

## Landowner Incentive Program

### 1. Enabling Legislation:

- Annual Appropriations Act

### 2. Purpose:

- Establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitat on private lands to benefit Federally listed, proposed or candidate species or other species determined to be at-risk.
- Provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration

### 3. Eligible Grantees:

- All State and Territory agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife

### 4. Eligible Projects:

- Tier 1 grants to fund staff and associated support necessary to develop or enhance existing landowner program to benefit private landowners and other partners to help manage and protect habitats that benefit species at-risk
- Tier 2 grants to provide funding for technical and financial assistance to private landowners for the protection and restoration of habitats that benefit Federally listed, proposed, or candidate species or other at-risk species on private land
- Tier 2 grants to expand existing landowner incentive programs or those created under Tier 1

### 5. Source of funds:

Annual Appropriation

Land and Water Conservation Fund – revenues from:

- Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas

### 6. Distribution method:

- Tier 1 – each State receives \$200,000, Territories and DC receive \$75,000 for eligible projects meeting Tier 1 criteria
- Tier 2 – Nationally competitive based on criteria

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

- Provides up to 75% federal funding, 25% required from non-federal sources
- 100% federal funds for Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and N. Mariana Islands
- Funds are available from time of obligation on awarded grant until grant closing date. Unspent funds are returned to the LIP to be awarded in addition to new funds in the subsequent year

### 8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Submit proposals meeting eligibility requirements for Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 funding

### 9. Governing Guidance:

- Appropriations Act
- Landowner Incentive Grant Program Implementation Guidelines
- 43 CFR 12
- USFWS Manual Chapters