RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association to use money in the Fish & Game fund to finance the Mariposa Fish & Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program in the amount of $650. All fines and forfeitures collected in the Mariposa County Superior Court for violations of the California Fish & Game Code and any other law relating to the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibian are deposited in the County’s Fish & Game fund. These funds may be expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. This funding request meets the criteria listed in California Fish & Game Code Sections 13100-13104. Currently there is an available balance of $10,240 in the Fish & Game fund for appropriate expenditures.

Attached is the completed Mariposa County Fish & Game funding request form and a detailed description of the proposed program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The last approved request of Fish & Game funding was during Final Budget Hearings on September 22, 2006, for the purchase of replacement wildlife darting and immobilization equipment for use by the State Fish & Game Warden in Mariposa County in the amount of $1,085.76.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the request. The Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association will need to seek funding from other sources for their Mariposa Fish & Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program.

Financial Impact? [X] Yes [ ] No Current FY Cost: $650
Budgeted In Current FY? [X] Yes [ ] No [ ] Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $10,240
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source: Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue: 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds: 4/5's vote
Contingency: 4/5's vote
[ ] General [ ] Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Mariposa County Fish & Game Funding Request
Description of Program
California Fish & Game Sections 13100-13104

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. [ ] 20___ Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ________
[ ] Approved
[ ] Minute Order Attached [ ] No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ________
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
[ ] Requested Action Recommended
[ ] No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ________

Revised Dec. 2002
MARIPOSA COUNTY
FISH & GAME FUNDING REQUEST

Organization/Individual Requesting Funding:

Name: MARIPosa County Fish & Game
      PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
      M:\  PO BOX 2216
      PO Box 1842
      MARIPosa CA 95338
      Phone: 209-966-6406
      W\W:\ www.mariPosaFishAndGame.org
      Contact Person:
      Michael Martin, Game Committee

Description of project or need for funding: (additional pages may be attached if necessary)

SEE ATTACHED PROGRAM PLAN AND SPENDING JUSTIFICATION

Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association

☑ Recommend □ Do Not Recommend President's Initial S B A

Comments (additional pages may be attached if necessary):

The officers of the Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association and the seven Executive Board members all agree that this program will be extremely beneficial to the youth of Mariposa County. We highly recommend the Board to approve our request for the funding of this program.

State Fish & Game Warden

☑ Comment □ No Comment Warden's Initial Tom

Comments (additional pages may be attached if necessary):

The Department of Fish and Game supports the Hunter Education and Wildlife Conservation and Education aspect of this project. Overall, this is a worthwhile project.

Please return completed form to Mariposa County Administration.
Mariposa Fish Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program Plan
April 2008
Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 1042
5056 Darrah Road
Mariposa, CA 95338 Tel: 209 742-7008

The Organization
The club was formed in March 1940, filed with the State of California in April 1941, as a non-profit organization.

The club bylaws state that the purpose of the club is to provide opportunities for club members to engage in hunting, fishing and shooting activities. To achieve those opportunity, the club pursues activities, which increase the knowledge and practice of hunting and fishing skills, marksmanship, and other recreation activities that are in harmony with the sports of hunting and fishing. We now have over three hundred members, attracted from all over the Central Valley and West Coast. Events sponsored by the club, include fishing derbies, shotgun, pistol, and rifle shooting.

We feel that the future of our club depends upon the youth participation. It is very important to our club that the youth of our community always come first. The club has a Youth Activities Program for young boys and girls between 8 and 18 years of age. Some past club activities have been Hunter’s Safety training, Hunting instruction, Fishing instruction, Youth Shooting Sports, Youth Fishing Derbies, Wildlife conservation, an Annual Kid’s Day, and coming soon Archery.

The club will operate the proposed Youth Outdoor Hunting program on club facilities, such as the clubhouse on Darrah Road, Bootjack, the Skeet and 5 Stand Shooting range on Old Highway Road, and volunteered hunting areas or organized hunts similar to those offered by Department of Fish and Game (see: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/uplandgame/gamebird/docs/R4-2007-JrPH.pdf).

