

Landowner Incentive Grant Program (Nontribal Portion)

Authorization: On August 2nd, President Bush signed into law a Fiscal Year 2006 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill that provides \$21.7 million for the Landowner Incentive Program.

Distribution: The Service anticipates this and future bills will continue to direct the apportionment of funds on a competitive basis. Tribes will be allocated 10%, 90% will be allocated to the States, and 3% from both the Tribe and the State portions will be used for Federal Assistance administration. No State may receive more than 5 percent of the total amount available to the States.

Program Objectives: LIP (nontribal portion) is designed to assist States by providing grants to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitats on private lands, to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk, and provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

Eligibility Requirements: For the nontribal portion, only State agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife may submit proposals. Other agencies, organizations or individuals may partner with or serve as a subgrantee of that fish and wildlife agency.

Non-federal Match: The States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must provide a minimum 25 percent nonfederal match. The U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands do not have a minimum nonfederal matching share. One of the current proposal ranking criteria, however, involves the amount of nonfederal match above the minimum required.

Obligation Period: None, other than what is indicated in the grant proposal.

* In FY 2006, LIP enacted amount is \$24,000,000 less across-the-board reductions of 0.476% (DOI-appropriations), less \$2,000,000 remission, less and 1% less across-the-board reductions

(see Defense appropriations act for the \$2 million and 1.0% recessions).

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (FY2006)

For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4 through 11), including administrative expenses, and for private conservation efforts to be carried out on private lands, [\$24,000,000] \$24,400,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided herein is for a Landowner Incentive Program established by the Secretary that provides matching, competitively awarded grants to States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized Indian tribes, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, to establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners for the protection and management of habitat to benefit federally listed, proposed, candidate, or other at-risk species on private lands. (Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.) PL 109-148 (rescission)

Of the unobligated balances available under this heading, \$2,000,000 are rescinded. (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act to Address Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza, 2006.)

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LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Landowner Incentive Grant Program (Nontribal Portion)

Authorization: On December 8, President Bush signed into law the Fiscal Year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This [bill](#) included \$22* million for conservation efforts on private lands to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Territories (hereinafter called "States") and Tribes under the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP).

Distribution: The Service anticipates this and future bills will continue to direct the apportionment of funds on a competitive basis. Tribes will be allocated 10%, 90% will be allocated to the States, and 3% from both the Tribe and the State portions will be used for Federal Assistance administration. No State may receive more than 5 percent of the total amount available to the States.

Program Objectives: LIP (nontribal portion) is designed to assist States by providing grants to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitats on private lands, to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk, and provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

Eligibility Requirements: For the nontribal portion, only State agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife may submit proposals. Other agencies, organizations or individuals may partner with or serve as a subgrantee of that fish and wildlife agency.

Non-federal Match: The States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must provide a minimum 25 percent nonfederal match. The U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands do not have a minimum nonfederal matching share. One of the current proposal ranking criteria, however, involves the amount of nonfederal match above the minimum required.

Obligation Period: None, other than what is indicated in the grant proposal. For further information please see: LIP Implementation Guidelines for FY2005

* In FY 2005, the funding was reduced to \$21,694,365 due to across-the-board reductions of 0.594% (DOI-wide) and 0.80% (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005).

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (FY2005)

For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460l-4 through 11), including administrative expenses, and for private conservation efforts to be carried out on private lands, \$22,000,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided herein is for a Landowner Incentive Program established by the Secretary that provides matching, competitively awarded grants to States, the District of Columbia, federally recognized Indian tribes, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, to establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners for the protection and management of habitat to benefit federally listed, proposed, candidate, or other at-risk species on private lands.

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For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4601-4 through 11), including administrative expenses, and for private conservation efforts to be carried out on private lands, \$30,000,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amount provided herein is for a Landowner Incentive Program established by the Secretary that provides matching, competitively awarded grants to States, the District of Columbia, Tribes, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, to establish or supplement existing landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners for the protection and management of habitat to benefit federally listed, proposed, candidate, or other at-risk species on private lands.

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Landowner Incentive Grant Program (Nontribal Portion)

Authorization: The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, was signed into law by President Bush on November 5, 2001. This included \$40 million for conservation efforts on private lands to States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Territories (hereinafter called "States") and Tribes under the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP). The Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (bill) rescinded the \$40 million, but made \$40 million available for distribution in February of 2003. The administration and Congress are considering appropriating additional funds for this program in the FY 2004 budget.

Distribution: The Service anticipates that the 2004 bill will again direct the apportionment of funds on a competitive basis. Tribes will be allocated 10%, 87% will be allocated to the States, and 3% will be used for Federal Assistance administration. No State may receive more than 5 percent of the total amount available to the States.

Program Objectives: LIP (nontribal portion) is designed to assist States by providing grants to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitats on private lands, to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk, and provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

Eligibility Requirements: For the nontribal portion, only State agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife may submit proposals. Other agencies, organizations or individuals may partner with or serve as a subgrantee of that fish and wildlife agency.

Non-federal Match: The States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico must provide a minimum 25 percent nonfederal match. The U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands do not have a minimum nonfederal matching share. One of the proposal ranking criteria, however, involves the amount of nonfederal match above the minimum required.

Obligation Period: None, other than what is indicated in the grant proposal.

For further information please see: LIP Implementation Guidelines for FY2004

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LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (FY2003 language)
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For expenses necessary to carry out the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C.460I-4 through 11),including administrative expenses, and for private conservation efforts to be carried out on private lands, \$40,000,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the amount provided herein is for a Landowner Incentive Program established by the Secretary that provides matching, competitively awarded grants to States, the District of Columbia, Tribes, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, to establish, or supplement existing, landowner incentive programs that provide technical and financial assistance, including habitat protection and restoration, to private landowners for the protection and management of habitat to benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, or other at-risk species on private lands. Provided further, That from unobligated balances of prior year appropriations, an amount of \$40,000,000 is rescinded.

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