

WILDLIFE TRUST BOARD ANNOUNCES "QUICK GRANTS" PROGRAM

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RIVERTON, WY.....The Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust program announced a new procedure for "Quick Grants" that will allow grants of less than \$2,500.00 to be received, ranked, and funded throughout the year. The process was developed under rulemaking authority of the Board, and was approved by Governor Dave Freudenthal in February.

The Quick Grant program was advocated by Board Chair Delaine Roberts, Etna, and was designed to encourage youth and local groups to engage in wildlife habitat enhancement and natural resource conservation.

"I have seen some truly great work on a local level done by Eagle Scouts, 4H clubs, FFA Chapters and other local groups," Roberts said, "and I think our process for larger projects is pretty intimidating. I want to make it attractive for young people and others to engage with the Trust Board."

The Quick Grant program features a streamlined application process, and allows the board to act at any time throughout the year. Larger projects are received at any time, but the board review process and funding allocation is done in June and December. The pool for funding Quick Grants is limited to no more than two-percent (2%) of the funds allocated in any given year.

According to Board member Mike Baker, Thermopolis, that is still a significant potential. "At two percent of the total funds, we will be able to allocate between \$100,000.00 and \$120,000.00 per year if there are high quality applications." Baker said the total number of quick grants could be 40 or more.

"The interest in this program is really very strong," Board member Peggy Colson, Rawlins, said. "We are already getting people calling or writing to ask how they can participate, and that is really exciting."

The application and rules for the program are available at the Trust Board website, or by contacting the office in Riverton.

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