

BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

BIG FACT SHEET
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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Tier 1:

Competitive at State Level

Provides \$200,000 per year to each state

Tier 2: Federally Competitive

Nationwide based on ranking criteria

Governing Guidance

- Sport Fishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 86
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: GOVERNOR DESIGNATED AGENCIES OF STATES AND TERRITORIES

Purpose

Provide grants to States and Territories to construct, renovate, or maintain tie-up facilities for transient vessels twenty-six feet or more in length

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure tie-up facilities located on navigable waters and solely for transient vessels twenty six feet or more in length
- Produce information and education materials such as charts, cruising guides, and brochures

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Two percent of amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund.

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors, and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Requires minimum of 25% matching funds, federal share not to exceed 75% total costs
- Funds are available from time of obligation until grant closing. Unspent funds are added to new funds in the subsequent year
- Maximum amount of federal share for the Tier II (Federally Competitive) is \$1,500,000
- Funds not obligated within three years revert and are made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for Boating Safety

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with grant funds must offer reasonable access for all transient vessels for the full period of their useful life
- * Facilities must be open to the public during reasonable time periods
- * Charge equitable fees based on prevailing rate in area
- * New construction and renovations must be designed to last at least twenty years

CLEAN VESSEL ACT

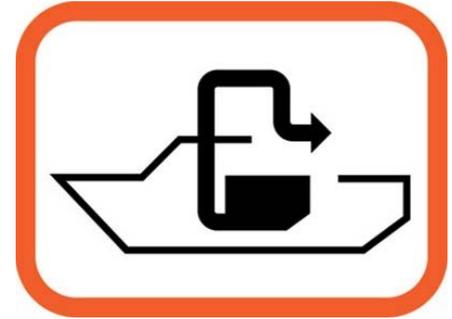
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DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Nationally competitive
based on ranking criteria

Governing Guidance

- Clean Vessel Act of 1992, Amendment to the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 85
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: GOVERNOR DESIGNATED AGENCIES OF STATES AND TERRITORIES

Purpose Provide grants to States and Territories for pumpout stations and waste reception facilities to safely dispose of recreational boater sewage.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Coastal States:

- Identify operational pumpout and dump stations
- Survey of recreational vessels in coastal waters with holding tanks/portable toilets
- Developing list of operational pumpout & dump stations and plans for construction/renovation of pumpout & dump stations in coastal zones

All States:

- Construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pumpout & dump stations including floating restrooms used solely by boaters
- Education / information programs to educate / inform recreational boaters about environmental pollution resulting from sewage discharges from vessels
- Location of pump out & dump stations
- Activities involved with holding, transporting, and getting sewage treatment facilities to accept sewage

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Two percent of the amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund

Includes revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Require 25% match, Federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Unspent funds are returned to the CVA Program to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year
- Must be spent on needs identified in the Act
- Funds not obligated three years from date of availability are reverted and made available to the U.S. Coast Guard for use on Recreational Boating Safety.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- * Requires each coastal State to develop and submit plan for construction and/or renovation of facilities within coastal zone
- * Only equitable fees may be charged
- * Facilities constructed, operated, or maintained with grant funds must be accessible to public for the full period of their useful life
- * CVA signage must be displayed and visible to boaters from the water

ENDANGERED SPECIES GRANTS

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DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Traditional Conservation Grants

Funding allocated by formula to USFWS Regions based on number of species covered in cooperative agreements. Regions further allocate funding to States by formula or competitive basis

Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

Awarded based on National competition

Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition

Awarded based on National competition

Recovery Land Acquisition Grants

Awarded based on Regional competition

Governing Guidance

- Endangered Species Act of 1973 —Section 6 (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- Notice of Availability of Federal Assistance for Section 6 ESA Grant Program
- USFWS Manual Chapters



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ALL STATE AND TERRITORY AGENCIES THAT HAVE ENTERED INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Purpose

Provide assistance to State fish and wildlife agencies to assist in development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species on non-federal lands

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Animal, plant and habitat surveys; research; planning; monitoring; habitat protection, restoration, management and acquisition; and public education

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Provides up to 75% federal funding, 25% required from non-federal sources (up to 90% federal funding when two or more States cooperate to conserve an endangered or threatened species of common interest)
- 100% federal funds for Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * State or Territory must currently have or enter into a cooperative agreement with USFWS
- * Submit proposals meeting eligibility requirements for specific grant program

MULTI-STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

MULTI-STATE FACT SHEET
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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Awarded through cooperative process with Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)

Governing Guidance

- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Act of 2000, amended Sport Fish Restoration and Wildlife Restoration (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 80
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters

ELIGIBLE

→ States or Groups of States

→ USFWS, a State or group of States for the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation

GRANTEES

→ Non-governmental organizations

Purpose

- Provide funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)
- Program is intended to address regional or national level priorities of state fish and wildlife agencies

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

→ Sports fisheries, wildlife management, research projects, boating access development, hunter safety, aquatic education, habitat improvements, and other projects consistent with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts

→ Projects must benefit at least twenty-six States or a majority of States in any USFWS or AFWA Region

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund, three million dollars

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund, three million dollars

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunitions (firearms, ammunitions, pistols, handguns, revolvers, bows, archery, and arrow components).
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- Six million dollars available annually
- Funds available to be obligated for two years
- Funds not obligated within two years revert back to both the SFR and WR programs for use by the States
- Once obligated, funds remain available until the grant closing date. Any unspent funds at closing are returned to the multi-state program to be awarded in the subsequent year, in addition to new funds
- No matching requirements