Qualified and certified instructors, in conjunction with trained volunteers, will oversee all activities.

Program Objectives

• enhance the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of youth through safe, educational, and socially acceptable involvement in hunting activity.
• teach safe and responsible use of firearms including sound decision-making, self-discipline, and concentration.
• promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
• encourage understanding of our natural resources and the development of a
personal environmental stewardship ethic by young people through participation in hunting and related activities.
• strengthen families through life-long shared recreational activities.
• expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong avocational activities related to the shooting sports.
• complement and enhance the impact of existing safety and hunter education programs.
• successfully graduate all participants in the California Hunter Safety course.
• provide range (shotgun) training to a hunter proficiency level, prior to the hunting season.
• instruct all participants on practical field techniques for upland game hunting.
• instruct all participants on practical aspects of field care of upland game.
• instruct all participants on practical aspects of cooking upland game.
• acknowledge all successful participants in the program with an awards banquet and ceremony.

Philosophy

A. A certified instructor needs to be present. All instructors in the program will be certified by the State of California or NRA to teach specific discipline(s) (i.e. Hunter’s Safety; shotgun shooting). Instructors shall participate in an instructor update if new material, new instructional methods or significant program changes are developed.
B. All Youth Outdoor Hunting activity functions will be conducted by a certified and Club (MCFGPA, Inc) Instructor of the appropriate discipline.
C. Instructor training and certification sessions will be scheduled and conducted by appropriate state or recognized agencies or groups.
D. Enrollment in the program has the potential of reaching new youth audiences as well as new volunteer adult leaders.
E. Competitive shooting events are optional and individual interests, and not the main thrust of the program.
F. MFGYOH Programs are open to all youth (in 6-12 grade and a minimum of 11 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Youth need to be 11 years to participate in shotgun training and the program.
G. An Instructor has the right to refuse any participant from the MFGYOH activity in the interest of safety for the participant and others in the program.
H. Inter-agency cooperation/collaboration and participation through use of facilities and equipment as well as cooperative programming is strongly encouraged.

Program Administration

This program is administered by the Club Hunter Program Coordinator, and the Game Committee (= MFGYOH Committee). The committee will:
1. Administer the program.
2. Develop a program/curriculum outline for instructors to follow.
3. Conduct Instructor training & certification activities.
4. Develop informational materials used in publicizing the program.
5. Provide orientation to club members on the program.
6. Initiate resource development in partial support of programming.
7. Maintain files of instructor certification status.
8. Cooperate with agencies and groups to assist in program operations and administration.
9. Provide leadership for all MFGYOHP events including the following:
   - All Instructor Training and Certifications
   - Youth Shooting Matches
   - Fish and Game Hunter Safety Courses and Certification
   - Club-sponsored Hunting Activities
   - Youth Fund Raising and Volunteer Activities

Instructor Certification Requirements

The program requires the use of nationally recognized organization trained & certified instructors to conduct classes/programs in the various disciplines (Shotgun, Hunting & Wildlife, State of California Hunter’s Safety Certification). No person may be certified as an Instructor until the following requirements are met:
1. Age: Instructor - 21 years of age as of January 1 of current year.
2. Successfully complete Instructor training sessions administered by a recognized organization and demonstrate competency to instruct as determined through a written test, trainer observation and other screening used during training.
3. Have been approved as a current MFGYOHP volunteer through the Committee.
4. All volunteers must be approved through the Child Protection and Safety Policy Process California Department of Justice “Live Scan”) before being approved as Instructors.
5. Be recommended by MFGYOHP Coordinator or Committee member.
6. In order to complete Instructor training, a participant must attend all of the training sessions at a recognized workshop, that includes 12 hours of discipline instruction and additional 6 hours on topics of philosophy, youth development, risk management, and additional topics identified by the MFGYOHP Committee. The MFGYOHP Committee reserves the right to withhold certification.
7. Effective January 1, 2008, all shooting program instructors must have current NRA Range Training and Certifications.

