

LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL, INC.

GRANT INTAKE SHEET

2026-001

Use to determine if the project submission has met the initial requirements...

PROJECT NAME	TFT's Forest Fest 2026 - Expanded Youth Engagement
PROJECT NUMBER	2026-001
DATE RECEIVED	9/25/2025
PROJECT COUNTIES	Vilas
PROJECT PARTNERS	Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield Clinic
AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$ 6,655.00
PRIOR FUNDING YEARS/AMOUNTS	2020-\$8,500 2023-\$3,710 2025-\$3,750

	YES/NO
Project was received by the deadline	Yes
Project fulfills Match Requirements (50% & minimum 15% Cash)	Yes
Project budget shows more than 15% Cash Match - Show Percentage	65%
Project has been presented to county LCC	Yes 9/11/2025
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	Yes
Letter of Support from each match partner	Yes
Approved to move on to Council Meeting	Yes

NOTES:

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GRANT RANKING GUIDELINE SHEET

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Use this sheet to help formulate questions & determine how the project aligns with the Lumberjack Mission.

NAME: TFT's Forest Fest 2026 - Expanded Youth Engagement

ASKING FOR...

COUNTY: Vilas

\$6,655

PARTNERS: TFT, Vilas Co LWCD

PRIOR FUNDING years/amounts: 2020-\$8,500 | 2023-\$3,710 | 2025-\$3,750

\$ AMOUNT

Match Information (List Match Percentage)	65%
If funded in the past, project has met all post-funding requirements and presentations	YES

MISSION Statement: Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.

The following statments should be considered when determining if you feel the project aligns well enough with the Lumberjack Mission Statement. Project critiques should be based on their merits and mission alignment points, not on location, past funding or whether funds are available for all projects.

Enhances Area Natural Resources. Does this project directly enhance natural resources? Consider the area and population covered. Consider how many Lumberjack counties are covered? Lumberjack serves nine counties. Consider the diversity of natural resources benefitting from the project. Is it one, two or a range?

Promotes a Higher Standard of Living & Improves Quality of Life. Does this project directly promote a higher standard of living and/or improve quality of life? Consider the economic impact and how the project affects disposable income, wages, job creation. Consider the health benefits. Does the project lead to better air or water quality, a cleaner environment? Does the project enhance accessibility to resources that lead to healthier living?

Fosters Partnerships Between Public & Private Sectors. Consider the number and diversity of the partnerships involved in this project. Do the partners represent a good cross section of public/private entities? Consider all partners, whether they are contributing monetarily or not. (Example: A school/classroom is involved in the project but they cannot committ with a Letter of Support. This would not qualify at cash match, but would qualify as fostering partnerships.)

Council Members: Use this space to jot down comments or specific questions you have after reading the project proposal. You'll have an opportunity to question the applicant at the October Council meeting.



Lumberjack Grant Application

PROJECT TITLE: _____

Submitted by (name):	
Organization:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Counties:	

Mission Statement: *Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc., a multi-county, nonprofit in Northeastern WI, strives to enhance area natural resources, promote a higher standard of living and improve the quality of life for area citizens by fostering partnerships between public and private sectors and strategically investing in area natural resources.*

<p>SUMMARY: Review the Lumberjack Mission Statement above. How does your project align with Lumberjack's mission? Be specific. The more alignment points, the better your project is viewed.</p>
<p>Answer:</p>
<p>OBJECTIVES: What problems, concerns or opportunities will this project address? You will be asked to show how your objectives were met when you present your follow-up presentation to the Council.</p>
<p>Answer:</p>

FORMULATION & EVALUATION: Why is this project the best way to address the issues described above? How will the outcome be evaluated? Be specific – outcomes that can be measured are viewed more favorably.

Answer:

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Why is assistance needed from Lumberjack? Who within your organization will run the project? Describe the assistance you are receiving from other partners. Include Letters of Support as outlined in Lumberjack's Granting Policy.

Answer:

PROJECT OUTLINE & TIMETABLE: List the project steps and expected completion dates. Could there be any possible roadblocks? If so, list them here.