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

* Applicants must satisfy all standard Federal Application and assurance requirements as well as standards set by AFWA

- * Non-governmental applications must provide certification to AFWA that grant funds will not be used for any activities, projects or programs that promote or encourage opposition to regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife or angling for or taking of fish
- * Submit proposals to AFWA

NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS

NCW FACT SHEET
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Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Nationally competitive
to only coastal States

Governing Guidance

- Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1991 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 84
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES: ANY AGENCY OR AGENCIES OF A COASTAL STATE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY FOR COASTAL WETLANDS

Purpose

Provide funding for long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems by helping States to protect, restore and enhance coastal habitats

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Acquisition of real property interest in coastal land or waters providing that terms and conditions ensure property will be administered for long-term conservation
- Restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems, providing restoration, enhancement, or management will be administered for long-term conservation

SOURCE OF FUNDS

15% annually of the 18.5% distributed to Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act from the Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund

Includes revenues from:

- Interest earned on Trust Fund

- **Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft**
- **Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar**
- **Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines**

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

- Provides up to 50% federal funding, remaining 50% of costs must be from non-federal source (funds increased to 75% federal share for coastal States that have and are using a fund for acquiring coastal wetlands or other natural areas or open spaces)
- 100% federal funding for American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and Virgin Islands

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * Designated agencies of coastal States submit eligible proposals
- * Grantees must provide non-federal matching funds

SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program



DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Apportioned based on formula:
60% license sales +
40% land/water area

Governing Guidance

- Sport Fish Restoration Act, also known as Dingell-Johnson Act of 1950 (Enabling Legislation)
- 50 CFR 80
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters

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

Purpose

- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating
- Provide aquatic education to public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Projects restoring, conserving, managing, and enhancing sport fish having material value for sport or recreation
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life, assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Fifty-seven percent of amount in Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund

Includes Revenues from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund

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 obligation to grants for two years before they revert. Reverted funds are reapportioned to the Sport Fish Restoration program during subsequent year
- Amount allocated by States for freshwater programs each fiscal year cannot be less than amount allocated in fiscal year 1988
- Up to 15% of annual apportionment may be allocated for aquatic education (no limit for PR, DC, CNMI, Guam, VI, and American Samoa)
- At least 15% of annual apportionment must be allocated to the boating access subprogram (each USFWS region's boating access allocation must be at least 15% during each 5 year period. If not, those states below 15% revert funds).
- Coastal States must equitably allocate apportionment between freshwater and marine projects in proportion to number of resident marine/freshwater anglers

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

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

STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

All Annually Distributed Competitive

Nationally competitive based on ranking criteria

Noncompetitive—Formula

Apportioned based on formula:

1/3 land area + 2/3 population

Governing Guidance

- Annual Interior Appropriations Acts (Enabling Legislation)
- 2 CFR 200
- State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program Implementation Guidelines ([see http://fawiki.fws.gov/](http://fawiki.fws.gov/))
- USFWS Manual Chapter (<http://www.fws.gov/policy/517fw10.pdf>)



ELIGIBLE GRANTEES → ALL STATE AND TERRITORY FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES
→ REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Purpose

Provide funds for development and implementation of programs that benefit sensitive and imperiled wildlife and their habitats, especially species not hunted or fished (referred to as “species of greatest conservation need”)

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Conservation actions such as research, surveys, species and habitat management, and monitoring that are identified in an approved State Wildlife Action Plan; or updating, revising, or modifying a State’s Plan; or addressing approved “emerging issues”

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Land and Water Conservation Fund (annual appropriations)

Includes revenues from:

- Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas
- General treasury since 2006

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Annual appropriation available for two years
- Competitive grants require 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- 100% federal funds for Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands
- Formula planning grants require 25% matching, federal share not to exceed 75% of total costs
- Formula implementation grants require 35% matching, federal share not to exceed 65% of total costs

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

- * State/Territory must develop or commit to develop a comprehensive wildlife conservation plan by October 1, 2005.
- * Approved plans must be reviewed and updated at maximum intervals of ten years.

TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS

Fish and Wildlife Service, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program

DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Competitive based on Request for Grant Proposals and Final Policy and Implementation Guidelines

Governing Guidance

- Annual Appropriations Act (Enabling Legislation)
- Tribal Wildlife Grant Program Implementation Guidelines
- 2 CFR 200
- USFWS Manual Chapters



ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES: FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES IN UNITED STATES INCLUDING FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES, PUEBLOS, RANCHEROS, AND ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES OR TRADITIONAL COUNCILS AS DEFINED BY THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

Purpose

Provide funding to federally recognized Tribes for development and implementation of programs that benefit wildlife and their habitat, including species of tribal culture or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species of tribal cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished
- Activities may include, but are not limited to, planning for wildlife and habitat conservation, ongoing and/or new fish and wildlife management actions, fish and wildlife related laboratory and field research, natural history studies, habitat mapping, field surveys and population monitoring, habitat preservation, land acquisition, conservation easements, and outreach efforts.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

Land and Water Conservation Fund (annual appropriation).

Includes Revenues from:

- Outer continental shelf oil and gas
- General treasury since 2006

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

- Cost reimbursement
- Provides up to 100% of federal funding
- Annual appropriation available for two years

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

Eligible grantees submit applications including Tribal resolution of support to Regional Native American Liaisons of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROGRAM

WR FACT SHEET
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DISTRIBUTION METHOD

Apportioned based on formula:
50% license sales +
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

Selection, restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of areas of land or water adaptable as feeding, resting, or breeding places for wildlife

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