



George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar™ Education Fund

The George H.W. Bush Vamos A Pescar™ Education Fund supports efforts to educate and engage families in high-density Hispanic communities through programs, classes and fishing activities. Through this program, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is accepting grant proposals from Nebraska non-profit organizations to promote fishing in high-density Hispanic communities.

Eligible organizations are 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization/non-political group. Religious groups are eligible only if non-religious, fully-inclusive activities are planned.

To be considered for Funding:

- Applicants should plan programming any time from February 1 to November 1.
- Program will provide multiple opportunities to educate youth and their families to participate as anglers and boaters and promote good stewardship toward the state's aquatic resources, to include, for each participant, multiple hands-on and on-the-water learning opportunities to fish from shore or fish from a boat.
- Program will: introduce fishing and/or boating to youth and/or families; provide hands-on fishing skills development; reinforce water safety and/or safe boating behaviors; provide hands-on conservation and aquatic stewardship activities.
- Program is designed to connect with community through organizational partnerships, affiliations and leadership, family programming, and if possible, existing events and access points near targeted audiences.
- Programs will take place between February 1 and November 1, 2017.

Greater Consideration will be given to programs that

- Include bilingual capabilities
- Provide greater than required cash and/or in-kind match
- Demonstrate cost effectiveness and minimize overhead costs
- Encourage continued participation beyond programmatic participation
- Follow up with participants to provide additional opportunities and ongoing engagement, demonstrating the principles of recruitment, retention and reactivation
- Promote TakeMeFishing.org and VamosAPescar.org as resources for program participants

Timeline:

Interested organizations must contact Larry Pape at Nebraska Game and Parks by Oct. 5.

The grant application can be downloaded from OutdoorNebraska.org/VamosAPesca.

Grant submissions are due by Oct. 31.

Submissions are to be emailed to larry.pape@nebraska.gov.

Grant awards will be announced between December 31, 2016 and January 4, 2017.

For more information, contact Larry Pape at 402-471-5447.