

## **Explore Bowhunting Grant Summary**

### Grant Overview:

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has adopted the Explore Bowhunting Curriculum as part of its efforts to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters in the Commonwealth. Explore Bowhunting was designed by the Archery Trade Association. The curriculum includes twenty-three (23) different activities to teach students a variety of skills that will not only help them become better hunters, but develop an overall appreciation for wildlife and nature. The program is expected to bridge the gap between the National Archery in the Schools Program and Hunter-Trapper Education and provide students with many of the skills necessary to become a certified hunter in Pennsylvania. The Game Commission will work with schools in the coming year to develop the pathway necessary for students to achieve this goal.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is offering the Explore Bowhunting Grant to interested districts to assist in program startup. Fifteen (15) schools will receive awards. Successful applicants will receive a full equipment kit and teaching materials (approximately \$2,000 value) for the program.

Materials are capable of being shared between schools. The administration intends to arrange for such sharing if the grant is awarded and there is interest in other district buildings.

Amount of Award: Up to \$2,000 in equipment/teaching materials.

Due Date/Notification of Award: October 31, 2013. Notification to follow review by funder.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: Any WCSD teacher participating will be encouraged to seek Explore Bowhunting Instructor certification. The PA Game Commission requires that Explore Bowhunting be a part of recipient curricula for a minimum of three (3) years.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to apply for an Explore Bowhunting to establish an Explore Bowhunting program at Youngsville High School, with the understanding that the program and materials be shared between other district schools as appropriate.