

STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

All Annually Distributed Competitive

Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

Noncompetitive—Formula

Apportioned based on formula:

1/3 land area + 2/3 population

Governing Guidance

- Annual Interior Appropriations Acts (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- Administrative Guidelines for State Wildlife Grants—2007
- Guidance on Wildlife Action Plan Review and Revision—2017 (<https://www.fws.gov/Display/WT/TK/Director%27s+Orders-Rules-Policy-Interim+Guidance>)



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES

- ALL STATE AND TERRITORY FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
- REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Purpose

Provide funds for development and implementation of programs that benefit sensitive and imperiled wildlife and their habitats, especially species not hunted or fished (referred to as “species of greatest conservation need”)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Conservation actions such as research, surveys, species and habitat management, and monitoring that are identified in an approved State Wildlife Action Plan; or updating, revising, or modifying a State’s Plan; or addressing approved “emerging issues”

SOURCE OF FUNDS

- ⇒ Before 2006, funding provided through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- ⇒ 2006 and later, funding provided through General Appropriations.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Annual appropriation available for two years
- Formula planning grants and competitive grants require 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Formula implementation grants require 35% matching, federal share not to exceed 65% of total costs
- Matching funds under \$200,000 shall be waived for American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * State/Territory must develop or commit to develop a comprehensive wildlife conservation plan by October 1, 2005.
- * Approved plans must be reviewed and updated at maximum intervals of ten years.