

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

TIER ONE

For eligible projects meeting Tier 1 criteria

- Each state receives \$180,000
- Territories and DC receive \$75,000

TIER TWO

Nationally competitive based on criteria

Governing Guidance

- Annual Appropriations Act
- 43 CFR Part 12
- Landowner Incentive Grant Program Implementation Guidelines



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ALL STATE AND TERRITORY AGENCIES WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE

Purpose

Establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitat on private lands to benefit Federally listed, proposed, candidate, or at-risk species. Also to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Tier One Grants:

- Grants to fund staff and associated support necessary to develop or enhance existing landowner program to benefit private landowners and other partners to help manage and protect habitats that benefit species at-risk

Tier Two Grants:

- Tier Two grants to provide funding for technical and financial assistance to private landowners for the protection and restoration of habitats that benefit Federally listed, proposed, or candidate species or other at-risk species on private land
- Tier Two grants to expand existing landowner incentive programs or those created under Tier One

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Land & Water Conservation Fund (annual appropriation).

Includes revenues from:

- **Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas**

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Provides up to 75 percent federal funding and 25 percent required from non-federal sources
- Matching funds under \$200,000 shall be waived for American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Island, and CNMI
- Funds are available from time of obligation on awarded grant until grant closing date. Unspent funds are returned to the LIP to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

Submit proposals meeting eligibility requirements for Tier One and/or Tier Two funding