

Fishing Has No Boundaries Summary Report

Information about the Applicant

Fishing Has No Boundaries[®], Inc. (FHNB) is a 501 (c) (3) educational, national volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for more than 54 million Americans with disabilities, including children, frail elders and veterans. Our mission is to open the great outdoors to all persons with disabilities through educational fishing experiences.

FHNB was founded in 1986 in Hayward, Wisconsin, by a local professional fishing guide. Our first event was held on Lake Chippewa Flowage near Hayward in 1988 attracting over 80 individuals with disabilities from seven states. In 1990, our organization became the only national organization that involved people with disabilities to experience outdoors through fishing.

Statement of Need

Our numbers show that for the past 12 years we have served at least 15, 018 disabled anglers with numbers growing every year. Annually we reach an average of 1,400 disabled anglers to experience a safe, comfortable outdoor fishing that impacts individual lives.

We are requesting a grant in the amount of \$6,460.00 to assist us with expansion of our adaptive equipment and training on how to safely use it.

Project Goals and Expected Benefits

Due to COVID-19 pandemic we have not been able to increase the numbers of our chapters nationwide and offer our services to more people with disabilities who would enjoy outdoor exposure, fishing and opportunities to experience outdoor environments. For this reason, we are trying to get back to our goals and add 3-5 chapters in year of 2022.

Our primary goal is to be able to reach more people with disabilities who would benefit both physically and mentally from our services. With FHNB, they have more opportunities not only to be enjoying nature and the satisfaction of being able to learn new skills enabling them to fish, but the camaraderie of the other anglers and volunteers.

Project Implementation Plan

As part of our expansion, we would need to have a larger selection of a variety of adaptive equipment and education materials in order to better serve the individuals with disabilities. We need to tailor our assistance to the individual person's need depending upon the type of disability they have; no two people are exactly the same.

In addition to seeking more adaptive equipment, we would also be training people with disabilities in the safe use of such equipment and mentoring them until we find the right equipment to fit their needs.

Evaluation Plan

Our progress is measured by the increased number of people we are able to serve with our adaptive equipment lending library.

Budget**BUDGET FOR ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING**

12 electric reels @ \$300.00 each	\$ 3,600.00
6 sit-upon rod holders @ \$35.00 each	210.00
12 inflatable life jackets @ \$200.00 each	2,400.00
Video Training @ \$250.00 each	250.00
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TOTAL	\$ 6,460.00

Staff Recommendation

The grant application can be recommended for approval. The proceeds will provide adaptive equipment that will directly benefit persons with disabilities that participate in this program.