

PUBLIC TARGET RANGE SUBACCOUNTS

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Funding provided through the Wildlife Restoration Act annual apportionments.

Governing Guidance

- Wildlife Restoration Act (1937), as amended by the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act (2019).
- 2 CFR 200
- 50 CFR 80



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

Purpose

To facilitate construction and expansion of public target ranges, including ranges on Federal land managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Include activities for acquiring land for, expanding, or constructing public target ranges. In implementing the Act, the USFWS created three dedicated subaccounts to account for and disburse Federal funds.

- (1) Enhanced Public Target Range Subaccount (5241) - States may choose to allocate all or part of their Enhanced Hunter Education (EHE) apportionment into this subaccount.
- (2) Basic Public Target Range Subaccount (5251) - States may choose to allocate all or part of their Basic Hunter Education (BHE) apportionment into this subaccount.
- (3) Enhanced Public Target Range Subaccount (5252) - States may choose to allocate not more than 10% of their current year Wildlife Restoration (WR) apportionment into this subaccount.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

**Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund
Includes Revenues from:**

- **Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunitions (firearms, ammunition, pistols, handguns, revolvers, bows, archery, arrow components)**
- **BHE funds: 1/2 of taxes collected on pistols, handguns, revolvers, and archery equipment**
- **EHE funds: \$8 million from Wildlife Restoration Trust fund**

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- States may be paid up to 90% federal funding; requires 10% non-federal cost-sharing match.
- 100% Federal funding for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands.
- Federal funds are available for obligation to awards for up to 5 years.
- Federal funds allocated into the 5251 or 5252 subaccounts that revert are returned to the USFWS to carry out the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.
- Federal funds allocated into the 5241 subaccount that revert are reappportioned the following year (as WR funds) to those States eligible to receive them.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * Public target range is defined as a specific location that: (1) is identified by a governmental agency for recreational shooting; (2) is open to the public; (3) may be supervised; and (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or shotgun shooting.