

Substantial in Character and Design - WSFR

This information applies to:
Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Definition

Criteria used to determine eligibility of a project proposed for funding under the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grant programs.

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A project may be eligible for funding if the State fish and wildlife agency justifies in the project statement how the activity will help carry out the purposes of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act.

The project must:

- (a) Result in an identifiable outcome consistent with the purposes of the grant program,
 - (b) Be substantial in character and design,
 - (c) Meet the requirements of §§ 80.130 through 80.136 for any real property acquired under the grant and any capital improvements completed under the grant, and
 - (d) Meet all other requirements of the grant program.
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Frequently Asked Questions

How does a proposed project qualify as substantial in character and design?

A proposed project qualifies as substantial in character and design if it:

- Describes a need consistent with the Acts;
- States a purpose and sets objectives, both of which are based on the need;
- Uses a planned approach, appropriate procedures, and accepted principles of fish and wildlife conservation and management, research, or education; and
- Is cost effective.

How is substantiality in character and design of a project demonstrated and documented?

A project statement is prepared by the grantee that must include the criteria mentioned above. The project statement is submitted as a major component of a grant application package.

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References

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