

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