



## NAU Green Fund Project Application

### Project Application

**Green Fund Mission Statement:** “The NAU Green Fund promotes student participation in and provides funding for projects that reduce NAU’s negative impact on the environment and create a culture of sustainability on-campus.”

In support of the Green Fund’s Mission Statement and its ability to improve sustainability on campus, the Green Fund encourages proposals for projects that aim to understand, reduce, or otherwise mitigate NAU’s environmental impact. Project proposals may use this funding as support to pilot new ideas, expand existing initiatives, or develop innovative solutions that align with the Green Fund’s goals of sustainability and student engagement.

**Grants will be awarded using rolling deadlines and the Committee will enforce a priority date with a soft close during week 12 of the semester. Due to limited time and a reduction in weekly meetings at the end of the semester, the Committee may not review applications submitted after.**

**Submit completed application packages to: [GreenFund@nau.edu](mailto:GreenFund@nau.edu)**

### Contact Information

Contact Information	
Project Leader Name:	Matthew Espino
Phone:	928-523-7692
NAU Email:	matthew.espino@nau.edu
Date:	1/30/26
Expected Graduation Date:	
Project Name:	LOS Electric Gators

Department / Advisor Information	
Project Advisor Name:	Timothy S. Elliott
Project Advisor Department:	
Phone:	928-523-0753
NAU Email:	timothy.elliott@nau.edu

Funding Information for Reimbursement	
Local Speedchart:	4500110F48
Financial Contact:	Tim Elliott

## Project Overview

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, for questions that are not applicable, please list N/A.

### *Executive Summary*

1. Please provide a overview of your proposal. Please address how this project will support the goals of the Green Fund (student involvement, creating a culture of sustainability, and lessening NAU's impact):



Continue to remove old pieces of equipment from our fleet and to continue to move forward with electric vehicles

### *Project Components*

1. Does your project require space or construction on campus? If so, where? Please review the "Space Committee Document" located on our webpage and follow the steps to begin requesting a location.

N/A

2. Have you obtained all necessary approvals for this project? The Green Fund is not responsible for acquiring the necessary permits, permissions, or approvals for a project, although we are happy to assist with this process if needed. Please attach all letters of support to this application. Letters of support should include confirmation from the sponsoring department that the sponsoring department will cover all upfront expenses and work with the Green Fund Business Manager to acquire reimbursement after project completion.

Find letters attached

3. Does the project include any continued maintenance costs? The Green Fund does not provide any ongoing maintenance costs unless specified within the budget and approved by the committee. A sponsoring department must take responsibility for operations and management.

No, LOS Department would take care of the yearly maintenance of the vehicle

4. Will this project provide funding for student wages? Coordination of wages must be done through the sponsoring department and must be included within the project budget.

N/A

5. Please list all additional sources of funding you have pursued, including department, grants, ASNAU graduate, student government, etc.

N/A

#### *Project Specifics*

1. Is there a public outreach plan? How do you plan on communicating your project with the NAU community? Do you require assistance from the Green Fund in your outreach plan?

No

2. Are you working with other groups on or off campus? If so, describe your partnership.

No

#### *Project Parameters*

1. What are the environmental costs and benefits associated with your project?

A benefit would be to surplus of our older (2007) and higher hours(3310) gator

2. Is this a one time expense or will you require future funding for your project?

Yes, \$21,525.68

3. How will you monitor the impact of your project after its implementation?

There will be less maintenance to the age of this new piece of equipment, less noise pollution due to how quite electric vehicles are. There will be no fuel costs associated with this piece of equipment.

### Project Budget

Please respond to the following funding question, and complete a thorough breakdown of all projects in the provided Line Item Budget below. Include a 5% line item for contingency of the overall cost.

Does this project have any other sources of funding, and/or have you applied for other sources of funding? If so, list all additional sources of funding, both confirmed and potential, outside of the funds being requested from the Green Fund.

