

## **Multi-State Conservation Grants** ([CFDA No. 15.628](#))

*Applicant Eligibility:* States, groups of states, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (for National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation only), non-governmental organizations.

*Beneficiary Eligibility:* Projects must benefit at least 26 States, or a majority of the States in a region of the Fish and Wildlife Service, or a regional association of State fish and wildlife agencies. Alaska is the only state in FWS Region 7.

### *Purpose:*

To provide funding for sport fish and wildlife restoration projects identified by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

*National Funding:* FY 01 \$6,000,000; FY 02 \$6,000,000; and FY 03 \$6,000,000. This program has no statutory formula or matching requirements.

### *Eligible Projects:*

- ✓ sport fisheries and wildlife research projects,
- ✓ boating access development,
- ✓ hunter safety,
- ✓ aquatic education,
- ✓ habitat improvements, and
- ✓ other projects consistent with the purposes of the enabling legislation and Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds

Projects may be approved for up to 3 years, with funding dependant on annual competition.

### *Examples of Funded Projects:*

Education and training, analysis and focus on the values and use of sport fish and wildlife programs and new technologies, and evaluation in restoration, recreation, enhancement, and/or protection of sport fish and wildlife and their habitats.

### *Project Application/Selection Process:*

States will use forms and procedures described in 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments", and OMB-Circular A-102.

*Award Procedure:* The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will select projects to be funded, based on established criteria, from a priority list developed by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

*Deadlines:* The deadline for submitting proposals will be announced each year in the Federal Register, generally in the spring. The International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies must provide its priority list of project proposals to the Fish and Wildlife Service Assistant Director - Migratory Birds and State Programs by October 1st. The following January, the Service Director will publish in the Federal Register the list of projects selected for funding that Federal fiscal year.

*Range of Approval/Disapproval Time:* Approximately 6 to 9 months.

*Post-Award Reports:* Reporting requirements for grants to States are described in 43 CFR 12, Subpart C, and OMB Circular A-102.

*Regulations and Guidance:* 43 CFR 12; 50 CFR 80; Sections 521, 522, and 523 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual. See also the [Federal Assistance Toolkit](#).