



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants

*(Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act)*

Because more than half of all species currently listed as endangered or threatened spend at least part of their life cycle on privately owned lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recognizes that success in conserving species will ultimately depend on working cooperatively with landowners, communities, and Tribes to foster voluntary stewardship efforts on private lands. States play a key role in catalyzing these efforts.

A variety of tools are available under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to help States and landowners plan and implement projects to conserve species. One of the tools, the Cooperative *Endangered Species Conservation Fund* (section 6 of the ESA), provides grants to States and Territories to participate in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed, and listed species.

The program provides funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands. States and Territories must contribute a minimum non-Federal match of 25% of the estimated program costs of approved projects, or 10% when two or more States or Territories implement a joint project. A State or Territory must currently have, or enter into, a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior to receive grants. Most States and Territories have entered into these agreements for both plant and animal species.

The FWS awarded approximately \$43.5 million in Federal funding in FY 2012 under four grant programs that are available through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund:



*A grant in Washington will ensure the permanent protection of over 4,000 acres in southern Asotin County, including four miles of critical bull trout habitat along the Lower Grande Ronde River and three miles of riparian habitat along Cougar Creek.*

Photo credit: Joel Sartore / National Geographic Stock with Wade Fredenberg

**Conservation Grants (\$10.5 M)** provide financial assistance to States and Territories to implement conservation projects for listed species and at-risk species. Funded activities include habitat restoration, species status surveys, public education and outreach, captive propagation and reintroduction, nesting surveys, genetic studies, and development of management plans.

**Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants (\$9.5 M)** provide funds to States and Territories to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) through support of baseline surveys and inventories, document preparation, outreach, and similar planning activities.

**HCP Land Acquisition Grants (\$15 M)** provide funding to States and Territories to acquire land associated with approved HCPs. Grants do not fund the mitigation required of an HCP permittee; instead, they support land acquisition by the State or local governments that complement mitigation.

**Recovery Land Acquisition Grants (\$8.5 M)** provide funds to States and Territories for the acquisition of habitat for endangered and threatened species in support of draft and approved recovery plans. Acquisition of habitat to secure long-term protection is often an essential element of a comprehensive recovery effort for a listed species.



A grant in Texas will enable the acquisition of the 289-acre Barker Tract in Hays County to protect an area of documented golden-cheeked warbler habitat and provide suitable nesting areas for the black-capped vireo, both of which are spotlight species for the region. Photo credit: Steve Maslowski

## Contact Us

For more information on how to apply for Federal grants to assist States, Territories, and landowners in conserving species on non-Federal lands, please contact the FWS Regional office from the list below with responsibility for the State or Territory in which the proposed project would occur.

Additional information is also available at <http://www.fws.gov/angered/grants/index.html> You may also access [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and search the site using the program title Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund or by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 15.615. This information is posted in accordance with OMB Control Number 1018-0109.

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