**Line Item Budget:**

Item	Item Justification	Quantity	Price per Unit
John Deere Gator	Electric Gator	1	\$21,525.68

5% Contingency (5% of total project cost)	\$1,076.28
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$22,601.96</b>

**Total Funding Requested:**

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### Project Timeline

Please provide an expected timeline for your project in the template below. Green Fund recognizes that complex projects of this nature should have flexible, adaptable schedules, and the timeline provided will be treated as such. However, it is expected that you strive to adhere to this schedule as much as possible. **Please be as specific as possible.**

**Expected Timeline:**

Action	Parties Involved	Completion Month & Year
Apporval		2/2026
Order		2/2026
Shipping 6mos from order date		7/2026
Received		7/2026

**Expected Project Completion Date:**

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## Project Completion Checklist

Please complete all of the following items before submitting an application.

- Contact Information
- Project Overview
- Project Budget
- Project Timeline
- Obtain **ALL** necessary letters of support for reimbursement, ongoing maintenance, student wages, etc. Attach the letters of support to the completed application.
- Submit the completed application to [GreenFund@nau.edu](mailto:GreenFund@nau.edu)

## Commitment to Update

If selected as a recipient of Green Fund support, we LOS commit to responding to requests for project updates in a timely manner. Updates may be requested by the Green Fund Committee at any stage of the project and may include providing brief progress summaries, photos, or other relevant information by email.

If assistance is needed in communicating updates or preparing outreach materials, the Green Fund's PR Specialist can provide support.

### Project Team Representative Signature:

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*Thank you for your submission. We deeply appreciate your commitment to sustainability at NAU, and we look forward to reviewing your application. Please direct any further questions to [GreenFund@nau.edu](mailto:GreenFund@nau.edu).*

**January 30, 2026**  
**Letter of Support**  
**Battery Powered Gator**

Dear Green Fund Committee/Office of Sustainability,

I am writing to lend my support to the proposal for purchasing an Electric Gator that was submitted by Matthew Espino, Landscape and Outdoor Services (LOS) Manager. The LOS team is purchasing one Electric Gator and are requesting an additional Electric Gator from the Green Fund. The Electric Gators are a vital piece of equipment for the LOS daily operations including transportation of personnel and equipment to the job site. The Electric Gators would replace our current gas-powered Gators which would help meet our sustainability goals. In addition, our current gas-powered Gators are well past their useful life. The expense of continual repairs as well as the availability of parts have become very challenging. The Electric Gators are well-constructed and will give us many years of service.

The LOS Department understands that any and all future expenses, including replacement parts and equipment maintenance, must be covered by the LOS Department. We understand that the Green Fund is only responsible for the initial purchase of the materials approved in this proposal and will not fund continued maintenance of the program. We understand that reimbursement of costs will be initiated upon completion of the project. We understand that it is the duty of the project applicant and advisor to coordinate all student wages, permissions, approvals, etc. prior to the submission of the project application.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this project. If you have further questions, please contact me at the email or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Tim Elliott  
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Facility Services  
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**Letter of Support**  
**Project: Gator Purchase**

Dear Green Fund Committee -

I am writing to support the Gator Purchase proposal submitted by Matthew Espino, LOS Manager. The project has been well researched and will provide the NAU LOS staff with a more efficient means to transport personnel and equipment to the work site. The Gator purchase will replace our gas-powered Gators with an electric gator, meeting our campus sustainability goals. The Gators are well-constructed and will support our crew for many years to come.

The LOS Department understands that any and all future expenses, including replacement parts and equipment maintenance, must be covered by the LOS Department. We understand that the Green Fund is only responsible for the initial purchase of the materials approved in this proposal and will not fund continued maintenance of the program. We understand that reimbursement of costs will be initiated upon the completion of the project. We understand that it is the duty of the project applicant and advisor to coordinate any and all student wages, permissions, approvals, etc. prior to the submission of the project application.

Thank you for your consideration of this project! If you have any questions, please contact me at the email or phone number listed above.

Sincerely,



Tim Elliott



**Customer:**

Quotes are valid for 30 days from the creation date or upon contract expiration, whichever occurs first.

