
PROPOSAL FORMAT

Please limit proposals to four (4) typewritten pages. A budget identifying significant needs by category must be completed on the *Application Cover Sheet* enclosed. A brief résumé of key participants, especially the faculty collaborator and the local program manager, should also be attached.

Submit all materials electronically by December 15, 2009 to:

nuzum@cals.wisc.edu

PROJECT BUDGET PERIOD

One year projects will begin July 1 of the awarding year with an end date of June 30 the following year. Two year projects will begin July 1 of the awarding year with an end date of June 30 of the second year. The second year budget will be added at the beginning of year two (July).



A Proposal Should Include the Following Sections:

JUSTIFICATION AND OUTCOME

Why is the proposed work or activity important? What benefits will come from it in terms of solutions to forest-based natural resource problems or improved quality of life in the Kickapoo Valley? Identify the likely use and users of the results and how the results of this work will be disseminated.

PROPOSED WORK

What will be done? Provide a coherent outline of proposed analyses, assessments or investigations with sufficient detail that interested members of the public can understand the logic and value of the approaches. Provide a "time line" for the proposed work and indicate how progress or "success" will be measured. Identify how this proposed work incorporates existing research or activities relevant

to the problem at hand. If this work is part of a larger research or development activity, identify how this component is integrated into the larger activity.

BUDGET

What financial resources are needed and when? Identify budgetary needs in terms of labor, travel (in state only), and supplies. Projects should not exceed two years duration and \$24,000 on an annual basis. The Fund does not pay overhead or indirect costs.

Funding is awarded to and administered by the UW-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Principle Investigator. If subaccounts or subcontracts will be included in your project, specific details on these must be provided in the proposal and included in the budget.

PERSONNEL

Provide one-page résumés for key personnel involved in managing or coordinating the proposed work. Identify the responsibilities of each person and his or her reporting requirements. A University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences principle investigator/faculty collaborator must be identified on the project. If significant collaboration with other agencies or organizations is planned, identify key contacts or arrangements.



Kickapoo

Valley

Reforestation

Fund



FUNDING

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2010

BACKGROUND

The Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Fund was established through a generous bequest to the University of Wisconsin Foundation by Ralph Nuzum, a long-time businessman and resident of the Kickapoo Valley.

Mr. Nuzum's intentions were set forth in a 1973 document which stated, in part, that:

"...the donor wishes that the income from the Fund be used to support a model comprehensive land use forestation, conservation, and rehabilitation project involving an interdisciplinary team cooperating with broadly representative citizens, groups and local leaders in the Kickapoo Valley."

Mr. Nuzum specified that activities selected for support may include:

*"...regeneration of existing forests; integrating farm woodlots into an overall forestation program; aesthetic logging to enhance the beauty and recreational values of the Kickapoo Valley; education of absentee landlords to an ecologically sound management of their wooded property; reforestation programs giving emphasis to the planting of hardwood forests; studies aimed at determining the effect of damming the Kickapoo River on forestation programs and projects; etc....
...(The projects) may include other activities which in the opinion of the Foundation will at that time best serve the Donor's intentions and purposes, and make possible lessons of value in promoting a 'green America'."*

PRINCIPLES FOR FUNDING

The Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Fund welcomes proposals for projects that enhance the ecological, economic and social well-being of the Kickapoo Valley and its residents.

The Fund intends to support "good ideas" that fit within the spirit of Mr. Nuzum's bequest. Proposals are a first step in identifying "good ideas," especially those which originate with the citizens of the Valley. Following review by the Fund Committee, those proposals receiving favorable evaluations will be implemented with the guidance of Fund staff.

Proposals should be submitted no later than December 15th of each year. The Fund Committee will review and select favorable proposals by March 1st of each year.

PROJECT GUIDELINES

Successful proposals must satisfy certain guidelines in order to receive consideration for funding. Proposals must identify a significant assessment, action or analysis which, upon completion, could reasonably be expected to enhance the overall quality of life in the Kickapoo Valley. Proposals also should identify some practical measure or indicator of success that could be understood and appreciated by non-scientists.

The Fund prefers to support projects that can achieve multiple benefits for the "...broadly represented citizens" of the Valley, while also enhancing ecological attributes of forests and other natural resources. Workshops may be supported if their objectives clearly advance the principles of the Fund.

The following principles will also guide the Fund in selecting projects for support:

- Projects should propose actions or devise solutions which address pragmatic problems deriving from past or current use of forest lands and which improve our understanding, appreciation and management of forest resources in the Kickapoo Valley.
- Projects should focus on forest resources in the broad sense, including biophysical features, economic activities, and human interactions with the distinctive ecology of the Kickapoo Valley.
- Projects should have a strong scientific basis and build upon results of past research and action programs conducted in the Valley and in similar rural communities and landscapes of the upper midwest.
- Projects must be collaborative in nature and include a member of the UW-Madison faculty, but faculty and permanent professional staff salaries cannot be included in project budgets.
- The Fund does not provide general operating funds for Valley-based organizations; funds may not be used to support litigation or lobbying, land purchases or construction or capital improvements.
- Use of the Nuzum fund to leverage other funding sources is strongly encouraged.