

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

	2010 Actual	2011 Estimate	2012			Change from 2011 (+/-)
			Fixed Costs and Related Changes (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds (\$000)	4,401	4,300	0	0	4,300	0
<i>FTE</i>	20	20	0	0	20	0

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the FWS mission.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. Annual contributions typically range from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million. In FY 2010, the receipts totaled \$4.4 million.

2012 Program Performance

The Service uses contributed funds to address its highest priority needs in concert with other types of funding. The funds in 2012 will be used for projects similar to those planned and completed in previous fiscal years. For example, the Service used contributed funds for the following activities in 2010:



Fulvous Tree ducks.

International Activities (Argentina): A \$74,300 contribution from Tudor Farms supported the project “Movements and Resource Utilization of Ducks in Central-Eastern Argentina,” conducted by the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina. The three-year project (2008-2011) was developed in close cooperation with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, US Geological Survey, filled the information gap on migratory patterns and habitat use of three duck species: the Rosy-billed Pochard (*Netta peposaca*), White-faced Tree duck (*Dendrocygna viduata*) and Fulvous Tree duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*). Studies use Argos satellite radio telemetry and field surveys to identify and confirm key breeding and wintering sites.



Minnesota Valley NWR (MN): Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge used contributed funds to enhance youth employment programs. Through partnership with local agencies the refuge hired young students to work on invasive species removal and waterfowl habitat improvements.

National Elk Refuge (WY): The Wyoming Game and Fish Department donated \$571,000, which was used to buy alfalfa pellets for winter food for elk and bison. The refuge fed 1,067 tons of alfalfa pellets in the 2010 winter

season to an average of 5,454 elk and 635 bison per day. A Recovery Act funded irrigation project will increase natural forage for wintering elk and bison; reducing their reliance on supplemental feeding and the risk of disease transmission by dispersing the concentration of bison and elk.

Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge Complex (MS): The Complex used contributions from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to enhance habitat for shorebirds, waterfowl, and other water birds at Morgan Brake NWR and Yazoo NWR. Habitat of 340 acres was disked and flooded and an additional 170 acres were disked in preparation for spring migration. Each impoundment was disked to knock down vegetation allowing for the creation of mud flats and foraging opportunities for shorebirds. Funding also was used to purchase diesel power units to power irrigation wells, allowing for artificial watering of impoundments. This project is essential to providing much needed habitat and allows Refuge staff to flood areas that would normally depend on rainfall for natural flooding. The project was very timely since the area was experiencing severe drought conditions. During the drought, wildlife and bird use was tremendous. Bird species using the habitat included dunlin, common snipe, dowitchers, greater yellowlegs, black-necked stilts, least sandpipers, blue and green – winged teal and northern shovelers. These impoundments continue to be maintained through precise management of water levels. Although the shorebirds have moved on for the most part, these areas are now providing habitat for overwintering waterfowl such as mallards, northern pintail, American widgeon, and gadwall.



Black-necked Stilt.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS**

Program and financing (in millions of dollars)	2010	2011	2012
Identification code 14-8216-0-302	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
<u>Receipts:</u>			
0220 Deposits, Contributed Funds	4	4	4
0299 Total Receipts	4	4	4
<u>Obligations by program activity:</u>			
0001 Direct program activity	4	5	5
<u>Budgetary resources available for obligation:</u>			
1000 Unobligated balance available, start of year	6	6	5
1202 Appropriation (trust fund)	4	4	4
1930 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	10	10	9
0900 New obligations (-)	-4	-5	-5
1941 Unobligated balance available, end of year	6	5	4
<u>Change in obligated balance:</u>			
3000 Obligated balance, start of year	1	1	1
3030 Total new obligations	4	5	5
3040 Total outlays, gross (-)	-4	-5	-5
3090 Obligated balance, end of year	1	1	1
<u>Budget authority and outlays, net:</u>			
4090 Budget authority, gross	4	4	4
4100 Outlays from new mandatory authority	1	1	1
4101 Outlays from mandatory balances	3	4	4
4110 Total outlays (gross)	4	5	5
4180 Budget authority, net	4	4	4
4190 Outlays, net	4	5	5
<u>Direct Obligations:</u>			
Personnel compensation:			
11.1 Full-time permanent	0	1	1
11.3 Other than full-time permanent	1	0	0
11.9 Total personnel compensation	1	1	1
25.2 Other Services	1	1	1
26.0 Supplies and materials	1	1	1
32.0 Land and structures	1	1	1
99.0 Subtotal, obligations, Direct obligations	4	4	4
99.5 Reporting below threshold	0	1	1
99.9 Total obligations	4	5	5
Personnel Summary			
1001 Civilian full-time equivalent employment	20	20	20