A Purchase Order (PO) or Letter of Intent (LOI) including the below information is required to proceed with this sale. The PO or LOI will be returned if information is missing.

Vendor: RDO Agriculture Equipment Co

1091 Commerce Drive

Prescott, AZ 86305 null

Signature on all LOIs and POs with a signature line

Contract name or number; or JD Quote ID

Sold to street address

Ship to street address (no PO box)

Bill to contact name and phone number

Bill to address

Bill to email address (required to send the invoice and/or to obtain the tax exemption certificate)

Membership number if required by the contract

Quotes of equipment offered through contracts between Deere & Company, its divisions and subsidiaries (collectively "Deere") and government agencies are subject to audit and access by Deere's Strategic Accounts Business Division to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the contracts.

**For any questions, please contact:**

Stefanie Roark

RDO Agriculture Equipment Co

1091 Commerce Drive

Prescott, AZ 86305

Work Phone: 951-901-0102

Cell Phone: 951-901-0102

Email: slroark@rdoequipment.com



**ALL PURCHASE ORDERS MUST BE MADE OUT TO (VENDOR):**

RDO Agriculture Equipment Co  
1091 Commerce Drive  
Prescott, AZ 86305 null

**ALL PURCHASE ORDERS MUST BE SENT TO DELIVERING DEALER:**

Stefanie Roark  
RDO Agriculture Equipment Co  
1091 Commerce Drive Prescott, AZ 86305

**Prepared For**

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
ACCOUNTING & FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT  
  
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**Quote Id** 1557507

**Creation Date** 29-Jan-2026

**Expiration Date** 28-Feb-2026

**Customer Notes**

\* Current ETA 4 months from date RDO Equipment Co. confirms receipt of agency PO or LOI. ETA can be subject to change without notice.  
Sourcewell Account # 64754

**Quote Summary**

Equipment Summary	Suggested List	Selling Price	QTY In Group	Extended
<b>GATOR™ TE (Model Year 2026)</b>	\$24,136.51	\$21,025.68	1	\$21,025.68
<b>Contract:</b> Sourcewell Grounds Maint 112624-DAC (PG BT CG 76)				
<b>Price Effective Date:</b> 28-Jan-2026				
<b>Equipment Total</b>				<b>\$21,025.68</b>
<b>Quote Summary</b>				
Total Selling Price				\$21,025.68
Total Taxable Equipment Fees				\$500.00
Sales Tax - (9.3%)				\$2,001.89
<b>Sub-total</b>				<b>\$23,527.57</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>				<b>\$23,527.57</b>

Salesperson : X \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By : X \_\_\_\_\_



## Selling Equipment

Quote # 1557507  
Customer NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING & FINANCE DEPARTMENT

<b>GATOR™ TE (Model Year 2026)</b>	QTY In Group : 1
Equipment Notes	Suggested List
Hours ---	\$24,136.51
Serial Number ---	Selling Price
Stock Number ---	\$21,525.68
Contract Sourcewell Grounds Maint 112624-DAC (PG BT CG 76)	Discount Amount
Price Effective Date 28-Jan-2026	(\$4,306.47)
PUK Parent Serial #	

### Equipment Summary

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
55D1M	GATOR™ TE (Model Year 2026)	1	\$15,699.00	17.0%	(\$2,668.83)	\$13,030.17

### Base / Options

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
0202	United States	1	\$0.00	17.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
0505	Build to Order	1	\$0.00	17.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1015	Turf Tires	1	\$0.00	17.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
4079	Less Roof and Panels	1	\$0.00	17.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
5010	Less Protection Package	1	\$0.00	17.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
5105	Select Comfort and Convenience Package	1	\$2,600.00	17.0%	(\$442.00)	\$2,158.00
<b>Total Base / Options</b>			<b>\$18,299.00</b>		<b>(\$3,110.83)</b>	<b>\$15,188.17</b>

