

NOTE: The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is postponing the shooting range grant program for 2010. The funds are being utilized by the Commission for shooting range development and advancement of Hunter Education.

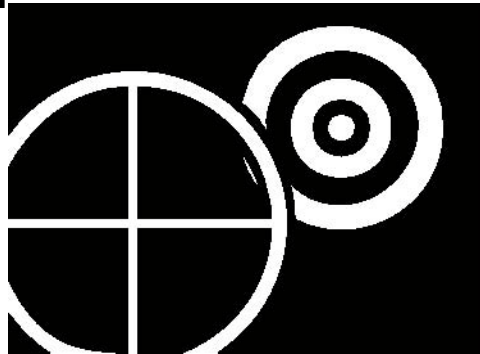
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Nebraska Firearm and Archery Range Grant Assistance Guidelines

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**A Guide for the Application Submittal of Grant Assistance for
Shooting Ranges in Nebraska**

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*****IMPORTANT*****

Please make sure you submit the following information:

- 1. Range Grant Application Form & Proposal (Section V) typed or computer generated (One proposal/grant cycle)**
- 2. Documentation of non-profit status (Section V)**
- 3. Documentation of land ownership or lease (Section V)**
- 4. Detailed maps of project location, including location of specific project (Section, Township and Range)**
- 5. Images of structures, lands, areas of project or pertinent to project (No 35mm pictures please, images must be digitized or ready for reproduction)**
- 6. Itemized Budget Sheet (Section V)**
- 7. Copies of all bids for equipment or labor and copies of all engineering drawings (Section V)**
- 8. Schedule of Events from previous calendar year (Section V)**

PLEASE READ THIS GUIDE CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. YOUR DILIGENCE TO THIS APPLICATION WILL GREATLY ENHANCE YOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL CHECK ACCURACY AND INACCURATE OR INCOMPLETE GRANT APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE.

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18 SECTION I Range Development and Enhancement

Welcome to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Range Development and Enhancement Grant Program. We desire to provide funding to organizations that meet the necessary criteria and wish to develop new or unique projects that will have a positive impact on Nebraska hunters.

The safe and proper use of firearm and archery equipment is vital to hunting and inherent to many activities governed by this agency including the recruitment of future participants as well as retention of current participants. The agency's future effectiveness in managing both hunters and wildlife is directly related to the ability of the general public to increase effectiveness, safety and efficiency in the use of this equipment. Nebraska's hunting heritage runs deep, however, as the state becomes more urbanized, the future of sport hunting and shooting as we know it today will become increasingly questionable.

The availability of safe shooting facilities is decreasing. Indiscriminate plinking at some Wildlife Management Areas or on local landowner fields, as has so often been the practice, is proving to be increasingly more destructive and oftentimes dangerous. This practice also creates an adverse public image of firearms, their users, as well as public relations problems for the agency and the shooting sports in general. Finally, many would-be hunters find it too difficult to locate facilities and safely train in order to participate in the Nebraska shooting sports.

The shooting range survey conducted in 2001 by the NGPC Outdoor Education and Law Enforcement Divisions indicated a lack of safe and usable shooting facilities across the state of Nebraska. Ranges that provide facilities for high power rifle were especially lacking.

If regulated sport hunting is to remain a viable and safe form of wildlife management for Nebraska in the future, a greater emphasis will need to be made in providing the general public with safe and convenient facilities in which to discharge firearms, educate, practice and learn as well as focusing on efforts to increase public availability of currently available facilities.

Many neighboring states have been leaders in the development of ranges on state owned properties for several years. According to neighboring states, agency range development has been beneficial in many ways including:

- Increased use of state lands
- Decreased firearms related vandalism in those areas with developed and accessible ranges
- Local citizen support and appreciation
- Increased generated funds
- Enhanced user support of the hunting and shooting sports

Program Goals

The goals for the Shooting Range Grant Assistance Program are:

1. Increase public access to private and club type facilities
2. Enhance shooting range facility availability and or quality to public
3. Enhance public safety and environmental stewardship
4. Enhance facilities available for the Nebraska Hunter Education Program

SECTION II

Submission Deadline and Award Notification

All proposals must be received by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission no later than 5pm (CST) on the 31st day of January, 2008.

