

LIVESTOCK LOSS BOARD



Montana Livestock Board
Livestock Loss Reduction & Mitigation Program
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LOSS PREVENTION GRANT INTRODUCTION

Montana's Livestock Loss Board received \$100,000 dollars from the federal government for livestock loss prevention projects (wolves only). They also received \$25,000 dollars from Defenders of Wildlife for livestock prevention projects (grizzly only).

Anyone may apply to the board for livestock loss prevention grants. All grants issued by the board require a 50% cost share from the applicant. Cost share can be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. All cost share information must be documented. Receipts for materials are essential.

If your in-kind contribution is labor, you will need to keep time sheets for the individuals working on the project and what value you place on the labor in a per hour basis. If the in-kind contribution is equipment, you will need to supply the number of hours the equipment is used on the project and a per hour value of the equipment. As an example if you used a loader for the project, what would it cost you to rent the piece of equipment for the time needed to complete the project. In essence if you are using in-kind methods to achieve your 50% cost share, you will need to submit how you will be documenting the value. Federal requirements placed upon the board are very strict in that the board will have to show how the 50% cost share was achieved for every dollar the board provided in a grant.

Initially the board will accept grant applications until December 31, 2013. Copies of all grant applications will be provided to board members for review the first week of January 2014. Tentatively the board has set a January 24th date to meet to award loss prevention grants. Board members have identified three main priorities for grant applications. 1. The project is in a high predation area. 2. The project serves a dual purpose of preventing losses by both wolves and grizzly bears. 3. More than one form of loss prevention is being attempted. This does not mean you will not receive a grant if you do not meet the three main criteria but a preference will be given to projects that do meet the criteria. All applicants will be asked their estimation of the effectiveness of the project in December 2014. This information will be used by the board to help them identify effective projects in the future.

2-15-3111. Livestock loss reduction program. The livestock loss board shall establish and administer a program to cost-share with individuals or incorporated entities in implementing measures to prevent wolf and grizzly bear predation on livestock, including:

- (1) eligibility requirements for program participation;
- (2) application procedures for program participation and procedures for awarding grants for wolf and grizzly bear predation prevention measures, subject to grant priorities and the availability of funds;
- (3) criteria for the selection of projects and program participants, which may include establishment of grant priorities based on factors such as chronic depredation, multiple depredation incidents, single depredation incidents, and potential high-risk geographical or habitat location;
- (4) grant guidelines for prevention measures on public and private lands, including:
 - (a) grant terms that clearly set out the obligations of the livestock producer and that provide for a term of up to 12 months subject to renewal based on availability of funds, satisfaction of program requirements, and prioritization of the project;
 - (b) cost-share for prevention measures, which may be a combination of grant and livestock producer responsibility, payable in cash or in appropriate services, such as labor to install or implement preventive measures, unless the board adjusts the cost-share because of extenuating circumstances related to chronic or multiple depredation; and
 - (c) proactive preventive measures, including but not limited to fencing, fladry, night penning, increased human presence in the form of livestock herders and riders, guard animals, providing hay and dog food, rental of private land or alternative pasture allotments, delayed turnouts, and other preventive measures as information on new or different successful prevention measures becomes available; and
- (5) reporting requirements for program participants to assist in determining the effectiveness of loss reduction relative to each grant.

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LOSS PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION

Organizations other than Sole Proprietorships must be registered with the Montana Secretary of State prior to submittal of the application. **Any application from an organization that is not registered with the Montana Secretary of State will not be accepted.**

The project will attempt to reduce wolf or grizzly bear caused livestock losses and the applicant authorizes board staff to enter property where loss prevention activities are being conducted. Indicate wolf or grizzly bear in the project description.

The applicant will provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the grant request.

The applicant agrees to provide a final report describing the effectiveness of the loss prevention methods used by the applicant.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Organization or Individual

Mailing Address

City

State

Zipcode

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON

Name of Primary Contact Person (if not the same as Applicant)

Mailing Address

City

State

Zipcode

Telephone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Check all methods used by this grant application:

- Fencing Fladry Night Penning Herders or Riders Guard Animals Hay or Dog Food
 Rental of Pasture Delayed Turnouts Other _____

PROPOSED BUDGET TOTAL

Grant Funds Requested

\$

Total Matching Funds

\$

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Identify the need or opportunity that exists:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

_____ Township _____ Range _____ Section

Allotment Name if available: _____

- Private Property Public Property Federal Owned State Owned

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Types of livestock being protected by this project: Cattle Sheep Goat Horse Mule
 Swine Llama

Number of livestock within the project area _____

Are the livestock branded? Yes No Both branded and unbranded

Draw all brands and brand location for livestock within the project area. Attach additional sheets if necessary.



Location _____



Location _____

Brand Owner: _____

Brand Owner: _____

PROJECT TIMELINE

Begin Date: _____

End Date: _____

BOARD LIABILITY

The Livestock Loss Reduction & Mitigation Board and Program is not responsible for any injuries, taxes, etc... resulting from this grant. The Applicant assumes all liabilities for actions implemented by this grant.

DISCLOSURE AND CONFIDENTIALTY

"I understand that any information provided to the Livestock Loss Reduction & Mitigation Board in this application or other correspondence becomes public information. I waive any right to confidentiality and affirm that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge."

Applicant Signature	Date
Print Name	