

**New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Fish & Wildlife
Community-Based Deer Management Grant Application**

Organization Information

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Organization Type: _____

Vendor ID (Tax ID) Number: _____

Organization Contact Information

Project Coordinator name & title:

Project Coordinator phone & email:

Fiscal Officer name & title (*this person should be a CFO, Finance Director, or similar title*):

Fiscal Officer phone & email:

Authorized Signatory name & title (*the person who is authorized to execute a grant agreement*):

Authorized Signature phone & email:

Resolution Certifier name & title (*a person other than the individual authorized to execute the grant agreement unless the organization bylaws allow a single person to occupy all offices and do not require multiple signatures to execute the agreement*):

Deer Management Questions

1. Briefly summarize existing issues associated with overabundant deer, clearly identifying principal concerns. (i.e. car collisions, vegetation impacts, forest health, quality of life etc.)

2. Please describe deer management activities currently being utilized/implemented, if any, to address the issues identified above.

3. Please describe what you see as the greatest limitations to addressing issues identified above and/or controlling overabundant deer in your community? Is your organization deficient on any requirements for NJDEP Fish & Wildlife special wildlife management permits, including Community Based Deer Management Permits?

4. Please describe what data you currently collect concerning the number of deer or measurements of deer impacts (ex. deer vehicle collisions, deer surveys, forest health surveys etc.). What data, if any, do you need to better manage deer in your community? Please attach any relevant forest health, deer population, etc. reports.

5. Does your organization actively manage deer? Yes____ No____

If YES:

Check all that apply:

NJDEP Fish & Wildlife Community Based Deer Management Permit____

A deer management plan/program administered by your organization____

Other____

If other, please describe.

Briefly explain how hunting is incorporated and explain any restrictions or limitations to current hunting season dates or weaponry.

If NO:

Briefly explain why hunting is not incorporated within your jurisdiction. Include any obstacles such as local ordinances that inhibit or prohibit hunting or the discharge of weapons.

Are you considering a deer management program/plan in the future? Yes____ No____

6. Please describe the mechanisms your organization currently has in place to implement or assist in implementing a venison donation program:
7. How many deer or pounds of venison has your organization donated annually? Please list total annual donations for the past three years.
8. How does your organization's activities benefit communities with overabundant deer issues?
9. What are your organization's greatest obstacles to expanding its venison donation program?

Please attach any additional documentation or information you believe helpful to your application.

Initiative Description & Selection – more than one initiative may be selected; each request will be evaluated independently.

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Deer Population Estimates/Surveys

Surveys to determine current deer population density estimates. Eligible activities under this initiative: Engaging a contractor to conduct a drone survey, collect and analyze data, and determine a population estimate. (Please review the competitive bidding requirements for contractor selection attached to this application.)

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Forest Health Surveys

Surveys to determine current forest health and effects of overabundant deer densities on forest health. Eligible activities under this initiative: Engaging a contractor to conduct assessment surveys, collect and analyze data, and determine the health of forests. (Please review the competitive bidding requirements for contractor selection attached to this application.)

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Venison Donation Program

Reimbursements to butchers for their labor in processing deer and delivering the meat to food donation programs.

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Signage for Community-Based Hunting Programs

Signage to notify users/residents of the hunting program. Anticipated areas of use would be major access points, parking areas and kiosks. NJDEP F&W will supply predesigned signage, NOT funding.

Project Descriptions – The appropriate Project Description section(s) MUST be completed for each initiative selected above. An applicant WILL NOT be considered for an award if the Project Description section is incomplete or omitted for a particular initiative.

Deer Population Density Estimates/Surveys

Description of work to be performed (you may provide an attachment in lieu of filling out this section):

How will this funding help address the limitations identified in Question 3 (Page 2)?

Project Location: _____

Location Size (acres or square miles): _____

Requested amount*: _____

**Please provide a quote and any other supporting documents, if available.*

Forest Health Surveys

Description of work to be performed (you may provide an attachment in lieu of filling out this section):

How will this funding help address the limitations identified in Question 3 (Page 2)?

Project Location: _____

Location Size (acres or square miles): _____

Requested amount*: _____

**Please provide a quote and any other supporting documents, if available.*

Venison Donation Program

Description of work to be performed (you may provide an attachment in lieu of filling out this section):

How will this funding help address the limitations identified in Question 3 (Page 2)?

Requested amount*: _____

**Please provide a quote and any other supporting documents, if available.*

Deer Management Signage

The signs shown here have already been manufactured. Requests for signage will be fulfilled with these physical signs, not with funding for the creation of new signs.



Deer Management Sign 18"x24" – pictured left

Requesting: _____

This is intended for kiosks and trailheads to enter the parks. There is a space for a QR code sticker to link to your website if you wish to include information specific to your program.

Deer Management Sign 8.5"x11" – pictured top right

Requesting: _____

This is intended for posting sensitive property boundaries where entry is expected away from trailheads or kiosks; this is also useful for parks with a mosaic of hunted and non-hunted areas. There is a space for a QR code sticker to link to your website if you wish to include information specific to your program.

"Hunters Wear Orange" Stickers 1.75"x1.75" – pictured bottom right

Requesting: _____

Optional sticker to attach if you wish to include messaging for park visitors to wear bright clothing.

Both signs contain QR codes which link to NJDEP Fish & Wildlife's website which provides educational material which may be of interest to the public seeking information about why or how deer are managed in NJ.

Please be aware that while you may request any number of each design, we intend to distribute these fairly to those requesting them, so we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide the full number requested. We are generally asking signage recipients pick them up at one of our field offices, coordinated upon request.

Competitive Bidding Requirements for Contractor Selection

As per the General Terms and Conditions of the NJDEP Grant Agreement and State procurement requirements, all contractors and consultants engaged by our grantees must be selected through a competitive process unless otherwise established by Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. Upon selection of a contractor for the Deer Population Estimates/Surveys or Forest Health Surveys initiatives, all applicants must either provide documentation of a competitive bidding process or confirmation that the selected contractor bid is below the applicant's bid threshold as established in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a and N.J.S.A. 52:34-7.

Competition may be documented through one of the three following ways:

- If the notification to apply was publicly posted (i.e. on your website), please provide the dates it was listed as an open bid, a copy of the notification, a list of applicants and their bids, any grading criteria used in your determination, and a quick explanation of which contractor you selected and the reasoning for doing so.
- If multiple bids were obtained by directly contacting qualified contractors, please provide a copy of the emails you sent out, the bids they submitted in return, any grading criteria used in your determination, and a quick explanation of which contractor you selected and the reasoning for doing so. If some parties declined to submit quotes or simply gave no response, please state so in your selection choice explanation.
- If the subcontractor whose quote you submitted was already contracted to provide services, please supply a copy of that contract's summary page. An example of this would be if a township had a forester/arborist already under contract to meet their forest management needs and decided to have them perform a forest health survey for this grant as part of the services provided under that contract.

Please note that butchering fees associated with the Venison Donation initiative are not considered subcontractor expenses, therefore butchers do not need to be selected through a competitive process.