

January 3, 2014

Re: 2014 General Grant Round – Accepting Applications

On behalf of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands (Land Board), **the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office is accepting grant applications from** eligible political subdivisions for funds from the Energy Impact Grant program. Applications for specific improvements and needs supporting infrastructure will be **accepted until February 28, 2014** by the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office.

Political subdivisions, including counties, park districts, water resource districts, townships and other eligible public entities impacted by oil and gas development are welcome to apply for grant funds available to address infrastructure impacts resulting from energy activity. The Land Board has established specific grant rounds for cities, airports, K-12 schools, higher education, sheriff's departments and emergency response services. This grant round will focus on those other eligible political subdivisions not given consideration by their own specific grant round.

Projects that demonstrate cooperative efforts between multiple entities and requests for one-time projects related to advancing or improving physical assets will receive priority consideration. An advisory committee made up of city, county and other officials will make recommendations to the Land Board for the allocation of grant funds.

The Land Board has allocated \$4 million in energy impact money for this grant round. The Land Board consists of Governor Jack Dalrymple, Secretary of State Al Jaeger, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, State Treasurer Kelly Schmidt and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kirsten Baesler.

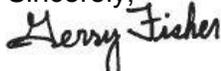
Since July 2013 the Land Board has approved over \$117 million of energy impact grants for infrastructure projects from the \$240 million available. Legislative law dictates that only 60% of the available funds can be awarded in the first year of the new biennium. Following this stipulation, the Land Board has allocated an additional \$31 million to city infrastructure needed beyond the \$40 million awarded to cities in 2013 to allow the cities to start planning for current infrastructure projects.

The application form and list of required supporting documentation are available on the North Dakota Energy Impact Grant web page www.nd.gov/energyimpact. This internet site contains a PDF form that can be filled in and printed; or a MS Word version of the application form that can be completed on-screen. Please be sure to note in the narrative description area how your political subdivision qualifies based on each of the requirements noted.

Completed applications and supporting materials can be mailed to our office at the Land Department address above or e-mailed to energyimpact@nd.gov.

Grant applications will be reviewed by this office and an advisory committee upon receipt. The Land Board will determine the successful applicants as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Gerry Fisher, Administrator