

NUNAVUT WILDLIFE RESEARCH TRUST AND STUDIES FUND



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Nunavut Wildlife Research Trust

- The NWRT was created to fund wildlife research conducted by territorial and federal government departments.
- The NWRT provides an annual allocation to address wildlife research priorities as identified by NWBM through its identification of NWMB and Regional Wildlife Organization Management and Research Priorities in the three regions of Nunavut.

Online Application System

- Applications to the NWRT are submitted via an internet-based electronic application system.
- Application deadline January 15 each year.
- All required information must be filled out and funding guide must be viewed before the application can be submitted.

Scoring Structure: NWMB and Regional Priorities

- NWRT scoring gives higher priority to research focused on NWMB priorities.

CRITERIA	POSSIBLE POINTS
1. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH PRIORITY	
Issue identified as an NWMB Priority: #1 = 17.50; #2 = 14.50; #3 = 11.50; #4 = 8.50; #5 = 5.50; #6 = 3.50; Not identified as an NWMB priority but will provide information that will contribute to wildlife management in Nunavut = 1.5 points	17.50
Issue identified as a Regional Priority: #1 = 7.50; #2 = 6.50; #3 = 5.50; #4 = 4.50; #5 = 3.50; #6 = 2.50; Not identified as a Regional Priority but has letter of local support = 1.5 points	7.50
Wildlife Management and Research Priority Total	25.00

Scoring Structure: Quality of Research

- Projects are awarded more points for research that will be applicable in the near future and that includes IQ/TEK.

2. QUALITY OF RESEARCH	
Will the methodology/project design adequately address the objectives of the project? (e.g. adequate sample size, appropriate methodology, etc.)	20.00
Will the research provide information that will be applicable to the NWMB in its wildlife management activities in the near future (1-3 years)?	10.00
Does the project use a combination of IQ/TEK and conventional scientific knowledge?	5.00
Quality of Research Total	35.00

Scoring Structure: Financial Contributions

- Financial contributions by the applicant and other organizations are combined.

3. FUNDING AND TRAINING	
(maximum values based on 80% of costs and 1 py for project)	
Financial contribution by applicant and other organizations to project costs. (total contributions/total project budget x 2.5 x 6)	12.00
Person years: number of person years contributed to project by applicant multiplied by 3	3.00
Training and employment for Nunavut residents: number of person months of employment (multiply by 2 if training also included)	10.00
Funding and Training Sub-Total	25.00

Scoring Structure: Consultation and Reporting

- Applicants are required to provide a letter of support from communities or demonstrate conscientious consultation in their proposals.

4. CONSULTATION AND REPORTING	
Regional or community consultation and support for project: evidence of community support provided = 8.00; consultations begun with communities (letters/phone calls) = 5.00; plans for consultation included in proposal = 3.00	8.00
Plans for community reporting: in-community reporting of results = 4.00; other format of reporting (e.g. circulation of reports, posters, etc.) = 2.5	4.00
Plans for publications: Peer-reviewed scientific publication = 3.00; Other forms of publication (e.g. departmental report) = 1.50	3.00
Consultation and Reporting Sub-Total	15.00

Scoring Structure: Deductions

- The scoring system deducts points for outstanding and late reporting.

Sub-Total Score	100.00
Deduct 6.00 points for outstanding final reports; 4.00 points for interim progress and financial reports; 2.00 points for late submission of reports	
TOTAL SCORE	100.00

Reporting Requirements

- Deadlines for Reporting are:

Interim project report = 15 January

Interim financial report = 15 January

Final financial report = 30 June

Final project report = 30 September

- Requests for extensions for reporting will be considered on a case by case basis but must be made 2 weeks in advance of the deadline

Funding Limitations & Eligibility

- Proposals must score a minimum of 65 points to be considered by the NWMB.
- The Board will only consider a package of the top ranked proposals making up not more than 135% of the amount available to allocate.
- The Director of Wildlife Management has the authority to reject applications that are not submitted in adequate detail, do not meet the funding guide criteria or minimum score, or where reporting requirements have not been met.

Funding Limitations & Eligibility

- At least 50% of the total project budget must be funded by the applicant or other external sources.
- Projects that involve the compilation of existing data will not be funded unless this is an integral part of a project which is judged to be necessary in meeting wildlife management and research priorities.

Funding Limitations & Eligibility: Multi-year Funding

- Limited to 25% of the total amount available for funding.
- To be considered, proposals must meet the following four criteria:
 - Research Priority = 65%
 - Research Quality = 70%
 - Funding and Training = 60%
 - Consultation and Reporting = 70%

Funding Limitations & Eligibility: Preliminary Funding

- Maximum \$15,000 per project.
- Limited to 10% of the total funding available.
- Examples of preliminary study funding:
 - Development of research methods
 - Consultations to obtain community support
 - Consideration of community participation
 - Inclusion of IQ/TEK

Notification of Funding Decisions

- Proposals are reviewed by the Board during the March meeting
- Individual applicants and departments will be advised in writing of the NWMB's funding decisions by mid-April
- All funding conditions must be met by 30 June
- The NWMB may establish additional funding conditions prior to funding being issued

Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund

- The Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund (NWSF) was created by the NWMB to fund community-based management and research projects in Nunavut, in particular, projects led by Hunters and Trappers Organizations.
- Addresses issues of local concern.
- Very similar structure to NWRT.

Nunavut Wildlife Studies Fund

- Government of Nunavut researchers can support the HTOs with applications and research, however the HTO maintains responsibility for all correspondence with the NWMB and submission of all required documents.

Scoring Structure

- Scoring Structure similar to NWRT with some changes that benefit those without research experience.
- NWMB and Regional Priorities
- Quality of Research
- Financial Contributions
- Consultation and Reporting

Questions / Comments



Mallory, M. 2009. Presentation to NWMB. pp. 15-16.