



Texas NWTF 2017 Super Fund Highlights

On January 21st, 2017, the Texas State NWTF Chapter Board of Directors approved your annual Super Fund Budget with a working balance of **\$191,700**. Highlights are:

Habitat Enhancement (\$87,000) - TPWD Matador WMA riparian restoration is **\$5,000** of \$20,000 total (Rolling Plains); TPWD Gus Engeling WMA restoration of wildlife openings is **\$5,000** of \$20,000 total (Post Oak Savannah); TPWD Gene Howe WMA riparian restoration is **\$7,500** of \$30,000 total (Rolling Plains); TPWD Angelina-Neches/Dam B WMA eastern wild turkey habitat restoration is **\$7,500** of \$30,000 total (Pineywoods); TPWD Pat Mayse WMA fire line/eastern wild turkey habitat restoration is **\$5,000** of \$20,000 total (Pineywoods); TPWD Muse WMA brush removal/range seeding is **\$7,500** of \$30,000 total (Rolling Plains); TPWD Chaparral WMA brush removal/Rx burning is **\$5,000** of \$20,000 total (Rio Grande Plains); and, TPWD Yoakum Dunes prairie habitat restoration is **\$7,500** of \$30,000 total (High Plains), for a total of **\$200,000** for on-the-ground work tied to these named TPWD Wildlife Management Areas due to 3:1 matching Pittman-Robertson federal aid funds. The cooperative NWTF East Texas Regional Biologist position support is **\$25,000** (with TPWD, USDA Forest Service, and NWTF), with an additional support of **\$7,000** provided as cooperative support for three NWTF Texas Private Lands Leasing Biologist positions. A **\$5,000** *Save the Habitat* line item for habitat restoration work to be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Super Fund Committee was approved.

Education (\$16,900) - The Texas State NWTF Newsletter is **\$14,000** (2 issues per year plus trade show copies); the NWTF-hosted state website is **\$400**; and, Volunteer leadership training is **\$2,500** for South Central Regional Rendezvous to be held this summer.

Scholarships (\$10,500) - Local chapter scholarships are **\$8,000** (up to 16 at \$500), and a statewide (**\$2,500**) scholarship is provided.

Youth Events (\$8,500) - JAKES events are provided **\$4,000** at \$500 each; 4-H Shooting Sports events are **\$3,000** at \$500 each; and, National Archery in the Schools Program is **\$1,500** at \$500 each. *Note:* Texas State Board protocol is that chapters may select 1 event per year (\$500 each) out of the three outreach categories and get special approval for a second event (first come, first served).

Hunting Heritage (\$10,000) - The American Hunting Heritage Fund is **\$2,500**; the *Outdoor Adventures Program* (per Dallas Ecological Foundation materials) is funded at **\$2,500**; and, a **\$5,000** *Save the Hunt* line item is provided for use on case-by-case basis with partners by approval of the Super Fund Committee.

Wild Turkey Restoration (\$5,000) - Funding to assist TPWD Eastern wild turkey restoration costs (shipping costs, disease testing, fuel, per diem) is **\$5,000** and accumulates for future years if needed.

Women In The Outdoors (\$2,000) - Statewide WITO events are **\$2,000** at \$500 each with supplemental funding by the Outreach Fund.

Habitat Signage (\$5,000) - **\$5,000** for statewide habitat restoration work by Texas NWTF and with partners.

Research (\$3,300) - Rio Grande wild turkey research in the Oak Prairie Wildlife District was funded in cooperation with a university at **\$3,300**.

Wheelin' Sportsmen (\$3,500) - Statewide Wheelin' Sportsmen events are **\$3,500** (at \$500 each).

Other (\$19,500) - State Chapter rebate is **~\$5,000**; Turkey Hunters Care is **\$1,000** at no more than \$250 per chapter (½ of \$500 for frozen turkeys); TPWD Tech Rep travel to National Convention and regional tech meetings is **\$2,500** (for Jason Hardin); Texas Outdoor Partners is **\$1,000**; 2017 Bronze Level Sponsorship for TPWD's Lone Star Land Steward Awards Program is **\$1,000**; and, Regional Director supplies is up to **\$9,000**.

National Convention (\$20,500) - Up to **\$20,500** is provided to send the Texas State Chapter President, volunteer leaders (board members), TPWD State Game Warden (NWTF Wildlife Officer of the Year), and the NWTF Joe Kurz Wildlife Manager of the Year recipient to the National Convention this year.

Our Texas Super Fund year is January 1st through December 31st of each year. **Project proposal submission deadline for next year's budget is November 1st, 2017.** Contact Gene Miller (gmler@nwtf.net) or Dan Johnson (djohnson@nwtf.net) for a NWTF Hunting Heritage Super Fund Project Proposal form with instructions (electronic submission preferred) and any questions.

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