Instructor Renewals and Recertification & Reporting

1. Instructor’s desire to continue as a volunteer in the MFGYOHP program.
2. Keeping up-to-date in certified discipline through teaching the Club program.
3. Attending instructor updates as deemed necessary by the MFGYOHP committee.
4. Annually reporting teaching activities to the MFGYOHP committee.
5. To maintain certification as a MFGYOHP Instructor, one must teach or assist in teaching one class every two years. It is required that all classes be reported and documented.
6. Should instructor certification lapse the individual must repeat the training program.
7. All instructors in the program will be approved by the MFGYOHP Committee to teach specific subjects. Instructors shall participate in an instructor update/renewal if new material, new instructional methods or significant program changes are developed. Instructors are to report all students trained and to make annual reports to the MFGYOHP Committee or Club Executive Committee. Reports are to cover the calendar year, January 1-December 31. Forms will be developed and approved by the MFGYOHP Committee.

**Duties of Certified Instructors**

1. To provide basic instruction to students and other duties as outlined in individual courses of instruction, as developed in cooperation with MFGYOHP Committee.
2. To report all students trained to MFGYOHP Committee and to make annual reports to the MFGYOHP Committee and the MCFGPA, Inc. Executive Committee. Reports are to cover the calendar year, January 1 to December 31, and be submitted by January 1.
3. To keep current as certified instructors by teaching classes every 2 years and attending instructor updates or retraining sessions as available and as required by the MFGYOHP Committee.

**Instructor Training**

1. Instructors certified through the MFGYOHP Committee will receive a copy of the MFGYOHP curriculum for their individual discipline. If an instructor terminates their MFGYOHP involvement then this material must be returned to the MCGYOHP Committee, as it is property of the Club program.
2. Methods of instruction at Instructor workshops will include: A) Lesson outline and use of outline; B) Discipline Curriculum Manual; C) Other methods may include - Hands on Learning, Live Firing, Demonstrations, Lecture, Role Playing, Class Involvement, Simulated Experience, Visual Aids, and Exhibits.
3. Instructor training will include a segment where workshop participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate teaching skills.
4. Instructors will be encouraged to seek input and suggestions from participants, understanding that these suggestions are intended to provide feedback to instructors on how the students perceive (understand) the curriculum.
Instructors Code of Ethics

1. All certified instructors will adhere to the MFGYOHP Program Objectives and Philosophy, as well as the MFGYOHP Instructor Code of Ethics (attached).
2. Instructors of MFGYOHP participants are encouraged to work with youth to learn Outdoor and Hunting skills, to encourage member participation in club meetings and club events. MFGYOHP members are expected to 1) complete member enrollment and code of conduct forms; 2) exhibit project skills; 3) present a project talk, demonstration, or presentation; 4) maintain MFGYOHP records for project and community service completion.
3. Instructors should demonstrate a positive role model for youth to follow.

Hunting Mentor Requirements and Duties

1. All mentors will receive a 4-hour training course, approved by the MFGYOHP Committee.
2. Mentors are not required to be members of the Mariposa Fish and Game Protective Association. Any person, who meets the mentoring requirements, is eligible to participate without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin.
3. Mentors must possess a valid California Hunting License and appropriate stamps or tags.
4. Mentors who are not members of the MFGPA will be required to provide evidence of current liability insurance, equal to that supplied by the MFGPA, and sign a waiver of release of liability for claims against MFGPA arising from mentors actions.

MFGYOHP Committee Structure

1. Committee membership shall include instructors, plus Committee volunteers for disciplines and mentoring activities). Committee members include the following:
   • Instructor Certification
   • MFGYOHP Events
   • Range Activities
   • Discipline
   • Marketing
   • Curriculum
2. Committee members will be MCFGPA, Inc. members in good standing.
3. The function of this committee will be as specified under Program Administration.
4. Committee meetings will be held annually or as needed. Committee member(s) may call additional meetings as necessary.

