

PRESERVATION OF WILD HORSES

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NAC 504.800 Definitions. As used in NAC 504.805 to 504.865, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Commission" means the commission for the preservation of wild horses.
2. The words and terms defined in NRS 504.430 have the meanings ascribed to them in that section.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n for Preserv. of Wild Horses, eff. 8-22-86; A 6-22-90)

NAC 504.805 Grants of money to finance projects for preservation of wild horses.

1. The commission will authorize expenditures from the trust fund for grants of money to finance:

(a) Research into:

- (1) The characteristics, health and patterns of change of the population of wild horses in Nevada;
- (2) The habitat of wild horses in Nevada, including forage, water, shelter and the amount of living space needed; and
- (3) The elements and methods of implementation of plans for the management of wild horses in Nevada in their habitat, including the control and counting of the population, the monitoring of the condition of wild horses and plans for their relocation.

(b) A project which informs the public:

- (1) Of the activities of the commission; and
- (2) Concerning the preservation and management of wild horses in Nevada, including the preparation and distribution of publications, films and educational aids and the presentation of informational and promotional events.

(c) A project for the preservation and management of wild horses which directly benefits wild horses in Nevada in their habitat including the improvement of the habitat, establishing a preserve and creating a program using secret witnesses.

2. The commission will not grant any money from the trust fund to any person opposed to or affiliated with any organization which is opposed to the preservation of wild horses.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n for Preserv. of Wild Horses, eff. 8-22-86)

NAC 504.810 Limitation on amount withdrawn from trust fund. Not more than \$100,000 will be withdrawn from the trust fund in any fiscal year for the purposes specified in NAC 504.805.

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NAC 504.815 Applicants. Any person or governmental agency may apply for a grant from the commission.

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NAC 504.820 Application; contents. On or after May 1 but before July 1 of each year, an applicant for a grant must submit to the commission the original and three copies of a completed application on the form prescribed by the commission. The application must contain:

1. All relevant details of the project and additional information which demonstrates how the project will promote the preservation of wild horses;
2. A statement of the applicant's qualifications and commitment to the preservation of wild horses; and
3. A statement that the applicant is not a member of and has no affiliation with an organization opposed to the preservation of wild horses.

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NAC 504.825 Review of application; award of grant; applications for additional grants.

1. Before August 1 of each year, the commission will review the application for a grant. On or before September 1, the commission will conduct a public meeting to hear a presentation by each applicant recommended by the executive director and comments from the public concerning the application. The commission will award the grant to appropriate projects at the conclusion of the meeting.
2. If less than the total amount set aside by the commission for grants is authorized for expenditure at the meeting, the commission will accept applications for additional grants until November 1.

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NAC 504.830 Reservation of money for emergencies. Of the amount set aside by the commission for grants, the commission will reserve \$5,000 to finance the alleviation of an immediate threat to the preservation of wild horses or their habitat.

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NAC 504.835 Verifications required from recipient. Each recipient of a grant from the trust fund must verify that:

1. The project conforms to all state and federal laws;
2. The administrative expenses of the project are limited to 5 percent of the amount of the grant; and
3. The money received is used only for the purpose for which it was awarded.

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NAC 504.840 Limitation on amount of grant. A recipient of a grant may not receive more than \$25,000 unless he provides an amount of money, at least equal to the grant, to be used for the project.

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NAC 504.845 Audit of project; change in use of grant.

1. The commission will audit and review a project during the course of the project and upon its completion.
2. The grant awarded by the commission may be used only for the purposes specified for the project. A change in the project must be approved in writing by the commission before the change is made. If approval is not received before the change is made, the grantee must return to the commission any money spent on that part of the project which was changed.

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NAC 504.850 Grant to be expended or obligated during fiscal year. The grant by the commission must be expended or obligated during the fiscal year in which the grant was awarded. Services or contracts which extend beyond the end of the fiscal year must be approved in writing by the commission before the money is obligated.

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NAC 504.855 Contract; request for payment. Every grant awarded by the commission must be memorialized by a contract between the commission, the grantee and any other person necessary to the completion of the project for which the grant is awarded. Upon approval of the application and the contract by the commission, the grantee shall request in writing that the commission begin payment of the money granted. If the amount of the money granted was conditioned on the recipient providing an equal amount, he must submit proof of the availability of that money.

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NAC 504.860 Payments from trust fund conditioned on receipt of reports of progress.

1. After the initial payment from the trust fund to the recipient of a grant, any additional payments will be conditioned upon receipt and approval by the commission of written reports regarding the progress of the project. The reports must be received by the commission no later than December 31 of the fiscal year in which the grant was awarded, and September 15 of the next year. The final report must be received by the commission before any payment

from the trust fund will be made to the recipient, if the recipient is awarded a grant for that year.

2. The reports of progress must include:

(a) A complete accounting of all expenditures of the money received from the trust fund and of any matching money provided by the grantee, if applicable; and

(b) An assessment of the accomplishments of the project based on the goals stated in the application for the grant.

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NAC 504.865 Waiver of requirements for grant. Upon the written request of any person who:

1. Submits an application to the commission requesting a grant from the trust; or

2. Is the recipient of a grant from the trust fund,

the commission may waive specific requirements for a grant from the trust fund as set forth in NAC 504.800 to 504.860, inclusive.

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