

2021 Cost-Share Proposal Form for NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Project 2188 TAC Funds

Project 2188 (Madison-Missouri River) License Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement (PM&E) projects are required to offset impacts to river resources from the continued operation of one or more of NWE's nine hydro developments (Hebgen, Madison, Hauser, Holter, Black Eagle, Rainbow, Cochrane, Ryan and Morony Dams). PM&E projects need to be prioritized toward in-river or on-the-ground measures that directly benefit fisheries and/or wildlife populations and their habitats:

Priority 1: 2188 License projects which meet License Article requirements and PM&E for fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats within the main stem Madison River (Hebgen Reservoir to Three Forks) or Missouri River (Hauser Reservoir to Fort Peck Reservoir)

Priority 2: 2188 License projects which meet License Article requirements and PM&E for fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats in primary tributaries or on adjacent lands and, in doing so, provide PM&E for Madison River (Hebgen Reservoir to Three Forks) or Missouri River (Hauser Reservoir to Fort Peck Reservoir) resources.

Priority 3: 2188 License PM&E projects which meet License Article requirements by providing scientific or other tangible PM&E benefits to Madison-Missouri River fisheries or wildlife populations or their habitats. These projects must be located in the greater Missouri River drainage upstream from Fort Peck Reservoir, but not necessarily located on the main stem Madison River or Missouri River or their adjacent lands or primary tributaries.

All TAC project proposals must include the following information:

Project Title: Emergency/contingency fund

Date: 11/1/2020

Explain how this Project addresses a specific Project 2188 License Article(s): Priority 1: This fund will be used for, but not be limited to, emergency purchasing of equipment, scoping potential stream rehab proposals, and support of 2019 approved proposals.

Provide justification for Priority 1, 2 or 3 (above) that you selected: During ongoing operations and proposal work there are times when this approved proposal would allow for immediate funding of equipment, stream restoration assessments or other conditions that may require immediate attention. This proposal will eliminate (within the \$10,000 limit) the need for TAC approval of a new proposal for spending of TAC funds.

Project Sponsor (submitted by): Jon Hanson

Location of Proposed Project: Within TAC approved proposals.

Total Project Cost: \$10,000

TAC Funds (Cost-Share) Requested for Project: \$10,000

I. Introduction; Contingency funding to be used in emergency situations

II. Objectives; To have TAC approved funding for emergency situations as noted above.

III. Methods; Funding will used for situations as noted above.

IV. Schedule; Used when needed during 2019

V. Personnel; NWE will determine and report usage of funding.

VI. Project budget must include amounts for the following:

Direct Labor
Travel and Living
Materials...yes
Other Direct Expenses...yes
Direct Overhead
All cost-share sources and amounts, including estimation of "in-kind" contributions

VII. Deliverables; describe work product (reports, habitat restoration, etc.) which will result from this Project. Spending will be reported at annual meeting.

VIII. Cultural Resources. Cultural Resource Management (CRM) requirements for any activity related to this Project must be completed and documented to NWE as a condition of any TAC grant. TAC funds may not be used for any land-disturbing activity, or the modification, renovation, or removal of any buildings or structures until the CRM consultation process has been completed. Agency applicants must submit a copy of the proposed project to a designated Cultural Resource Specialist for their agency. Private parties or non-governmental organizations are encouraged to submit a copy of their proposed project to a CRM consultant they may have employed. Private parties and non-governmental organizations may also contact the NWE representative for further information or assistance. Applications submitted without this section completed, will be held by the TAC, without any action, until the information has been submitted. Generally NA but maybe used for this if needed

Summarize here how you will complete requirements for Cultural Resource Management: NA

IX. Water Rights. For projects that involve development, restoration or enhancement of wetlands, please describe how the project will comply with the Montana DNRC's "Guidance for Landowners and Practitioners Engaged in Stream and Wetland Restoration Activities", issued by the Water Resources Division on 9March2016. NA

Summarize here how you will comply with Montana water rights laws, policies and guidelines:
NA

All TAC Project proposals should be 7 pages or less and emailed (as a WORD file) to each of:

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Further questions about TAC proposals or Project 2188 license requirements or related issues may be addressed to: Andy Welch, Leader Hydro License Compliance, NorthWestern Energy, 1315 N Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601; 406-444-8115 (office); 406-565-7549 (cell); Andrew.Welch@northwestern.com.