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**Criteria and Guidelines for the Use of Money  
Appropriated in Senate Bill 560 of the 1999 Legislative  
Session to Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands**

**Background Information**

During the final days of the 1999 Nevada Legislative Session, Senate Bill 560 (Chapter 544, *Statutes of Nevada*) was approved. The measure appropriates the sum of \$250,000 to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands for a number of purposes. Section 6 of the measure authorizes this appropriation and reads as follows:

**Sec. 6. 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to the legislative fund the sum of \$250,000 for use by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands for the following purposes:

(a) To maximize opportunities for the transfer and acquisition of federal public lands within Nevada;

(b) To study water management practices within the Humboldt River Basin; or

(c) Any other purpose related to maximizing the utilization and enjoyment of public lands by Nevadans.

The money appropriated pursuant to this subsection may be expended directly by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands or through money granted to applicants.

**2.** Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2001, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.

At the first meeting of the 1999-2000 legislative interim of Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands, the chairman appointed a subcommittee to address the money appropriated in Section 6 of S.B. 560. The subcommittee members are:

Assemblyman John Marvel, Chairman

Senator Mark A. James

Assemblyman P.M. "Roy" Neighbors

The subcommittee is directed to review the various proposals and grant requests for any studies, surveys, and projects that may be submitted and make recommendations to the full committee regarding the granting of money appropriated in S.B. 560. The subcommittee's first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Legislative Building, Room 2135, in Carson City, Nevada.

### Guidelines for Submitted Proposals and Grant Requests

In order to expedite and simplify the grant process, the subcommittee requests that the following information be provided by each applicant:

- Name of applicant;
- Contact information for each applicant, including mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address;
- Brief summary/abstract of proposed project or request (not to exceed one page);
- Description of the project (not to exceed four pages);
- Brief explanation of the project's relation to the scope of the Committee on Public Lands and its relevance to public lands and natural resource matters;
- Explanation of methodology (not to exceed two pages);
- Detailed project time line (please include estimated completion date);
- Detailed budget; and
- Appendices as needed.

Please be advised that, if needed, additional information may be requested by the subcommittee.

It is anticipated that these simplified requirements will allow the subcommittee to quickly review each grant request at the December 14, 1999, meeting and provide sufficient information for the subcommittee to make informed recommendations to the full committee.

### Grant Conditions and Deadlines

All requests for grants from money appropriated in S.B. 560 are limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per project/request. Requests for grants will be categorized and prioritized by the subcommittee to ensure a diverse use of the available money. Recommendations and summaries of proposed projects will be presented to the full membership of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands by the subcommittee. The full committee will make all final decisions regarding the awarding of grants. Any money remaining after initial disbursement to recipients may become available, at the discretion of the full committee, for further allocation later in the 1999-2000 legislative interim.

Requests for grants may be presented at the subcommittee's first meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Legislative Building, Room 2135, in Carson City, Nevada. Please contact Michael J. Stewart, Committee Staff Director, at 775/684-6825 no later than Wednesday, December 1, 1999, to submit your name for inclusion on the agenda. Please provide 12 copies of your request for a grant to Michael Stewart (see address below) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 1999. To expedite the grant review process, the subcommittee requests that each presentation made at this meeting be limited to 15 minutes or less. Additional proposals and grant requests submitted after these deadlines may, at the discretion of the subcommittee, also be considered.

Please note that this initial subcommittee meeting is for the purpose of gathering and reviewing grant request proposals. Final decisions on the awarding of grants for proposals presented at the

December subcommittee meeting will be made at a subsequent meeting of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands in early 2000. Depending on the availability of money, additional opportunities to present grant request proposals will be provided as needed.

In addition to the requirements set forth in these criteria and guidelines, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands may impose further conditions upon the recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to the provisions of S.B. 560.

Grant recipients should be prepared to report to the subcommittee or the full committee on the progress of their projects and studies at various times throughout the 1999-2000 interim period and may be asked to present findings and written conclusions upon completion of their projects and studies. All projects should be at or near completion by August 24, 2000. Any recommendations for legislation to be considered by the 2001 Legislature or requests for action by the Legislative Committee on Public Lands must be submitted to the committee no later than Friday, September 8, 2000. Please note that inclusion of these recommendations and requests on the final work session document is solely at the discretion of the committee.

### Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals if you have any questions regarding these criteria and guidelines:

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*Acknowledgment of Criteria and Guidelines*

The Legislative Committee on Public Lands requests that all applicants for grants of money appropriated in S.B. 560 acknowledge that they have read and understood these criteria and guidelines. Please attach this document, including this page signed by you, to your request for a grant.

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*As a requestor for a grant authorized by S.B. 560 of the 1999 Legislative Session, I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and will comply with the criteria and guidelines set forth in this document and any additional conditions that may be imposed by Nevada's Legislative Committee on Public Lands.*

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*Signature of Grant Requestor*