
PROPOSAL FORMAT

Please limit the proposal narrative to six (6) single spaced pages. The summary budget should identify project needs by category on the *Proposal Cover Page*. A one-page résumé/vitae for key personnel especially the University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CAL S) faculty or staff member serving as the Principal Investigator (PI) and the local program manager, should be included. The proposal cover page, résumés, bibliography, and any letters of support are not included in the six (6) page limit.

**Submit all materials electronically by
December 11, 2020 to: nuzum@cal.s.wisc.edu**

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PROJECT BUDGET PERIOD

One or two year projects will begin July 1 of the awarding year with an end date of June 30 of the first or second year, respectively. The second year of funding is contingent on demonstrated progress and submission of a progress report. For each year of funding, progress reports are due by February 15. A final report will be due by July 31 for all funded projects.

A proposal narrative should include the following sections:

JUSTIFICATION AND OUTCOME

Why is the proposed work or activity important? What benefits will come from it in terms of solutions to forest-based natural resource problems or improved quality of life in the Kickapoo Valley? Identify the likely use and users of the results and how the results of this work will be disseminated.

PROPOSED WORK

What will be done? Provide a coherent outline of proposed analyses, assessments or investigations with sufficient detail that interested members of the public

can understand the logic and value of the approaches. Provide a timeline for the proposed work and indicate how progress or success will be measured. Identify how this proposed work incorporates existing research or activities relevant to the problem at hand. If this work is part of a larger research or development activity, identify how this component is integrated into the larger activity.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Identify budgetary needs in terms of labor (salary and fringe), tuition remission (if applicable), supplies, and workshop expenses. Travel is an allowable expense but limited to in state only. Projects should not exceed two years in duration and \$38,000 annually. Budget requests exceeding \$24,000 annually should be reserved for research proposals requesting CAL S RA/PA support. The Fund does not pay administrative, overhead or indirect costs.

Funding is awarded to and administered by a UW-Madison, CAL S faculty or staff member serving as PI. If subaccounts or subcontracts will be included in the project, specific details must be provided in the proposal and included in the budget.

PERSONNEL

Identify the responsibilities of each person involved in the project including each person's reporting requirements. A UW-Madison, CAL S faculty or staff member (with PI Status) must serve as PI on the project and their involvement in the project must be clearly explained. If significant collaboration with other agencies or organizations is planned, identify key contacts or arrangements. Provide one-page résumés for key personnel involved in managing or coordinating the proposed work.



Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Fund



FUNDING GUIDELINES & PROPOSAL PROCEDURES FOR 2021

BACKGROUND

The Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Fund was established through a generous bequest to the University of Wisconsin Foundation by Ralph Nuzum, a long-time businessman and resident of the Kickapoo Valley.

Mr. Nuzum's intentions were set forth in a 1973 document which stated, in part, that:

"...the donor wishes that the income from the Fund be used to support a model comprehensive land use forestation, conservation, and rehabilitation project involving an interdisciplinary team cooperating with broadly representative citizens, groups and local leaders in the Kickapoo Valley."

Mr. Nuzum specified that activities selected for support may include:

"...regeneration of existing forests; integrating farm woodlots into an overall forestation program; aesthetic logging to enhance the beauty and recreational values of the Kickapoo Valley; education of absentee landlords to an ecologically sound management of their wooded property; reforestation programs giving emphasis to the planting of hardwood forests; studies aimed at determining the effect of damming the Kickapoo River on forestation programs and projects; etc.... ...(The projects) may include other activities which in the opinion of the Foundation will at that time best serve the Donor's intentions and purposes, and make possible lessons of value in promoting a 'green America'."

PRINCIPLES FOR FUNDING

The Kickapoo Valley Reforestation Fund welcomes proposals for projects that enhance the ecological, economic and social well-being of the Kickapoo Valley and its residents.

The Fund intends to support "good ideas" that fit within the spirit of Mr. Nuzum's bequest.

Proposals are a first step in identifying "good ideas," especially those which originate with the citizens of the Valley. Following review by the Fund Committee, those proposals receiving favorable evaluations will be implemented with the guidance of the Committee.

Generally, proposals should be submitted no later than mid-December of each year. The Fund Committee will review and select favorable proposals by April 1st of each year.

PROJECT GUIDELINES

Successful proposals must satisfy certain guidelines in order to receive consideration for funding. Proposals must identify a significant assessment, action or analysis which, upon completion, could reasonably be expected to enhance the overall quality of life in the Kickapoo Valley. Proposals also should identify some practical measure or indicator of success that could be understood and appreciated by non-scientists.

The Fund prefers to support projects that can achieve multiple benefits for the "...broadly represented citizens" of the Valley, while enhancing ecological attributes of forests and other natural resources. Workshops may be supported if the objectives clearly advance the principles of the Fund. Funds can be used as partial support of a larger project. Please provide detail on the other source(s) of funding and an explanation of the how the projects complement one another rather than overlap.

The following principles will also guide the Committee in selecting projects for support:

- Projects should propose actions or devise solutions which address pragmatic problems deriving from past or current use of forest lands and which improve our understanding, appreciation and management of forest

resources in the Kickapoo Valley.

- Projects should focus on forest resources in the broad sense, including biophysical features, economic activities, and human interactions with the distinctive ecology of the Kickapoo Valley.
- Projects should have a strong scientific basis and build upon results of past research and action programs conducted in the Valley and in similar rural communities and landscapes of the upper Midwest.
- Projects must be collaborative in nature and include a UW-Madison faculty member or staff (with PI Status), as well as a Kickapoo Valley-related collaborator. Examples of potential collaborators might include Valley-based organizations or cooperatives, county extension agents, civic organizations, or area school districts.
- Salary support for faculty with 12-month appointments and Kickapoo cooperating agency permanent professional staff salaries cannot be included in project budget. For faculty with 9-month appointments, summer salary cannot be budgeted for more than one summer month/year. Projects budgets that include a CALS RA/PA and faculty summer salary are not allowable.
- The Fund does not provide general operating funds for Valley-based organizations. Funds may not be used to support litigation or lobbying, land purchases or construction or capital improvements.
- Use of the Nuzum Fund to leverage other funding sources is strongly encouraged.