National Archery in the Schools Summary

<u>Grant Overview</u>: The National Archery in the Schools Program is a joint venture that partners with state education and wildlife management agencies to promote student education and participation in the lifelong sport of archery. The program's focus is to provide international-style archery training in school classes in grades 4-12.

Interested schools must contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), who will attempt to link the requester to any available grant funding to help purchase a starter equipment kit for the school. Any grant funding will be contingent upon a commitment letter stating that NASP will become a part of the school's physical education (or other related) curriculum. The letter will also detail the number of students and grade levels involved.

The PGC will provide free, eight hour Basic Archery Instructor training for all instructors. The course will cover establishing a range, coaching students, form, etc.

Sheffield Area Middle/High School is interested in establishing a program and has submitted a letter to the PGC to determine if there is grant funding available to assist in its creation. Typical startup costs as per the PGC information is approximately \$3,100. A grant from PGC will address roughly half of that amount. Additional funding opportunities may be available to cover the amount not covered by the grant.

Amount of Award: \$1,500 to assist with the purchase of the equipment kit.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due date is November 16, 2012.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

<u>WCSD Resources Required</u>: Assigning an instructor. Identifying/securing funds to cover any amount not covered by grant funds.

<u>Administrative Recommendation</u>: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to assist Sheffield Area Middle/High School in pursuing grants funds to establish an National Archery in Schools Program.