

BASIC HUNTER EDUCATION SUBPROGRAM

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Apportionment based on formula that includes a factor for population size

Governing Guidance

- Wildlife Restoration Act, also known as Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- 50 CFR 80



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ALL STATE/TERRITORY FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES WITH ASSENT LEGISLATION

Purpose

Teach the skills and knowledge to be responsible and safe hunters; provide instruction in safe firearm operations, ethics, game laws, outdoor survival, and first aid; construct/operate public firearm and archery ranges; and hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Teaching the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to become a responsible and safe hunter.
- Acquire real property suitable for firearm and archery ranges for public use.
- Construct, operate, or maintain firearm and archery ranges for public use.
- Activities for hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund
Includes Revenues from:

- Half of the taxes collected on pistols, handguns, revolvers, and archery equipment.

- States may be paid up to 75% federal funding, 25% from nonfederal sources.
- 100% federal funding for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands.
- Annual apportionment is available for obligation for two years before it reverts.
- Reverted funds are returned to the USFWS to carry out the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * If a state fully obligates all of its current year BHE apportionment on BHE eligible activities (exclusive of hunter/recreational shooter recruitment activities), then the state may use its current year EHE apportionment on any eligible activity authorized under the Wildlife Restoration Act (WR, BHE, or EHE) AND that state becomes eligible to receive reverted EHE funds the following fiscal year.
- * Hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment means any activity or project to recruit or retain hunters and recreational shooters, including by (1) outreach and communications; (2) providing education, mentoring, and field demonstrations; (3) enhancing access for hunting and recreational shooting, including through range construction; and (4) providing education to the public about the role of hunting and recreational shooting in funding wildlife conservation.