Answer:

BUDGET: Complete the attached Budget Form. Remember the 50% match value requirement with 15% of the match being cash. List each match donor in the 'Match' column and submit a corresponding Letter of Support with specific value of in-kind/services or cash for the project for which funds are being asked. Note: This form is available in excel online at: <https://lumberjackrcd.org/projects>

LUMBERJACK BUDGET FORM



Project Name: Forest Fest 2026 - Expanded Youth Engagement

Starting Project Date
1/1/26

Ending Project Date **1**
12/31/26

Income (SPECIFY)		Cash	Match (Cash & In-Kind) 2,3	Total
	YOUR Request of Lumberjack RC&D	\$ 6,655.00		\$ 6,655.00
	TFT Payroll - Forest Fest Planning		\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
	TFT Payroll - Forest Fest Event		\$ 335.00	\$ 335.00
	TFT4All Fund - Forest Fest (Cash)		\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
			\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -	\$ -
			\$ -	\$ -
Total Income		\$ 6,655.00	\$ 3,595.00	\$ 10,250.00

Percent of Match=Match Total/Lumberjack Request **54%**

LJ Percent of Total = YOUR LJ Request/Total Expenses **65%**

General Expenses (SPECIFY & include Match expenses)			
	Passport Program - Prizes (shirts, bags, stickers, other prizes) - t-shirts and bags branded with Forest Fest sponsors	\$ 4,200.00	
	Interpretive Signage (Design, printing, mounting)	\$ 750.00	
	Marketing/Print Materials (for Passport Program and Youth engagement activities)	\$ 500.00	
	TFT Staff Time (Planning & Coordination)	\$ 2,400.00	
	TFT Staff Time (Day of)	\$ 1,800.00	
	TFT Staff Time (Evaluation post-event)	\$ 600.00	
		\$ -	
		\$ -	
Total Expenses		\$ 10,250.00	
NET 4		\$ -	

- Lumberjack Project funds are available for one year from the date of the approval notice
- Match Value must equal at least 50% of the Lumberjack Request and 15% must be in cash
Volunteer Services=\$15/hour & Professional Services=current hourly wage
- A Letter of Support is required for all match partners listed above & must include a description & match value
- Explain a **NET** balance other than Zero (\$0.00) in the box below:



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September 14, 2025

Lumberjack RC&D Council Inc.
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To Lumberjack Members:

Attached is a Lumberjack Grant Submission for Forest Fest 2026. Trees For Tomorrow is the host of this event and part of our budget includes \$3,595 to fulfil the Lumberjack Match Requirement.

We appreciate your consideration and ask that you help support this great event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Todea".

Cheryl Todea
Executive Director





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September 22, 2025

Dear Lumberjack Grant Reviewers,

We are happy to support the Trees for Tomorrow Forest Fest 2026 biennial fundraising event, both through this Letter of Support for a Lumberjack RC&D grant and as a participant of the event. The proposed project is a perfect pairing of private and public sectors to promote conservation, land stewardship, natural resource management and to inspire future natural resource professionals. This project blends the overall mission of Lumberjack RC&D with that of Trees for Tomorrow.

For generations, the Trees for Tomorrow campus and curriculum have included year-round outdoor activities for all age groups to learn about forest conservation, sustainability, and enhancing natural resources. By funding this project the Lumberjack Council will be investing in the future of young children and their families, helping to connect them to the natural environment in a way that provides fun in learning. This in turn, will encourage the next generation to care about (and work for) the future sustainability of forests, clean water, and wildlife populations of Northern Wisconsin.

And, as an added benefit this project will recognize and promote Lumberjack RC&D with their logo placed on swag items to be available at the Forest Fest event!

Thank you for your past funding of great projects that benefit our local communities, and for your serious consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Alan Wirt,
County Conservationist
Vilas County Land & Water Conservation

Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 11, 2025

Chair Tomlanovich called the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2025, in Room C/D, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present: The following people were present: County Board members Holly Tomlanovich, Carolyn Ritter, and Richard Logan.

Others present: Al Wirt, Cathy Higley, Grace Maurer, and Quita Sheehan (staff).
Public: Bill Marshall, Cheryl Todea (Trees for Tomorrow), Joyce Wade (North & South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District) and Jody Voight (Eagle River Chain of Lakes Association).

