

Please note:
Proposal Deadline--Thursday, May 21, 2009
Maximum Grant Amount--\$30,000

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE INITIATIVE Grant Proposal Information

Federal Fiscal Year 2009

Submittal of proposals for new and ongoing projects is requested (Note: a proposal **must** be submitted for each continuous or multiyear project for consideration of FY2009 funds). **Proposals should be submitted no later than Thursday, May 21, 2009.** Proposals received by this date will be scheduled for presentation at the meeting of the **Bosque Improvement Group**, scheduled for **Thursday, May 28, 2009, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office, 2105 Osuna Rd. NE.** Proposal presentations will be limited to 10 minutes per proposal. A review committee will be identified and proposals will be reviewed and ranked by the review committee. Announcement of funded proposals should be made by June 15, 2009.

PROPOSAL CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should be **no more than 5 pages in length (not including maps or Landowner Letter(s) of Support)** and should include the following sections:

1. Project title
2. Sponsoring agency
3. Primary contact information (name, title, mailing address, phone, fax, and e-mail address)
4. Project type(s) -- Research, Monitoring, Habitat Enhancement, Outreach (list by priority type, followed by next priority type, etc.)
5. **Project status** -- is proposed project:
 - a) a new project;
 - b) a multi-year project (provide status—i.e., year 1 of a 3 year project); or,
 - c) on-going project (when did project start and how long will it continue)?
6. Purpose/Objectives
7. Background
8. Scope (list project tasks, etc.)
9. Project coordinates in degrees, minutes, seconds (where applicable); provide map of project area
10. Acreage or river miles affected (where applicable)

11. Project or Agency website (where applicable)
12. Period of Performance (identify the duration of the proposed project in months/year(s) – Note: project should “begin on the last signature date of the fully executed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreement”)
13. Cooperators/Partners (Cooperators/partners are not mandatory but are encouraged. Cooperators may be organizations that contribute matching funds. Partners may be organizations that contribute assistance, in-kind service, treatments, or land access.)
14. Project benefits (how will project results benefit the bosque?)
15. Expected products and delivery dates (These should include: on-the-ground restoration (where applicable); annual progress reports, and a final report documenting project activities and accomplishments.)
16. Applicable recommendations identified in **Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem: Bosque Biological Management Plan** (<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/mrgbi/Resources/BBMP/Bbmp.pdf>); also see **twenty-two recommendations** (<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/mrgbi/Resources/Recommendations/index.html>)
17. Detailed budget (list details such as salaries, vehicles, travel, equipment, supplies, and matching funds, including in-kind and indirect costs)
18. Landowner Letter(s) of Support (if proposed work is to be performed on land(s) not owned by the proposal sponsoring agency)

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Proposals may be sent via mail, fax, or e-mail to:

Cyndie Abeyta, Middle Rio Grande Coordinator
NM Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2105 Osuna Road, NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

(505) 761-4738
(505) 346-2542 FAX
Cyndie_Abeyta@fws.gov

Proposals may also be submitted through Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/> . Please contact Cyndie Abeyta if you have any questions or need additional information.

GENERAL MIDDLE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE INITIATIVE FUND INFORMATION

Name of fund: Middle Rio Grande Bosque Initiative

Congressional Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act: Habitat Conservation Authority

Fund Coordinator: Cyndie Abeyta

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Description: Program implements the Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem: Bosque Biological Management Plan. The "Bosque Initiative" is an ongoing, congressionally supported, interagency ecosystem management effort to coordinate activities related to the ecological restoration and management of the 180-mile Middle Rio Grande corridor in central New Mexico from Cochiti Lake to Elephant Butte Reservoir. The Bosque Plan contains 21 general recommendations for changes in management of resources associated with the Middle Rio Grande Bosque. The Bosque Plan was updated in 2005. The Bosque Plan Update includes a 22nd recommendation which is listed in the summary list [twenty-two recommendations](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/mrgbi/Resources/Recommendations/index.html) (<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/mrgbi/Resources/Recommendations/index.html>). The 22 recommendations include but are not limited to hydrology, aquatic and terrestrial habitat, monitoring, and outreach. Projects are solicited from a wide array of local, county, state, tribal and federal interests within the corridor and Universities in the Southwest. Proposals are submitted annually and are reviewed and prioritized by Bosque Improvement Group (BIG) participants. Funding allocations are made annually to priority projects. Final products include on-the-ground habitat improvement, technical documents, and/or other written material.

Limitations: Proposals must be located within the Middle Rio Grande Corridor. Eligible recipients include FWS stations, other federal, tribal, state, county, and local cooperators.

Partners: Preferred, but not required.

Funds Available: \$200,000 anticipated.

Maximum dollar request: \$30,000 per project per year. Generally less than \$25,000 cost share is encouraged and will be added weight during selection process.

Deadline for proposal submission: Thursday, May 21, 2009. Projects may also be funded at various times during the fiscal year.