment, contact Sandy Smith at **(651) 297-7141** or **sandy.smith@lsohc.leg.mn**. Seek assistance early to ensure you receive the help you need to complete your application by the deadline.

