



## TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY

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Interested Parties,

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is pleased to announce a grant opportunity to Tennessee counties, municipalities, chambers of commerce, and other governmental entities that can administer a grant to privately owned businesses that are operating as licensed Wholesale Fish Dealers. This grant program was funded by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) to increase capacity for existing ACHIP contractors and new Tennessee resident Wholesale Fish Dealer businesses. Please review the grant opportunity in this document, if you have questions please contact Eric Ganus, Commercial Fisheries Program Coordinator, TWRA at (615) 418-1945 or by email at [Eric.Ganus@tn.gov](mailto:Eric.Ganus@tn.gov)

Thank you,

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## **Grant opportunity from Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to expand Tennessee businesses that purchase Asian Carp from commercial fishermen.**

### **Background:**

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) currently contracts with Wholesale Fish Dealers in Tennessee to promote the harvest of Asian carp from Kentucky, Barkley, Cheatham, and Old Hickory lakes. Wholesale Fish Dealers are resident businesses that are licensed by TWRA to buy and sell fish to in-state and out-of-state businesses. TWRA's contract program, called the Asian Carp Harvest Incentive Program (ACHIP) has removed over 4.5 million pounds of carp since September 2018. However, due to market dynamics we do not expect the current ACHIP program to progress and continue to grow without increasing the capacity of the participating Wholesale Fish Dealer Businesses. Increased capacity will allow contracted businesses to purchase Asian carp and increase participation in larger market sectors. This grant program was funded by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission to increase capacity for existing ACHIP contractors and new Tennessee resident Wholesale Fish Dealer businesses. This grant initiative is also needed to help support portions of the National Management and Control Plan for Asian Carp (Conover et al. 2007) and portions of the Ohio River Basin Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework (Ohio River Fisheries Management Team 2014).

### **Who can apply for these grants?**

Tennessee counties, municipalities, chambers of commerce, and other governmental entities that can administer a grant to privately owned businesses that are operating as licensed Wholesale Fish Dealers.

### **How can grant funds be used?**

- The State retains a pro rata equitable interest in all equipment purchased with grant funds (e.g., if grant funds are used to pay for 50% of a piece of equipment, then the State retains a 50% interest in the equipment). The State holds a security interest in any equipment purchased with grant funds, and the Grantee will be responsible for paying filing costs of such security interest. Further, the Grantee will be responsible for the accountability, maintenance, management, and inventory of all equipment purchased with grant funds.
- Construction projects to improve access to the facility, space for processing carp, or space to store carp.
- Projects must be completed by June 30, 2021.

### **How to apply?**

Please send a written grant proposal by email to Eric Ganus, Commercial Fishing Coordinator, TWRA at [Eric.Ganus@tn.gov](mailto:Eric.Ganus@tn.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2020. Grant proposals received before the August 31 deadline will be processed and approved on a first come, first served basis.

### **Proposal Guidelines**

Proposals must describe how the grant funds will be used to increase the amount of Asian carp purchased from commercial fishers who are harvesting carp from Kentucky, Barkley, Cheatham, and Old Hickory Lakes. Proposals must provide an itemized budget of equipment, supplies, and construction projects, including the location of the projects. Proposals must estimate the additional pounds of carp that will be removed by this project. Applicants should include any in-kind match or funds that will be contributed by the grantee or the receiving business to the project.

## **Selection Criteria**

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Include participation by Wholesale Fish Dealers who are ACHIP contracted vendors. The grant applicant must provide the name of the business and owner (point of contact), a current (valid) telephone number and address for their residence and place of business.
- The applicant must provide a brief, descriptive statement detailing evidence of their ability to deliver the goods or services sought under this grant (e.g., prior experience, references, training, certifications, resources, program and quality management systems, etc.).
- The applicant applying for the grant must be a registered vendor with the State of Tennessee.
- The applicant must have a valid Resident Wholesale Fish Dealer License (Type 113).
- The applicant must have a Consumer and Industry Service Permit issued by the State of Tennessee Department of Agriculture and an HACCP Certification issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Clearly describe how the project will result in substantial increase in carp harvested or purchased by the businesses or applicant.
- Include matching contributions or costs that have been incurred by current ACHIP contract vendors.
- Include matching contributions during the cycle of this grant by the grantee or the receiving businesses.