State Wildlife Grant Program

1. **Enabling Legislation:**
   - Annual Appropriations Act

2. **Purpose:**
   - Provide funds for development and implementation of programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species not hunted or fished
   - Planning and implementation programs are permitted

3. **Eligible Grantees:**
   - All State and Territory fish and wildlife agencies

4. **Eligible Projects:**
   - Development and implementation of programs benefiting wildlife and their habitats, including species not hunted or fished, priority placed on species of greatest conservation concern

5. **Source of funds:**
   - Land and Water Conservation Fund (annual appropriation) – revenues from:
     - Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas

6. **Distribution method:**
   - Apportioned based on formula

7. **Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:**
   - Planning grants require 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
   - Implementation grants require 35% matching, federal share not to exceed 65% of total costs (fy 2010)
   - 100% federal funds for Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and N. Mariana Islands
   - Annual appropriation available for 2 years

8. **Special conditions or requirements:**
   - State / Territory must develop or commit to develop a comprehensive wildlife conservation plan by October 1, 2005

9. **Governing Guidance:**
   - Appropriations Act
   - State Wildlife Grant Program Implementation Guidelines
   - 43 CFR 12
   - USFWS Manual Chapters