Proposals must be mailed to:

Jeff Rawlinson
Assistant Division Administrator
2200 N 33rd St
Lincoln, NE 68503

Email: jeff.rawlinson@ngpc.ne.gov

Phone: 402-471-6133

Cell: 402-326-8467

Fax: 402-471-1984

Notification of selected applicants shall be made via mail or email in Spring (April -May) of 2008. All selected projects will then be held for Federal review. Upon federal agreement, we will be given a commencement date for projects to begin in September – October. All project actions, work, invoices, etc. must occur after the federal commencement date and only after we have a signed contract from the applicant.

***THIS FORM CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.OUTDOORNEBRASKA.ORG**

****In the event of grant acceptance, applicants will work with NGPC officials to allow for random monitoring of contract obligations to maintain compliance with any contractually agreed upon activities.**

*****All grant applications should include a copy of a board resolution identifying agreement to the application and the availability of funds by the applicant to carry forth the project.**

******* All grant recipients will be required to attend a 2 hour meeting in Kearney (date to be determined) once project approval is final.**

Background

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission developed the Shooting Range Grant Assistance Program in 2004 to utilize Federal funds to accomplish the above mentioned goals. Each year, as funds are available, up to \$60,000.00 may be eligible for disbursement through the program. The program will award grants up to 75% of the total project cost with the grant recipient providing the remaining 25% in the way of cash, labor, materials, etc. as match. The funding is a reimbursement program where grant recipients are reimbursed upon submittal of time sheets and paid invoices to NGPC.

Funding requests for third-party ranges will be based on a 75% – 25% cost share basis, with the NGPC funding 75% of the project through Wildlife Restoration Funds and the cooperating entity funding 25%.

Selection Process

Awards shall be made to applicants based on review by a committee selected by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and approval of such review by the NGPC Board of Commissioners and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Awards will be made to applicants that comply with all state and federal guidelines including NEPA compliance, provide a complete application and who, in the sole and final judgment of the NGPC, provide proposals that best reflect the goals and interests of the NGPC Grant Program.

Award recipients shall be required to sign contracts with the NGPC following notification of acceptance. Award recipients shall be required to execute and submit all other necessary documentation (e.g. reports) as directed during the term of the life of the contract agreement following federal and state guidelines.

The NGPC reserves the right, at any time, to cancel or amend this request for proposals, reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, waive minor irregularities in proposals, or to allow applicants to correct minor irregularities, if the best interest of the NGPC Grant Program is served by doing so.

SECTION III

General Guidelines & Criteria

- Only one proposal per organization will be accepted for review each grant cycle
- Organizations with open grants may not submit another grant unless grant will be closed at time of Grant Steering Committee approval or unless project is part of a second phase that was outlined in the original grant for phase I.
- Projects must enhance shooting range facility availability, range quality, use by general public, safety, and or environmental stewardship
- Applicants must be Non-profit and may not utilize funds for commercial purposes (reasonable fees may be charged for facility use by non profits)
- Applicant facilities must be open and available to the public either through open public membership or user fees.

- All projects must be completed under a federal timeline with prompt submittal of invoices, time sheets, etc.
- Applicants must follow all state and federal guidelines for disbursement of federal funding.
- Funding requests will be based on a 75% – 25% cost share basis, with the NGPC providing 75% reimbursement of the project through Wildlife Restoration Funds and the cooperating entity funding 25% as match through cash, labor, supplies, etc.

SECTION IV

Proposal Review and Evaluation Consideration

All proposals will be reviewed by a committee chosen by NGPC. The committee will rate proposals based on criteria found below. Recommendations will be made by the committee to the NGPC Board of Commissioners for final decisions. All proposals selected by NGPC must be approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service prior to initiation of work and generation of receipts.