### Dealer Attachments

Code	Description	Qty	List Price	Discount %	Discount \$	Adjusted Selling Price
BM22600	Deluxe Glass Cab	1	\$5,614.29	17.0%	(\$954.43)	\$4,659.86
BM22138	Electrical Kit - Deluxe Glass Cab	1	\$315.66	17.0%	(\$53.66)	\$262.00



BM21645	Exterior Mirrors (2) Kit	1	\$261.09	17.0%	(\$44.39)	\$216.70
BM23193	Horn kit	1	\$136.96	17.0%	(\$23.28)	\$113.68
BM21648	Windshield Washer Kit	1	\$261.09	17.0%	(\$44.39)	\$216.70
BM21462	Windshield Wiper Kit	1	\$444.06	17.0%	(\$75.49)	\$368.57
<b>Total Dealer Attachments</b>			<b>\$7,033.15</b>		<b>(\$1,195.64)</b>	<b>\$5,837.51</b>
<b>Selling Price Subtotal</b>						<b>\$21,025.68</b>
Delivery Fee						\$500.00
<b>Total Selling Price</b>			<b>\$24,136.51</b>		<b>(\$4,306.47)</b>	<b>\$21,525.68</b>



**Extended Warranty Proposal**

**PowerGard™ Protection Plan**

**GATOR™ TE (Model Year 2026)**  
Date: 29-Jan-2026

Machine/Use Information		Plan Description		Price	
Manufacturer	JOHN DEERE	Plan Type	POWERGARD	Deductible	\$0.00
Equipment Type	Turf	Warranty Coverage	Comprehensive - Full Machine	Quoted Price	\$2,433.00
Model	TE 4X2	Total Months	48	PowerGard List	\$2,433.00
Country	US	Total Hours	1500	Date Quoted	29-Jan-2026

MFWD/Tracks N

GRACE pricing is only good during the first 12 months or 1000 hours of ownership for new tractors during the John Deere basic warranty period. After this period, DELAYED pricing can be purchased up to the end of the John Deere basic warranty for tractors of 24 months or 2000 hours, and having passed a special inspection/certification process. The Total Months and Hours listed above include the John Deere basic Warranty. "Limited" Plan coverage = Engine & Powertrain only. "Comprehensive" Plan coverage = Full Machine.

<b>PowerGard Protection Proposal Prepared for:</b>		I have been offered this extended warranty and	
_____	Customer Name - Please Print	<input type="checkbox"/>	I ACCEPT the PowerGard Protection
_____	Customer Signature	<input type="checkbox"/>	I DECLINE the PowerGard Protection
		If declined, I fully understand that any equipment listed above is not covered for customer Expenses due to component failures beyond the original basic warranty period provided by John Deere.	

**Note:** This is not a contract. For specific PowerGard Protection coverage terms and conditions, please refer to the actual PowerGard Protection Plan contract for more information and the terms, conditions, and limitations of the agreement.

**What PowerGard Protection is:**

The PowerGard Protection Plan is an **extended warranty** program for reimbursement on parts and labor for covered components that fail due to faulty material or original workmanship that occur beyond the John Deere Basic Warranty coverage period. The agreement is between Deere & Company and the owners of select John Deere Commercial and Agricultural equipment, who purchase the PowerGard Plans for the desired coverage as indicated in this proposal.

**What PowerGard Protection is not:**

PowerGard Protection is **not insurance**. It also does not cover routine maintenance or high wear items, or insurance-related risks/perils such as collision, overturn, vandalism, wind, fire, hail, etc. It does not cover loss of income or loss of value of crops during or after an equipment failure. See the actual product-specific PowerGard Protection Plan agreement for a complete listing of covered components, and limitations and conditions under the program.

