

# **TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT (TAG) PROGRAM**

2007-2009 Guidelines



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**Please Note:** An electronic version of the grant guidelines, application and voucher forms can be found on the North Dakota Department of Agriculture website at <http://www.agdepartment.com/programs/plant/noxiousweeds.html>.

## **Introduction**

The goal of the Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG) Program is to provide a simple, fair and accountable mechanism that will help you to target noxious and invasive weed control needs and provide a cost-share opportunity to county and city weed boards to meet those identified needs. TAG proposals should describe a noxious or invasive weed problem within your county or city weed board's jurisdiction and propose a management strategy to diminish the problem. Basically, describe your weed problem and propose a solution to that problem that you would like us to fund.

## **Program Details**

### ***2007-2009 Funds Available***

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) will make approximately \$400,000 available for targeted assistance grants during the 2007-2009 biennium. Grant applications can request any amount but must show a demonstrated need for funds by describing the noxious and invasive weed problem, the acreage and location of infested acreage, the number of landowners affected, the estimated treatment costs and the management methods to be implemented, etc.

### ***Eligibility***

All county and city weed boards are eligible for TAG funds. **Targeted assistance grants will not fund indirect costs and may not be used on state or federal lands.**

### ***Match***

**All grant applications are encouraged regardless of weed board match potential.**

The North Dakota Century Code 63-01.1-06 (2) and 63-01.1-07.6 (2) specifies that weed boards may not receive more than one-half of the board's actual cost-share expenditures for noxious weed control or eradication from any legislative appropriation, unless the commissioner in consultation with the weed board determines a noxious weed is seriously endangering areas of a city, county or the state. Project expenditures and match costs must be documented and submitted to the NDDA. Match expenditures can be referenced to the Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet.

## **Committee**

A five-person advisory committee has been assembled to evaluate proposals and make recommendations. Committee members and the agencies they represent include Al Ulmer, NDSU Extension Service; Dan Stewart, North Dakota Association of Counties; Dave Hirsch, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; Myron Dieterle, North Dakota Weed Control Association, and Rachel Seifert-Spilde, North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

## **Project Evaluation**

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the TAG committee. The funding recommendations of the committee will be presented to the Agriculture Commissioner for approval.

The advisory committee will consider the following when ranking proposals.

- Completeness of the grant application
- Priority of noxious or invasive species being targeted
- Appropriateness of the proposed weed management methods
- Need for early detection and rapid response to new invaders in your area
- Participation of private landowners and different cooperators in the project
- Appropriateness of the budget for the proposed activities
- Appropriateness of the introduction or maintenance of biological controls
- Use of GPS/GIS mapping in the project
- Project follow-up, including monitoring and evaluation of infested areas, biological controls, etc.
- Need for educational materials and or trainings
- Restoration of valuable ecosystems
- Need for equipment purchases

**TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT  
Application Check List**

**For technical assistance contact:**

Rachel Seifert-Spilde, Noxious Weeds Specialist  
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 701-328-2983 or 1-800-242-7535

**Please submit grant proposals to:**

North Dakota Department of Agriculture  
 Attention: Rachel Seifert-Spilde  
 600 E Boulevard Avenue, Dept 602  
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	New grant proposal
	2007-2009 Grant Application and Budget Form and Anticipated Funding Sources
	Map of project area (if applicable)
	Proposal to continue an established/previous grant project
	Project history (project description, map of project area, activities completed to date, grant and matching funds spent, funding sources, partners, project timeframe, etc.)
	New 2007-2009 Grant Application and Budget Form and Anticipated Funding Sources
	New map of project area (if applicable)



**What groups, agencies and individual landowners will be active participants in the project? Please list the individuals representing each group and their contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.).**

**What are the expected outcomes of the project?**

**How will you evaluate the project outcomes?**

A map of the project area (if applicable) must be submitted along with this application. Please highlight problem areas within the map and outline the project boundaries.

GPS coordinates, if available, of weed surveys, locations, etc. should be submitted upon project completion. Coordinates must be in latitude and longitude decimal degrees and in NAD83 or WGS84 datum.

<b>What noxious or invasive weeds will be targeted?</b>	
<b>Describe the weed management problem this project would address.</b>	

Please list the specific activities that will be completed in order to accomplish the project goals. Please detail who will perform the activities, the herbicides or methods to be used to control weeds, timeframes, associated costs, etc. Italicized wording in the gray area is meant to serve as an example. In calculating anticipated project expenditures refer to the Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet. Utilize page 9 if more space is needed.

Activity	Performed By	Time-frame	Breakdown	Cash/Match Expenditures
<i>Activities could include survey, spraying, mapping, printing costs, revegetation, biocontrol purchases, etc.</i>	<i>County weed board Private landowner Agency, etc.</i>	<i>Sept 2008</i>	<i># hours x \$/hour # miles x \$/mile \$/weed id card x # of cards</i>	\$
			<b>ESTIMATED Total Project Expenditures=</b>	



### Anticipated Funding Sources

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Federal/State Contributions</b>					
<b>State/Local Match</b>					
<b>NDDA Grant Funds</b>					
<b>Total Project Costs/Year</b>					

**Use Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet (page 11) as a reference in completing the table above.**

TA Technical Assistance

L Labor

O Other-please specify

E Equipment

C Cash

M Materials-please specify (seed, herbicide, etc.)

**TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT  
Noxious Weed Grant Match Rate Sheet**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Labor	Standard Charges (includes administration)	Actual expenditures
Spray Rig	Average – All Types except ATV	\$15/hour
Sprayer	Backpack, 3 Gallon	\$4/day
Trailer	Average – All Types	\$38/day
ATV	4X4, 300-400 cc	\$60/day
ATV	4X4, >400 cc, With Sprayer Unit	\$100/day
Other off-road	Three-wheelers and Motorcycles	\$56/day
Boat	Powered	\$100/day
Boat	Unpowered	\$40/day
Livestock	Horse	\$50/day
Livestock	Horse With Sprayer Unit	\$53/day
GPS Unit	General Outdoor Use	\$4/day
Vehicle	Sedan/Wagon	\$.27/mile <sup>1</sup>
Vehicle	Light Truck	\$.48/mile <sup>1</sup>
Vehicle	Heavy Truck	\$.59/mile <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> August 1, 2007 North Dakota Department of Transportation State Fleet Services Rental Rates.

**Use of NDDA purchased equipment is not an eligible expenditure.**



**TARGETED ASSISTANCE GRANT**  
***Grant Voucher Form***