

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rick Benson  
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**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the use of Fish & Game funding to finance Hunter Education and Beginning Shooting Classes in the amount of \$6,450. Jeff Ransom a local California Hunter Education Teacher proposes to teach six, 2-day hunter education classes and two, 2-day beginning shooting classes. 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 amphibians 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 with the approval of the Board of Supervisors. Currently there is a balance of \$17,025 in the Fish & Game fund for appropriate expenditures.

Attached is the completed Mariposa County Fish & Game funding request form, a detailed description of the proposal, and a letter of recommendation from the local Game Warden.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board adopted Resolution 08-243 on June 10, 2008, approving the purchase of a robotic wild turkey decoy in the amount of \$1,700 by the Department of Fish & Game.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-210 on May 27, 2008, approving financing the Mariposa Fish & Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program in the amount of \$650.

On September 22, 2006, the Board approved the purchase of replacement wildlife darting and immobilization equipment in the amount of \$1,086 by the local Game Warden.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve the funding request. The Hunter Education proposal will need to find funding from another source.

Financial Impact? ( X ) Yes ( ) No	Current FY Cost: \$ 6,450	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( X ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$17,025		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$-0-		Fish & Game Funding Request
Source:		Description of Program
Internal Transfer _____		Letter of Recommendation from Game Warden
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
( ) General ( ) Other		

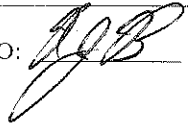
**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No. 10-220 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved  
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
Comments:  
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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

CAO: 

MARIPOSA COUNTY  
FISH & GAME FUNDING REQUEST

Organization/Individual Requesting Funding:

Name: HUNTER EDUCATION - JEFFERY M. RANSOM  
Address: 5074 SILVA RD, MARIPOSA, CA 95338  
Phone Number: 209-742-5690  
Contact Person: JEFF RANSOM

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

BUILDING RENTAL + RANGE FEES FOR <sup>MARIPOSA</sup> 6-2 DAY CLASSES - \$2,000<sup>00</sup> MAX FOR 1 YEAR  
AMMO - SHOTGUN 20+12 GA + 122 LB - \$1,600<sup>00</sup>  
NEW AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT + PROGRAMS - \$2,000<sup>00</sup>  
TARGETS - PAPER + REUSABLE REACTIVE - \$1,000<sup>00</sup>  
SEE ATTACHMENT

10-25 STUDENTS PER CLASS - SOME AMMO + TARGETS TO GO TO NORM ROSS FOR NORTH COUNTY HUNTER LED CLASSES.

Mariposa County Fish & Game Protective Association

Recommend       Do Not Recommend      President's Initial SSR Jr  
STANLEY S. ROTHFUSS JR.

Comments (additional pages may be attached if necessary):

MFG PA - WILL ALLOW MORE CLASSES PER YEAR WITH NO ADDED RANGE OR BUILDING RENTAL FEES

State Fish & Game Warden

Comment       No Comment      Warden's Initial JOM

Comments (additional pages may be attached if necessary):

See Attached.

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Please return completed form to Mariposa County Administration.

04 April 2010

This is Jeff Ransom, I am a Deputy Sheriff with Mariposa County and have been a California hunter education teacher (#1390) for approx. 18 years. At present I am one of only three CA hunter education teachers in the county. Norm Ross (retired law enforcement) and Bill Tidwell (firearms instructor) are the other two teachers in our county. They have both been hunter education teachers for many years.

Norm usually teaches one or two classes a year in the northern area of the county. I usually teach one or two classes a year in the main area of the county. Bill teaches classes in the bay area, but lives in the Greeley Hill area. He plans to give classes here as he can and will most likely team teach with Norm.

Justin Sturm, another Mariposa County Deputy Sheriff, is planning on becoming a CA hunter education teacher and will be team teaching with Norm and me this year.

My goal is to teach three hunter education classes a year and more if there is a need. I am also planning on teaching two beginning shooting courses a year. The main push of these activities is to promote the safe handling of firearms as it pertains mostly to hunting and outdoor target shooting. This will increase the safe use of firearms and will help prevent firearms accidents.

I will be networking with my students and their families throughout this process and plan on expanding into habitat improvement projects in spring 2011. I plan on working with Quail Unlimited and local youth programs in this effort.

The main emphasis of the classes is to get youth to become more active in the hunting and shooting fields. The classes will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Request:

Jeff Ransom and Norm Ross are requesting a disbursement from the Mariposa County Fish and Game Fine Account of \$6,450.00 for the purchase of targets, classroom supplies, ammunition, audio/visual equipment, and for building and range rental fees.

Public Need:

There is a definite need for more hunter education classes and basic firearms training in Mariposa. I believe it will be easy to hold 3 to 6 hunter education classes a year with between 10 and 25 students each. I have also been asked by numerous people to give beginning shooting classes. I will start with 2 classes between now and December and believe there is a need for at least 4 classes a year. In an effort to meet these public needs without having to charge fees I need public funds.

With more classes I believe there will be an increase in need due to students telling their friends and families about their experiences. This will spark interest and lead to a larger student pool for future classes.

I have seen an increase in the requests for hunter education and beginning shooting classes in the past year. To meet this need I will either have to charge for the classes or use an alternate funding source.

Up until now Norm and I have been paying for ammunition, classroom supplies, and targets by using our own money or begging from other sources. We have also been using outdated audio/visual equipment (a borrowed VHS machine and a large heavy TV. that was somehow acquired through DFG, I believe) that is becoming problematic in today's digital age.

I, Jeff Ransom, own a local gun shop. To uphold the integrity of the hunter education program and to alleviate the concern that I might be requesting these funds to profit in some way, no purchases will be made through my shop.

Purchasing Specification:

All items will be purchased from local suppliers, whenever possible.

Acer Travelmate 4730 or 5730	\$750.00
Acer X1261 Projector & Microsoft Office	\$650.00
Computer cords, case, memory cards, etc.	\$200.00
Hunter Education videos	\$250.00

Total this category: \$1,850.00

Targets, paper:	\$350.00
Targets, re-useable reactionary:	\$650.00

Total this category: \$1,000.00

22L.R. ammunition	\$1,000.00
12 & 20 gauge ammunition	\$600.00

Total this category: \$1,600.00

Building rental and Range fees (this is for 6 two day hunter education classes and 2 two day beginning shooting classes) from the Mariposa Fish and Game Protective Association. If more classes are required there will be no additional fees for the year.

\$2,000.00

Total for all expenditures: \$6,450.00



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

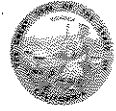
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>

Warden Frank Milazzo

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April 26, 2010

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Re: Fish and Game Funding Request from Jeffery M. Ransom

Board Members:

The Department of Fish and Game has reviewed the above referenced funding request and has determined it meets the funding purposes as required by Fish and Code Section 13103.

The Department of Fish and Game actively supports the Hunter Education efforts proposed in the request, and believes it to be a worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Frank Milazzo  
Game Warden  
Mariposa County

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