

## Multi-State Grant Program

### 1. Enabling Legislation:

- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, amended Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) and Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson)

### 2. Purpose:

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

### 3. Eligible Grantees:

- States or group 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
- Non-governmental organizations

### 4. Eligible Projects:

- Sport fisheries and wildlife management and research projects, boating access development, hunter safety, aquatic education, habitat improvements and other projects consistent with Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts
- Projects must benefit at least 26 States or a majority of States in any USFWS or AFWA Region

### 5. Source of funds:

Permanent/Indefinite Appropriation

Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund \$3 million (authorized through 2009) - revenues from the following:

- 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 \$3 million (authorized through 2009) - revenues from the following:

- Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunitions (firearms, ammunition, pistols, handguns, revolvers, bows, archery, arrow components)

### 6. Distribution method:

- Awarded through cooperative process with AFWA

### 7. Spending mandates, fund matching requirements, and/or limitations on availability of funds:

- \$6 million available annually
- No matching requirements
- Funds available to be obligated for 2 years
- Obligated funds are available from time of obligation on awarded grant until grant closing date. Unspent funds are returned to the multi-state grant program to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year

### 8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Applicants must satisfy all standard Federal application and assurance requirements as well as standards set by AFWA
- Non-governmental applicants 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

### 9. Governing Guidance:

- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Acts
- 50 CFR 80
- 43 CFR 12
- USFWS Manual Chapter