****We are looking for proposals that provide for new and unique developments for Nebraska hunters****

Priorities will be given to projects that:

- Enhance or develop new rifle, handgun or muzzleloader ranges near populated regions of Nebraska
- Enhance youth involvement in shooting sports
- Provide for youth involvement in standard state shoots such as the State high school trap shoot and silhouette shoot
- Involve several partnerships
- Show significant enhancements to public access and involvement
- Enhance facility offerings for the state Hunter Education Program
- Enhance public safety

Rating Criteria

Grant Award Criteria

All grant applications will be reviewed by a committee selected by the NGPC. The committee will select applications for funding based on but not limited to the following criteria:

- ⑩ Proximity to population
 - Number of active shooters within a 50 mile radius
- ⑩ Market Share
 - How many like facilities are located within a 50 mile radius
 - Number of Hunter/Bow Hunter Education classes held annually at this facility before and after procurement of funding
 - Number of Hunter Outreach Programs held at this facility annually before and after procurement of funding
 - Non profit status – club type range
 - ⑩ Number of days this facility is open to general public
 - Shooting leagues, hunter sight in days, etc.
 - Fees to be charged to general public
 - Current public shooting event and workshop offerings
 - Thoroughness and completeness of proposal
 - Detailed Budget Sheet – amount of match provided, cost of project in relation to product
 - Overall impact to hunting community and youth
 - ⑩ Land ownership
 - Owned, leased, lease terms, etc.
 - The ability of this grant request to enhance the goals of this program

- Past participation
- Uniqueness of project

SECTION V

Proposal Format and Guidelines

All proposals must be prepared in the following format and must fully address all of the sections below.

Application must be typed or computer generated. All information must be provided or explained. All applications, pictures, drawings, maps, brochures, engineering graphics, etc. must be copy quality and 10 copies of each must be provided.

Section A – Demographic Information

Applicant (Organization Name)

Name _____

Address _____ Street
City Zip County

Physical Address Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

⑩ *Include maps and photos showing exact location of facility and location*

where work will be done

Telephone (a.m.) _____ (p.m.) _____ Contact¹

Name _____

Address _____ email _____

Telephone (a.m.) _____ (p.m.) _____ Contact²

Name _____

Address _____ email _____

Telephone (a.m.) _____ (p.m.) _____ How

many registered members in this club? _____ When was club formed?

_____ What is the population base within a 50 mile radius? _____

How many similar facilities are located within a 50 mile radius? _____ Non

Profit status of this facility (include supporting documentation, 501 C3, etc.) Date of

Non-Profit Status procurement _____ Land owned by

the applying organization Yes _____ No _____

(include proof of ownership)

Lease Arrangement

(include copy of lease arrangement) Federal Tax ID Number

Section B – Budget Information

Should include all bids, documented price quotes, labor quotes, and detailed budget sheet outlining itemized costs (including volunteer labor costs at \$15/hr) and portion that will be used as match.

Total Dollars Requested _____
(Must not exceed 75% of total cost for project)

Total Cost of Project _____

- *Include a budget sheet showing projected itemized costs of all equipment, services and labor that will be used in project, including match.*
- *Include all bids or justification of prices for equipment, labor and services*

Itemized Club Contributions (Match) to the Project (identify whether each itemized match will be In-Kind, Cash, etc.)

(Labor match will be valued at a rate of \$15.00/hour or current rate for Public Information Officer I)

Has this organization received funds from this program in the past?

_____Yes _____No

Section C – Project Description

Specific Work to be
Done_____

- *Include maps showing location of work*
- *Include engineering drawings, images, etc. if applicable*

List other sources your organization has contacted to seek funding, including all other grants, donations, unfilled requests, etc.

Section D – Public Impact Information

Under what procedure will the range be open to the public?

(List all youth programs, uses by 4H, open public shooting, etc.)

List the number of Hunter Education Classes that are conducted **at this facility** each year _____

List the number of Hunter Outreach programs held at this facility each year

(Outreach programs are those conducted to introduce youth and adults to the shooting sports such as Youth Days at the Range, STEP OUTSIDE, Becoming an Outdoors-Woman, Women in the Outdoors Workshops, etc.)

⑩ *Provide a schedule of events from previous calendar year*

List the number of Hunter Education Classes that will be conducted **at this facility** each year after project completion _____ (Include Hunter Education Classes and Field Days)

List the number of Hunter Outreach programs that will be held at this facility each year after project completion _____

List the number of days this facility is open to the general public _____

Hours of operation _____

List current fees charged to public, include membership fees, general pay to shoot fees, leagues, etc.

