

MEMORANDUM

to: Director Colleen Callahan

from: Stan McTaggart, Chairman, State Furbearer Committee

date: January 29, 2021

subject: State Furbearer Committee's January 2021 Recommendations

The State Furbearer Committee held their meeting on January 5th, 2021 via Zoom Meeting. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the following projects from State Furbearer Funds:

Grants

There were no eligible grantee applications to consider for furbearer projects in FY 2021.

The Committee approved funding for:

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Fur Takers of America Fu	ır Trapp	ers Colleg	;e		\$ 3,000
Illinois Furbearer Trappin	ng Work	shop for I	DNR staff		\$ 5,000
Taxidermy funding for tra	apper ed	lucation			\$ 5,000
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NGRECC additional funding to complete Education Projects \$ 4.400

• There was a discussion of how to attract more applications for Furbearer Fund project applications in the future. Stan McTaggart will get prices for furbearer 'kits' to be used as educational displays and have them for the next meeting. Wes Anderson commented that researchers speaking at conferences could be viewed as research and education.

OLD BUSINESS

- Furbearer funds approved for the gray fox (Competitive State Wildlife Grant CSWG) project in 2019 will revert back into the Fund because the project was not selected for funding by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- \$3,000 was approved for sending people to Trapper's College in Indiana.
- \$2,000 was approved for taxidermy displays.
- Three of the 5 projects approved by the Committee in 2019 have been combined into one project with National Great Rivers Research and Educational Center. This was finalized in mid-November and will include the following:
 - o Coyote in the Classroom curriculum development and launch
 - o Online Trapper Education Website maintenance and upgrades
 - o Wild Illinois History website maintenance and upgrades

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion of various projects that could be completed with Furbearer appropriated funds thru the procurement system.

Research - none

Conservation - none

Education

- Trappers College
- Illinois Trapping Workshop
- Visitor center displays
- Update furbearer kits

Recommended Funding - The total Furbearer Fund expenditures approved for Fiscal Year 2021 is \$17,400.

Please indicate your approval of the Division of Wildlife funding recommendations by signing below. Your earliest response will be most appreciated. Funds are currently available for the recommended projects.

Upon your decision staff of the Office of Resource Conservation will inform the State Furbearer Committee and IDNR staff.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION		APPROVE	DISAPPROVE
Stan McTaggart, Chairman State Furbearer Committee	Date		
OFFICE RECOMMENDATION		APPROVE	DISAPPROVE
Chris Young, Director Office of Resource Conservation	Date		
AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF		APPROVE	DISAPPROVE
Colleen Callahan, Director Department of Natural Resources	Date		