

TRADITIONAL MULTI-STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

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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

ELIGIBLE GRANTEES

- 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

Purpose

- Provide funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (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, three million dollars

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, three million dollars

Includes Revenues from:

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

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- Six million dollars 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, in addition to new funds.
- No matching requirements.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

* AFWA and USFWS cooperatively administer the Multistate Program. AFWA solicits grant proposals and recommends a "priority list" of projects to the USFWS. Grants are awarded by the Secretary of the Interior. The USFWS manages and monitors the grant awards.

* Non-governmental applications must provide certification to AFWA that grant funds will not be used for any activities, projects or programs that promote or encourage opposition to regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife or angling for or taking of fish.