

R3 - MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Awarded through cooperative process by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)

Governing Guidance

- Wildlife Restoration Act (1937), as amended by the PR Modernization Act (2019).
- 2 CFR 200
- Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity

ELIGIBLE

→ States or groups of States

GRANTEES

→ Non-governmental organizations (NGO)

Purpose

Provide funding for hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment grants that promote a national hunting and shooting sport recruitment program, including related communication and outreach activities.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Hunter recruitment and recreational shooter recruitment grants that promote a national hunting and shooting sport recruitment program, including related communications and outreach activities.
- Projects must benefit at least 26 States or a majority of States in any USFWS or AFWA region.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund:

- Not more than \$5 million of the revenue into the Trust Fund from the taxes imposed on bows, archery, and arrow components.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- Up to \$5 million available annually.
- Funds available to be obligated for two years.
- Funds not obligated within two years revert back to the WR program for use by the States.
- Once obligated, funds remain available until the award closes. Any unspent funds at closing are returned to the program to be awarded in the subsequent year, in addition to new funds.
- 100% Federal funding. No cost-sharing match requirements.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

* AFWA and WSFR cooperatively administer the R3 - Multistate Conservation Grant Program. WSFR publishes an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity. AFWA solicits grant proposals and recommends a "priority list" of projects to the AD - WSFR. The Secretary of the Interior ultimately determines which projects are approved for funding. WSFR manages and monitors the awards.

* Any NGO that applies for funding must submit a certification that it will not use award funds to fund any activity of the organization that promotes or encourages opposition to the regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife or to recreational shooting.