

Determining the correct CFDA

Applies to:

All grants and cooperative agreements

The Program Office must identify the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number under which the proposed project/activity is being funded. If there is no appropriate CFDA number for the proposed project/activity, programs will select the appropriate general USFWS CFDA number that most closely matches the award activities

- **15.649** - Training and Technical Assistance projects
- **15.650** - Research Grants
- **15.664** - Congressionally mandated or directed awards and Fish and Wildlife Coordination and Assistance programs

Pseudo-CFDA numbers (e.g. 15.FFA, 15.FFB, etc) are not approved for use on Service financial assistance awards.[1]

Still unsure which CFDA program is applicable?

It may be necessary for a Program Office to reevaluate a proposed funding activity if no CFDA can be identified. Two questions to ask are

- Will the proposed activity accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by federal statute?
- Will the primary beneficiary be the public, as opposed to the Federal Government?

If the answer to these questions is no, the Program Office should reconsider financial assistance as the intended award instrument. A procurement contract may be more appropriate.

If needed, [contact FAPO](#) for further help.

Further Reading

Resources

[CFDA Website](#)

[DOI CFDA Reference Manual](#)

[FAPO CFDA Webpage on InsideFWS.gov](#)

[FWS CFDA Contact List](#)

References

[1] USFWS Memo, "Conversion of Pseudo Codes to Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Numbers and Service Financial Assistance Programs Identifying or Obtaining CFDA Numbers", dated Apr 07, 2010 ([Link](#))