

Wildlife Restoration Grants

1. Enabling Legislation:

- Wildlife Restoration Act also known as Pittman-Roberson (PR) Act of 1937

2. Purpose:

- Restoration, conservation, management and enhancement of wild birds and mammals and their habitat.
- Provide public use and access to wildlife resources
- Provide for education of hunters and development of shooting ranges

3. Eligible Grantees:

- All State / Territory fish and wildlife agencies with assent legislation

4. Eligible Projects:

- Selection, restoration, rehabilitation and improvement of areas of land or water adaptable as feeding, resting, or breeding places for wildlife

5. Source of funds:

Permanent/Indefinite Appropriation

Wildlife Restoration Trust Fund – revenues from:

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

6. Distribution method:

- Apportioned based on formula

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

- Cost reimbursement
- Provides up to 75% federal funding, 25% required from non-federal sources
- 100% federal funding for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and N. Mariana Islands
- Annual apportionment available for 2 years
- Reverted are returned to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use in Migratory Bird Program
- Section 4 Hunter Education (separate formula and apportionment) - may be used for hunter education or other WR Act authorized projects
- Section 10 Hunter Education (\$8 million set aside) – must be used for hunter education or shooting range enhancements (if all Section 4 Hunter Education funds are used for hunter education, Section 10 may be used for any WR Act authorized projects)
- Section 10 funds available for 1 year

8. Special conditions or requirements:

- Pass and maintain assent legislation
- Submit eligible wildlife restoration projects including hunter education and/or shooting range enhancements
- Submit annual license certification

9. Governing Guidance:

- Wildlife Restoration Act
- 50 CFR 80
- 43 CFR Part 12
- USFWS Manual Chapters