



ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES

# MEMORANDUM

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to: Director Colleen Callahan  
from: Stan McTaggart, Chairman, State Furbearer Committee  
date: Sept. 27, 2022  
subject: State Furbearer Committee's August 25, 2022, Recommendations

The State Furbearer Committee held their annual meeting on August 25, 2022 in the IDNR Headquarters and via Zoom. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the following projects from State Furbearer Funds:

### Grants

Two grant applications were submitted for consideration for FY 2022:

- 1) Red fox research proposal from Dr. Max Allen - \$45,000 – Not approved by the Committee
- 2) Trailer to transport educational supplies for Illinois Trappers Association - \$22,000 – **Approved by the Committee.**

### The Committee also approved funding for these projects under each of the three categories from the Wildlife Code:

- **Research on furbearers**
  - \$2,000 to cover cost increase for 10 GPS coyote collars already approved for the Coyote in the Classroom Project (NGRREC)
- **Education on furbearers**
  - \$8,500 for Illinois Trapping Workshop and tuition for IDNR staff to attend Furtakers College
  - \$7000 to maintain and host Trapper Education Website and curriculum (NGRREC)
  - \$6,750 for NGRRECC to implement approved Furbearer Fund Projects
  - \$5,500 for maintenance and hosting of Coyote in the Classroom (NGRREC)
  - \$1,200 for maintenance of Wild Illinois History (NGRREC)
  - \$8,000 for furbearer education kits including taxidermy/mounts of furbearers, tanned hides and other items for use in education specific to furbearers (skulls, parts, etc.)

**Total Allocated to research and education projects in 2022      \$38,950**

The Committee wishes to continue working with Lewis and Clark Community College (NGRREC) to implement the Research and Education projects, either by amending the current agreement or by drafting a new agreement to include these projects.

**Recommended Total Funding - The total Furbearer Fund expenditures approved for Fiscal Year 2022 is \$60,950.**