Discuss how public access will be enhanced after completion of project

Total number of shooting programs held at this facility each year? _____ List the various types of shooting programs held at this facility each year

List the overall impacts this project will have to youth and the shooting community specifically

Uniqueness of Project (Discuss any unique aspects of this project)

Has any *documented public complaint been made aware to this facility or board in the last five years? YES _____ NO _____ *A documented complaint is one that has been made either in writing or to the board or where official action was required by either the board, law enforcement or through the courts. Law suits or threats thereof would qualify as a documented complaint.

If Yes, what was nature of complaint and what has been done to address this complaint?

Does the proposed action to which this grant is being applied for have any potential **negative** impacts on:

- Public Safety? YES _____ NO _____
- Public Health? YES _____ NO _____
- Environmental Impacts? YES _____ NO _____

Section E – Written Proposal (This is your chance to sale your project)! Provide a 1-2 page typed or computer generated proposal discussing the following:

Need

Briefly discuss why this project is needed in your region

Expected Results or Benefits

Briefly discuss what the benefits of this action will be to your region. Include benefits to shooting and non shooting public (if any) and to youth. What problems does this action address?

Objectives

What are the specific actions to be taken? Describe in detail the actual work to be done. Discuss what has been done or completed to date (if anything) and what is still needed for completion

Approach

Briefly discuss how your organization plans to carry out the above objectives. What partners or contractors will be involved. Will the labor be provided by the club in total? Where will equipment be purchased from?

Timetable

Include a brief timetable for completion of project. (All projects must begin after Federal approval and be completed by July 31, 2008)

Public Availability

All ranges assisted through this program must provide availability to the general public (those not directly associated with the partnering clubs or organizations). This can be done in many ways including Hunter Education, STEP OUTSIDE Programs - Youth Days, Ladies Days at the Range (BOW), Women in the Outdoors Workshops, Educational Workshops for the public, Hunter Sight-In Days, General Open Shooting Days, etc. The exact amount of availability will be agreed upon in contractual form prior to reimbursement of monies.

In-Kind Match

Monies are provided at a maximum of 75%, with the remaining 25% being funded through 3rd parties through actual dollars or in-kind activities including facilities, labor, materials, etc. all of which will be provided by either a political subdivision or partnering club or organization.

Maintenance and Operation

All shooting facilities need upgrades and maintenance from time to time. Any shooting range assisted will be expected to fulfill all contract duties for a specified "life span" period agreed upon in contractual form. Maintenance and operational costs will be expected of partnering organizations.

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SECTION VI**Eligible Projects**

Projects that provide or enhance general public and Commission hunter education access at firearm and archery shooting ranges and/or provide for greater public use and recreation. Specific activities include but not limited to: Grounds maintenance equipment, backstops, baffles, target holders, target throwers, fencing, signs, lighting, shooting benches, canopies, platforms, walkways, roads, parking areas, sanitary facilities, storage buildings, gathering areas and teaching buildings.

Eligibility Requirements

With exception of lands owned or leased by the Commission, the requested project must have either a third party political subdivision sponsor or the club or organization must be registered as non-profit in the state of Nebraska and supply appropriate documents and materials.

Agreement for reimbursement can only be provided for work completed after execution of contract with the State of Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and an approval date has been provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Grant Review

Each year, grants will be accepted by the Commission for formal review. This review will be administered by a committee of Commission and non-Commission personnel. All reviews and decisions by the Range Grant Review Committee shall be subject to the Commission Director and/or Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Grant Termination

All grants will be given a timeline for completion. If, within the first six months of that timeline, the grant recipient terminates the agreement, grant funds will be offered to another grant applicant according to rating priority. If the grant applicant terminates the agreement within the last six months of grant project development year, the funds will be utilized by the Commission for Hunter Education Program activities.

Recommendations

Range development and enhancement under the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Range Grant Assistance Program should reflect need and geographic location.

