

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT GRANTS

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Traditional Conservation Grants

Funding allocated by formula to USFWS Regions based on number of species covered in cooperative agreements. Regions further allocate funding to States by formula or competitive basis

Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

Awarded based on National competition

Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition

Awarded based on National competition

Recovery Land Acquisition Grants

Awarded based on Regional competition

Governing Guidance

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 - Section 6 (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Section 6 ESA Program



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ALL STATE AND TERRITORY AGENCIES THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Purpose

Provide assistance to State fish and wildlife agencies to assist in development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species on non-federal lands

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Animal, plant, and habitat surveys; research; planning; monitoring; habitat protection, restoration, management, and acquisition; and public education

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

- Provides up to 75% federal funding, requires 25% non-federal cost-sharing match (up to 90% federal funding when two or more States cooperate to conserve an endangered or threatened species of common interest).
- Matching funds under \$200,000 shall be waived for American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * All State and Territory agencies must currently have or enter into a cooperative agreement with USFWS.
- * Submit proposals meeting eligibility requirements for specific grant program.