The following County Board member(s) was excused: Robert Hanson and Tom Petrusky.

The following County Board member(s) was absent: None.

Media present: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of posting compliance: Yes

Approve Minutes: Motion made by Logan, second by Ritter, to Approve minutes from August 7th regular meeting and the August 20th Public Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: NA

Deerskin River Outlet Channel Update: Wirt reported that Larry Springer has written the Governor asking for a meeting to discuss the issue. And that Senator Feldskowski has submitted a bill to fund dredging the channel as a standalone bill.

Discussion/Action for Memorandum of Agreement between USDA NRCS and Vilas L&W: NRCS has not made an updated agreement available, so will come back next month for signing.

Staff and Partner Updates:

VCL&WCD Staff: Staff shared highlights from their monthly reports (on file). Higley has been writing her Directed Lakes reports and planning the NC L&W Poster and Speech Contest. She introduced Maurer and her work. Sheehan has been visiting many shoreline owners who are concerned by erosion on their property. Working with volunteers on the seed program. Another 2024 Cost Share project was installed. Wirt has been giving talks at lake association meetings, working on the 2026 Budget and working on a solution to County engineering needs.

Lake Organization Reports:

Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 11, 2025

-Tomlanovich reported that the next Long Lake District meeting will be in October to discuss their budget.

-Ritter reported that Little Saint Germain Lake Annual meeting was held on Aug 31. Members voted to collect another \$20,000 to control native plants that are affecting navigation. Asked the District to look for solutions to the issue and will also address increasing AIS. The District elected 2 new Commissioners – Rick Kollauf and Micheal O'Dwyer.

-Logan reported that the Spectacle District approached the Town of Phelps about an ordinance to address enhanced wakes.

Lumberjack RC&D: No report received **NRCS:** No report received. **NC Land + Water:** No report received. **WI Land + Water:** No report received. **WHIP:** No report received. **APHIS:** See below. **North Central Regional Planning:** No report received.

-Voight introduced himself as ERCLA president.

Trees for Tomorrow grant proposal to Lumberjack RC&D: Todea shared that the Outdoor Classroom construction, that was partially funded by Lumberjack, has started. She also presented their proposal for a grant for Forest Fest 2026 to support the Passport educational program. **Motion made by Logan, second by Ritter,** to submit a Letter of Support for the Trees for Tomorrow Lumberjack grant request. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Budget & Deer Donation USDA – APHIS Wildlife Services: Wirt shared the information from Austin Dodge (APHIS) about the Animal Damage and Deer Donation programs. Funding for the Animal Damage program is some \$2000 less for 2026. This only affects APHIS hours. **Motion made by Ritter, second by Logan,** to move forward with the agreement to participate in the Animal Damage and Deer Donation programs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Cranberry Island: Bill Marshall offered to proceed with looking into submitting a Lumberjack grant proposal to address signage/landscaping/clean up on the County land on Cranberry Island. Tomlanovich suggested Marshall work with Todd Bierman, Vilas County Recreation on this project.

Resolution 2025- Resolution for North and South Twin Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District addition of parcel #18-565: Wirt shared that the next step is to move the resolution to the full County Board. **Motion made by Ritter, second by**

Land & Water Conservation Committee

September 11, 2025

Logan, to move the Resolution 2025-? Approval of North & South Twin Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Petition for parcel addition forward to the full County Board for consideration. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution 2025- Support Forest Legacy Easement (incorrect language in prior): Wirt explained why this resolution has come to LCC again. **Motion made by Ritter, second by Logan**, to approve the Resolution 2025-? Support of Conservation Easements for two privately-owned Legacy Forests as required to correct the references and move to the full County Board for consideration. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Camp Scholarships reports: Higley shared both the written and videotaped scholarship reports from the 2025 Vilas County Conservation Camp attendees who were supported by scholarships. Discussion about supporting this program in future and looking for lake organization support in future.

Out of County Travel: None

Future Travel: None

Monthly budget review: For information only – not discussion.

Letters and Communications: NA

Future Meeting Dates/Items: Next regular meeting will be October 9th, 2025, at 9 a.m..

Meeting Adjourned: 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: *Quita Sheehan*