

Appendix G

CONSERVATION INITIATIVES FUNDING CRITERIA

P.L. 107-282 of November 6, 2002 amends the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act to include an additional expenditure category, which allows “up to 10 percent of amounts available, to be used for conservation initiatives on Federal Land in Clark County, Nevada, administered by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.”

“Conservation Initiatives” are federal agency activities which promote conservation on federal lands including planning, implementation, monitoring, environmental impact statements, NEPA compliance and delivery of programs such as, but not limited to, litter and desert dumping clean-up and prevention, natural and cultural resource protection, recreation, habitat restoration, species management, environmental education, volunteerism and site stewardship.

Eligibility

The Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, and Bureau of Reclamation may receive funding for conservation initiatives. Any entity or interested party may propose a conservation initiative project to an eligible entity.

Strategic Goals for Implementation of Conservation Initiatives

- Provide opportunities to inform and educate the public about the environment and responsible use on federal lands;
- Results in the improved quality and/or management of federal lands; and
- Enhances interagency and other partnerships in the promotion of conservation initiatives.

Minimum Criteria

- Project is sponsored by the four federal land management agencies, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Clark County.

Ranking Criteria

1. Provide opportunities to inform and educate the public about the environment and responsible use on federal lands; Points 20

Factors:

- Incorporates environmental education program for children or adults;
- Includes public information process;
- Includes “hands-on” learning opportunities for the public; and
- Demonstrates the principles of responsible use of public lands.

- Uses well-supervised and trained citizen groups and organizations to accomplish resource management goals; and
- Involves citizens, groups or organizations in the development of over-arching resources management and/or environmental education strategies

2. Results in the improved quality and/or management of federal lands Points 20

Factors:

- Protects cultural and/or natural resources;
- Rehabilitates cultural and/or natural resources;
- Advances knowledge of cultural resources, natural resources, or ecological systems;
- Results in an understanding and implementation of improved resource management practices on federal lands; and
- Results in efficient delivery of management programs.

3. Enhances interagency and other partnerships in the promotion of conservation initiatives. Points 20

Factors:

- Addresses the needs of more than one agency;
- Has broad interagency benefit; and
- Involves non-federal partners.

4. Project evaluation processes are built in Points 20

Factors

- Incorporates effectiveness monitoring.

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 80