- For enhancement projects, priority will be given to those projects that serve to enhance current shooting facilities with regards to safety, environmental health and sound abatement, public use and facility quality in the context of the population impacted by proposed enhancements.
- For Development projects, priority will be given to those requests that best meet the needs of the greatest number of hunters and shooters in a geographic area. This does not imply priority to any portion of the state.

Overall priority will be given to those projects that provide the greatest enhancement of hunter education, public use and public shooting opportunities.

SECTION VII

Range Development Reference Information

The procedures developed herein should be considered when designing, constructing, financing, enhancing and maintaining shooting ranges.

All facilities developed or enhanced under this program should be inspected, maintained, and managed in accordance with the National Rifle Association Range Manual.

Needs Assessment

Early in the planning process and necessary information to provide to the NGPC is an assessment of needs. This includes a total number of expected users within a 50 mile radius of the proposed site and should be specific to each shooting discipline.

Second, a query of ranges for that discipline should be known in the 50 mile area. For example, if you wish to build a trap range, you should do your homework and determine how many private and public trap ranges already exist within a 50 mile radius of your proposed site. This will accomplish several things. First, it will help you determine the number of users you might expect at your facility. Second, it will give you an idea of the percent of market share you will have once you open your facility. This is important in determining the overall size you need and number of shooting positions and it will be your guide in determining the expected revenue your range will generate to help pay for operations and maintenance. This information must be provided in your proposal.

- The National Shooting Sports provides a workbook titled "So You Want to Build A Shooting Range." This workbook should be utilized for all range development projects and the information provided to the NGPC in the planning phase and prior to the disbursement of any funds from the NGPC.
- Another reference is the state-wide NGPC Shooting Range Database that was developed in partnership with the Nebraska Shooting Sports Association. This database can be searched on the web at Outdoornebraska.org under Shooting Ranges.

Site Assessment

Interested parties should work with local conservation officers to help determine a suitable location for a proposed range facility. Once the site is chosen, the Shooting Range Coordinator will meet with interested parties and the local conservation officer at the proposed site. The NGPC will determine if the site is feasible for funding and development. Many factors play into this decision including but not limited to:

- Topography
- Soil type
- Location to dwellings
- Location to livestock
- Surface water and drainage
- Water table depth
- Rainfall
- Possibility for expansion
- Local citizen concerns/acceptance

- Local ordinances
- Overall safety
- Down range safety fan
- Sound attenuation
- Environmental concerns
- Impact to local economy
- Impact to agriculture
- Impact to historical/native/or species of concern
- Longevity of project

Generally, in choosing a site, these are the most important options that should be studied by the interested parties. All options should be ranked according to specific and consistent criteria and the best option chosen for development.

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

In planning a firearms range, especially a rifle or pistol range, there are many factors that must be considered. Each proposed facility is limited by the physical characteristics of the land available for development. The actual range itself is limited by the available length possible and the number of shooting points desired or possible.

Once a feasible region and location has been identified, the shooting range coordinator will work with local Conservation Officers, club or organization Representatives and the appropriate agency staff to assess site plan, topography interactions, safety fans, etc. Safety to nearby residents and facility users will be of obvious priority.

Shooting points should be designed on a minimum of 5ft centers with a maximum of 8ft centers. The distance from firing line to target line is determined by the available land area or shooting discipline but will generally be: Rifle – 50 and 100 yard, Pistol -25 and 50 yard, Shotgun – 300 yard, Archery – variable – 10-50 yards. Generally the determining and or limiting factor is the required impact zone and safety fan.

It is feasible to state that a firearms range can be safely built anywhere. However the cost of construction directly reflects the feasibility of the site. Depending on terrain and range design, safety zones may extend up to 3.5 miles down range. Sites must be chosen appropriately.

Backstops

All firearm ranges will be designed with an earthen berm backstop to catch all expelled projectiles down range. The backstop, in most cases, will be adequate to contain all projectiles fired (10 - 20ft in height with a one to one slope and sufficient length to service a necessary number of fixed firing points.) Bullet impact area should be free from large debris including rocks.

Backstops will be designed for lead recovery as dictated by soil type, use and terrain. Specific soil types will be enhanced if needed to maintain a constant soil pH of 6.5 – 8.5. Organic matter will also be addressed as needed to maintain quality projectile containment facilities.