**Features/Benefits:**

PowerGard Protection includes the following features and benefits under the program:

- Pays for parts and labor costs incurred on failed covered components (less any applicable deductibles).
- Does not require pre-approval before repairs are made by the authorized John Deere dealership.
- Payments are reimbursed directly to the dealership, with no prepayment required by the contract holder.
- PowerGard Protection agreements ensure that only Genuine John Deere Parts are used in all repairs.
- PowerGard coverage is fully transferable to future owners, with no transfer fees when coverage remains.
- PowerGard ensures higher resale value and makes equipment more marketable during the sale or trade-in.
- PowerGard allows you to budget your total cost of ownership, with financing available through John Deere Financial or other sources.
- PowerGard helps prevent large, unexpected repair bills during later years of equipment ownership, in exchange for a smaller protection fee up front.

For our 2007 Diesel John Deere Gator, roughly about \$3000 yearly maintenance on the machine. This includes oil changes, tires, replacement of internal parts, brake pads and rotors, electrical components. We will send this gator to Property Surplus within the next 6 months due to the age and cost of keeping the machine going. Hopefully Green Fund will purchase LOS a new electric gator. The gator will take about 6 months to be completed.

I've attached a sheet with the following information. The numbers have been compiled since 1/2025.

- Fuel date
- Vehicle number- 605
- Quantity- how much of fuel
- Odometer reading
- Cost of fuel

Our plan is to surplus this vehicle when we receive the new electric John Deere Gator. This John Deere Gator was used 5 days a week and up to 8 hours a day. Our department will use the gator to get to and from the job site, help load and unload materials.

Ticket Date	Vehicle Tag #	Vehicle Description	Fuel Quanti	Odometer	Ticket Total
01/13/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.80	2783.00	2.80
01/10/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.00	2782.00	7.00
01/09/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.80	2778.00	6.30
01/08/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	2771.00	8.40
01/08/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.80	2774.00	6.30
01/22/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.40	1607.00	11.90
01/24/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.50	1429.00	12.25
01/28/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.10	2805.00	0.35
01/28/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.00	2805.00	7.00
01/30/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.20	28142.00	8.29
02/04/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.00	2824.00	11.31
02/06/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.20	2828.00	4.52
02/12/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.20	2834.00	8.29
02/18/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.60	2843.00	9.80
02/26/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.80	2857.00	10.56
03/05/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	4.00	2870.00	15.12
03/12/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.30	2873.00	1.13
03/19/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.50	28836.00	13.23
03/21/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	2891.00	9.07
04/01/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.60	2902.00	13.61
04/08/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.60	2909.00	9.96
04/21/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.30	2926.00	12.64
04/22/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.00	2931.00	7.66
04/16/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.00	2919.00	11.49
04/23/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.20	8888.00	4.60
04/29/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	2943.00	9.19
05/06/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.50	8888.00	13.41
05/21/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	4.40	2970.00	14.83
06/03/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.40	2982.00	11.46
06/11/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.40	29923.00	11.46
06/24/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.80	3007.00	12.81
07/02/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.70	30009.00	2.36
07/10/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.60	3018.00	8.76
07/17/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.10	3027.00	10.45
07/24/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.20	3034.00	7.41
07/30/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	3042.00	8.09
08/04/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.80	3044.00	2.70
08/07/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.60	3051.00	5.39
08/27/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.60	30616.00	12.82
09/04/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.00	3070.00	7.12
09/12/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.70	3076.00	6.05
09/22/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.20	3084.00	11.39
09/25/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	1.30	3088.00	4.63
09/25/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.60	3910.00	2.14
09/27/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	0.50	3090.00	1.78
10/06/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.80	3100.00	10.28

10/10/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.30	3107.00	8.44
10/15/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	3114.00	8.81
11/07/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.10	3120.00	8.13
11/14/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.40	31273.00	9.29
11/20/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.30	3138.00	12.77
11/25/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.40	31500.00	13.16
12/02/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.80	3155.00	10.84
12/08/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.50	31627.00	9.68
12/12/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	3.00	2062.00	11.49
12/18/2025	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.30	3174.00	8.81
01/05/2026	605-139356	2008 JOHN DEERE GATOR	2.20	3182.00	8.43

Row Labels	Sum of Fuel Qu	Sum of Ticket Total	Hours Ran
605-139356	136.4	307.96	399
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>307.96</b>	