Curriculum

To provide a framework for the curriculum, I have reviewed the “Today’s Hunter in California”, which is used for the current California Hunter Safety Program, that Jeff Ransom teaches. I also got from Dave Givens a copy of “Developing Your Youth
Shooting Sports Program”, which is a publication of the National Rifle Association of America. Both of these are great references and contain a lot of good ideas for the program. Where I think there is a shortfall in these two booklets is on the PRACTICAL aspects of hunting, such as finding the best locations for game, what to do when you bag game, how to clean and cook game, how to best preserve game, and these types of topics. I know that when I was a kid hunting, I always handed the game to my dad who “took care of it”, after showing us kids how to do it! When I became a dad, I knew how to do it. If the parents are not hunters, this tradition and its skills will not be passed along. To develop the actual curriculum manual for the program, I propose to work with the Game Committee, which consists of Karen Smith, Stan Rothfuss, Dave Givens, and Connie Givens. We will develop the course outlines, beyond what is found in the Hunter Safety Class, which will include the shotgun training at the range, and the practical aspects of hunting, mentioned above. We also need a short course in training the mentors who will be accompanying the youth hunters when we get to that point.

Participant Pool & Funding

Financial Considerations: The following costs are anticipated in the pilot year of operations:

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The options for funding in order of priorities are as follows:
1. Apply for County Fish and Game Fine Money from Board of Supervisors for Pilot Project;
2. Seek a Sponsor (Private Sector) for the Pilot Project;
3. Hold a Fund Raiser (Parents primary) for Pilot Project, with volunteer Kids participation (Car Wash; Bake Sales; Event Parking; Club Raffle Items, etc.)
4. Ask Kids participants parents to sponsor their child, if possible;
5. Solicit donations from club Members (Approximately $1.50 per member);
6. Write a Grant to fund the Pilot Project.

One of the factors to be considered is that the median per capita Personal Income for Mariposa County residents. I found 2004 statistics to show that Merced and Mariposa Counties are amongst the poorest statewide (approximately $24,000 per capita income), which means a successful program will probably have to be heavily subsidized, by donations, grants, and otherwise.
Highlights of Recruitment:

![Youth to Adult Ratio in 3 States](image)

This figure shows the percentage of youth to adult hunting licenses (2006) in three states. California is intermediate in the number of Youth to Adults hunting license holders between Pennsylvania and Ohio. There appears to be potential for a higher ratio in California (i.e., more Youth Hunters).

What about sources of participants from students in the Mariposa County schools?  
Age & School Grade – Mariposa District  
November 27, 2007

6th Grade: (10-12 yrs ages) 53 (Woodland)
7th Grade 148 (Middle School)
8th Grade 142 (Middle School)
9th Grade 190+ (High School, Spring Hill, Independent Learning)

My feeling is that by about 8th grade, most students that would be interested in hunting would probably gotten involved independently. That leaves us with the 6th and 7th grade children. In that pool, we have approximately 200 students. I would guess that the boys would be much more interested in this activity at that age group, but we should make a marked effort to present the options to the girls, as well. So we are left with about 100 student candidates, probably, which means we have to recruit approximately 5%. I have already had an expression of interest from 2 boys, one at one of the club dinners, and a second through the Boy Scout Hunter Safety Training. I believe we will be able to recruit five participants in the pilot project.

Promoting the Mariposa Fish and Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program

1. Short article for the “Fish and Game Scoop”
2. Contact & Interview with, Jill Ballinger, Mariposa Gazette
3. Contact & Interview with, Jerry, Sierra Sun Times
4. Poster Flyers in Public Places
5. Contact Middle School staff for presentation
6. Contact Boy Scout Troup for interest
7. Get 4-H Clubs back to club and contact
8. Personal Contacts of Club Members, especially with eligible children or relatives

Keys to Success
• Establishment of the Program which pays for itself in the initial year of operation;
• Well organized & staffed events, especially the mentored hunting portion;
• Obtaining permission for quality properties, which could not be accessed without
  program participation (= great hunting success);
• Recognition of the program by youth’s peers that it “is a very cool thing to do”, and
  “it takes more than just thinking about it to be successful”;
• Recognition by the Club members (Executive Board) that it is a worthwhile activity,
  and it promotes the Club’s objectives in full.