Metal or engineered bullet trap designs may be preferred in some cases. These must follow a standard recommended design and be constructed as such.


Benches

Benches should be constructed of steel bases, legs/frame and a concrete top. Benches will be placed on a sufficient concrete pad with a gentle slope for drainage (NRA 1999). Overhead roofs may be installed over benches if possible, depending on location.

Signage

Adequate signage will be posted on all ranges including:

- Handicapped accessible
- USFW Funds
- NGPC
- Range Rules

 Parking, etc. Wording will indicate acceptable range procedures, acceptable firearms for use, operating hours, safety regulations and overall necessary user information.

Shotgun Ranges

Shotgun and Archery are virtually line of sight shooting sports and their impact areas are considerably less than that needed for rifle or pistols. Shotgun ranges require 300 yards or less from firing line to shot drop zone while archery rarely requires over 100 yards. Shot fall zones can be decreased by limiting shot size on the facility. In determining maximum range of shot pellet, multiply the pellet diameter in inches x 2200 (NRA 1999).

Shot fall zones should be developed with lead reclamation in mind. When possible, utilize native plantings but keep in mind that the reclamation process removes the top layer of soil and vegetation. Often, for heavily utilized facilities plantings of alfalfa and other perennial legumes make sense as they require replanting on intervals similar to lead reclamation.

Signage

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- Handicapped accessible
- USFW Funds
- NGPC
- Range Rules
- Parking, etc.

Safety

The most important aspect of any range development effort or when channeling shooting activities from many to one location is SAFETY. Safety must be addressed not only from the range user standpoint but also for off-site locations as well. Range development personnel must have a basic understanding of ballistics as they pertain to all firearms that could be utilized on the facility.

All ranges should be designed that when used properly, will contain and hold all projectiles properly discarded on the facility. Signage should be adequate to provide all necessary safety information to potential users. Any safety concerns should be brought to the attention of the Shooting Range Coordinator immediately. All range design and development projects must be approved in advance by NGPC prior to implementation.

Sound

Sound is often the number one factor that brings shooting ranges and neighbors into conflict. Sound and noise should not be considered the same as noise indicates a nuisance and unfavorable sound. What one individual calls unfavorable sound may be music to the next. Any range should operate within local and acceptable county ordinances. If special provisions are necessary, they should be dealt with at the county board level with respect to neighbors in mind. Proper sound management should be addressed for all well designed shooting facilities. Sound is measured in decibels and obviously decreases as the distance from the source increases. Ranges will be at least 1/4 mile from dwellings to decrease sound problems (NRA 1999). At 1/4 mile, sound levels should be well below city or county ordinances. If sound is of major concern to neighbors, a sound test should be conducted to determine the decibel level at which sound reaches dwellings near 1/4 mile from the range.

Environment

The impact of organized shooting on the environment, for a properly designed facility in a proper location is very limited. Few places in Nebraska are of the soil type, rainfall, and topography that can provide any concern of lead contamination. Properties that govern the effects of lead in the environment include soil type, pH, organic matter content, rainfall, depth to groundwater and topography (NSSF 1997).

Metallic lead, such as lead from bullets and shot, has relatively low chemical reactivity, low solubility in water and is generally inactive in the environment under conditions typical in many parts of the country (NSSF 1997). In most soils, lead mobility will be controlled by adsorption (EA Engineering, Science, Technology 1996). Because of these properties, lead is usually not an inhibiting factor for shooting ranges.

All range development will need to meet specific guidelines for safety, environmental stewardship, etc. The most recognized reference would be the National Rifle Association Range Source Book. Range development takes planning, engineering, budgeting and respect toward public safety. Such guidelines will ensure that your efforts and funds will reach maximum potential for the longest period of time in the best interest of shooters and the general public.

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MODEL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The undersigned is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and offers all persons the opportunity to participate in programs or activities regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex (in educational programs or activities). Further, it is agreed that no individual will be turned away from or otherwise denied access to or benefit from any program or activity that is directly associated with a program of the RECIPIENT on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex (in educational programs or activities).