

ENHANCED HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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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 shooters; offer shooting skills development programs (Archery in the Schools and Scholastic Clays); construct/operate public firearm and archery ranges; and hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Enhanced programs for hunter education, hunter development, and firearm and archery safety.
- Enhanced interstate coordination of hunter education and firearm and archery range programs.
- Enhanced programs for education, safety, or development of bow hunters and archers.
- Enhanced construction and development of firearm and archery ranges (including updates to safety features of firearm and archery ranges).
- Activities for hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

SOURCE OF FUNDS

- **\$8 million from the Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund.**

- 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 one year before it reverts.
- Reverted funds are reapportioned, the following year, to those states who fully obligated their current year BHE apportionment to traditional BHE eligible activities.

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.