

# WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROGRAM

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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



## DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Apportioned based on formula:  
50% paid license holders +  
50% land/water area

## Governing Guidance

- Wildlife Restoration Act, also known as Pittman-Roberson Act of 1937 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 80
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters

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

## Purpose

- Restoration, conservation, management and enhancement of wild birds and mammals and their habitat
- Provide public use and access to wildlife resources
- Provide for education of hunters and development of shooting ranges

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Manage wildlife and their habitats, monitor populations, conduct research, collect and analyze data, maintain facilities, perform outreach, and other activities designed to promote wildlife restoration and wildlife-based recreation.

## 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)**

## MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Provides reimbursement of up to 75% federal funding, 25% required from non-federal sources
- 100% federal funding for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands
- Annual apportionment available for two years before it reverts
- Reverted funds are returned to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in Migratory Bird Program
- Basic Hunter Education (separate formula and apportionment) - may be used for hunter education or other WR Act authorized projects
- Enhanced Hunter Education (eight million dollars set aside) - must be used for hunter education or shooting range enhancements (if all Basic Hunter Education funds are used for hunter education, Enhanced HE may be used for any WR Act authorized projects)

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- \* State Fish and Wildlife Agencies must pass and maintain assent legislation
- \* Submit annual license certification
- \* Ineligible projects include law enforcement, public relations, and revenue producing activities