Texas NWTF 2020 Super Fund Highlights

On January 25th, 2020, the Texas State NWTF Chapter Board of Directors approved your annual Super Fund Budget with a working balance of $175,811. Highlights are:

Habitat Enhancement ($81,268) - TPWD Matador WMA riparian/upland enhancement is $5,000 of $20,000 total (Rolling Plains); TPWD Muse WMA brush removal/range seeding is $10,000 of $40,000 total (Rolling Plains); TPWD Twin Buttes Reservoir PHL aerial and mechanical brush control is $10,000 of $125,000 total (Edwards Plateau); TPWD James Daughtrey WMA aerial brush control is $5,000 of $20,000 total (South Texas); TPWD Alazan Bayou WMA Chinese tallow control is $8,000 of $32,000 total (Pineywoods); TPWD Caddo Lake WMA forestry mulching is $2,500 of $10,000 total (Pineywoods); and, USACE Lake Granger PHL fireguard installation and Rx burning is $7,000 of $26,700 total (Edwards Plateau) totaling $122,000 for on-the-ground work tied to these named TPWD Wildlife Management Areas due to 3:1 matching Pittman-Robertson federal aid funds; and, an additional $151,700 for on the ground work on designated TPWD Public Hunting Lands due to additional matching TPWD state funds, USACE funds, and Bureau of Reclamation funds, so that the total of all on-the-ground habitat work this year is $273,700. The cooperative NWTF East Texas District Biologist position support is $25,000 (with TPWD, USDA Forest Service, and NWTF), with an additional undesignated amount of $8,768 reserved in the Save the Habitat line item for flexibility with new opportunities that may arise during the year, and that must be approved by the Super Fund Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Education ($22,525) - Wild About Turkey education boxes were funded at $500, Texas State NWTF Newsletter is funded for $11,000, the NWTF-hosted state website is $400, a new item of State Marketing was funded at $3,000, a TPWD Cross Timbers Rio Grande wild turkey publication was funded at $3,125, a TPWD Panhandle Wildlife Conference sponsorship was funded at $1,000; and, volunteer travel for the NWTF National Leadership Conference to be held in conjunction with the National Convention is funded at $3,500.

Scholarships ($11,500) - Local chapter scholarships are $8,000 (up to 16 at $500), a statewide $2,500 scholarship is provided; and, a Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society collegiate scholarship was provided at $1,000.

Youth Events ($7,000) - JAKES events are provided $2,000 at $500 each, plus $1,000 from the Outreach Fund; Youth Shooting Sports events are $3,000 at $500 each; and, National Archery in the Schools Program is $2,000 at $500 each.

Hunting Heritage ($18,768) - The American Hunting Heritage Fund is provided for at $5,000; the Outdoors Tomorrow Program is funded at $5,000; and, an additional undesignated amount of $8,768 is reserved in the Save the Hunt line item for flexibility with new opportunities that may arise during the year that must be approved by the Super Fund Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Wild Turkey Restoration ($4,000) - Funding to assist TPWD Eastern wild turkey restoration costs (shipping costs, disease testing, fuel, per diem) is $4,000 and accumulates for future years if needed.

Women In The Outdoors ($1,000) - Statewide WITO events are $1,000 at $500 each with supplemental funding by the Outreach Fund of an additional $1,000.

Habitat Signage ($3,000) - $3,000 for statewide habitat restoration work by Texas NWTF and with partners is provided.

Wheelin’ Sportsmen ($1,000) - Statewide Wheelin’ Sportsmen events are funded at $1,000 ($500 each) plus $1,000 from the Outreach Fund.

Other ($10,000) - State Chapter membership rebate is ~$5,000; Turkey Hunters Care is $1,000 at no more than $250 per chapter (¼ of $500 for frozen turkeys); TPWD Tech Rep travel to the National Convention and regional tech meetings is $2,000; support for Texas Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus work is $1,000; and, the 2020 Bronze Level Sponsorship for TPWD’s Lone Star Land Steward Awards Program is $1,000.

National Convention ($15,750) - Up to $15,750 is provided for travel to send the Texas State Chapter President, volunteer leaders (board members), the TPWD State Game Warden (NWTF Wildlife Officer of the Year), and the NWTF Joe Kurz Wildlife Manager of the Year.

Our Texas Super Fund year is January 1st through December 31st of each year. Project proposal submission deadline for next year’s budget is November 1st, 2020. Contact or Annie Farrell (afarrell@nwtf.net) or Gene T. Miller (gmiller@nwtf.net) for a NWTF Hunting Heritage Super Fund Project Proposal form with instructions (electronic submission preferred) and any questions.

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