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Justification For Funding of Youth Outdoor Hunting Program, Mariposa County Fish and Game Protective Association, from Mariposa County Fish & Game Fund

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes: FGC § 13103 (a). “Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.”

This project involves formal training and education in the scientific principles of wildlife conservation. In the 1930’s, a college professor and former Forest Service trapper, Aldo Leopold, began advocating the scientific principles of wildlife management, which including hunting in a controlled and scientifically determined fashion. This tenet is followed in our proposed course and program. One of the International Hunter Education Association’s purpose is “to uphold the image of hunting as a legitimate tool of wildlife management and as a recreational activity throughout North America.” The California Hunter Safety curriculum stresses the importance of hunting as an effective wildlife management tool. Instruction will be included in the curriculum that follows the principles of wildlife conservation: wildlife conservation, wildlife habitat, “carrying capacity”, role of hunting in wildlife conservation, wildlife management practices, identification of game and non-game birds/mammals, habitat and behavioural characteristics of selected wildlife. Local fish and wildlife propagation funds have been authorized for expenditures for shooting range supplies, justified as necessary to carry out hunter safety training (Santa Cruz County Agenda Item #2; http://sccounty01.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/bds/Govstream/BDSvData/non_legacy/agendas/2008/20080311/PDF/023.pdf). Supplies purchased for this hunting education program are similar to those approved.

The proposed program is an educational program to train young potential hunters in the skills necessary to qualify and become a licensed youth hunter in California. The teaching program focuses upon: safe and responsible use of firearms; promotion of safety standards, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior; fundamentals of wildlife management and personal environmental stewardship; completion of California Hunter Safety course; becoming an adequate and safe shotgun user; development of field techniques for practice of safe hunting; development of practical skills of field care of upland game; develop practical skills of cooking upland game; and strengthening family bonds though life-long shared recreation activities. This is basic, practical instruction for youth interested in pursuing the hunting experience, and is not available in the traditional educational system. The proposed training fits within the general mission of the California Department of Fish and Game, which is the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of the public and the State.
Other goals of the program are to encourage youth (and family) participation where: 1) hunting skills and/or hunting ethics have become lower priorities in families (i.e., declining Hunting License sales, nationwide); 2) we may provide funding for youth participation, who otherwise would not be able to participate because of costs; 3) we can pair mentors and youth hunters to participate in the hunting experience; and 4) our Executive Board can proactively pursue the 2008 Mariposa Fish and Game Protective Association mission to highlight youth participation in the Club’s activities.

With respect to compliance with the criteria listed in the California Fish & Game Code Sections 13100-13104, the proposed project complies with FGC § 13103 (a) Public Education.
FISH AND GAME CODE
SECTION 13100-13104

13100. (a) The amounts paid to and retained in the county treasury pursuant to Sections 12009 and 13003 shall be deposited in a county fish and wildlife propagation fund and expended for the protection, conservation, propagation, and preservation of fish and wildlife, under the direction of the board of supervisors, pursuant to this chapter.

13101. (a) The board of supervisors of any county may enter into a written agreement with the board of supervisors of one or more counties for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103 in either, or any, of the counties for the joint benefit of both, or all, of the counties as the judgment of the boards of supervisors may direct. The purchase of real property necessary for that purpose is lawful and title thereto shall be taken in the joint names of each county which contributes funds therefor. The property may be deeded to the state upon the express condition that it shall be employed for the purposes of this chapter within the counties.
(b) The board of supervisors of one or more counties may enter into a written agreement with the department for the expenditure of any funds deposited in its fish and wildlife propagation fund pursuant to Section 13100 for any purpose authorized by Section 13103.

13102. Expenditures from the fish and game propagation fund of any county shall be subject to the provisions of Division 3 (commencing with Section 29000) of Title 3 of the Government Code.

13103. Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:
(a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
(b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
(c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
(d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state, or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
(e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading; fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
(f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery
facilities.

(g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.

(h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.

(i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars ($3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Costs incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

13104. The department may audit, or require the county to audit, expenditures by the county from its fish and wildlife propagation fund in order to determine compliance with this chapter.