

TRADITIONAL MULTISTATE CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



DISTRIBUTION METHOD

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

Governing Guidance

- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Act of 2000, amended Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- Annual Notice of Funding Opportunity

ELIGIBLE

- States or Groups of States
- USFWS, a State or group of States for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation
- Non-governmental organizations

GRANTEES

Purpose

- Provide funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by AFWA
- Program is intended to address regional or national level priorities of state fish and wildlife agencies

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Sports fisheries, wildlife management, research projects, boating access development, hunter safety, aquatic education, habitat improvements, and other projects consistent with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts
- Projects must benefit at least twenty-six States or a majority of States in any USFWS or AFWA Region

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund (\$3 million)

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment and electric motors
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund (\$3 million)

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunitions (firearms, ammunitions, pistols, handguns, revolvers, bows, archery, and arrow components).

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- \$6 million available annually.
- Funds available to be obligated for two years.
- Funds not obligated within two years revert back to both the SFR and WR programs for use by the States.
- Once obligated, funds remain available until the grant closing date. Any unspent funds at closing are returned to the multi-state program to be awarded in the subsequent year.
- 100% Federal funding. No cost-sharing requirements.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

* AFWA and WSFR cooperatively administer the Traditional - 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.