



Schedule for the 2020 Cycle of the Multistate Conservation Grant Program (MSCGP)



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| <p>November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association) solicits National Conservation Needs (NCNs) from each Association committee and the four Regional Associations of state fish and wildlife agencies. |
| <p>February</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each committee or Regional Association may submit <u>one</u> proposed NCN. NCN's are due to the MSCGP Coordinator (January 25, 2019). |
| <p>March North American Wildlife & Natural Resources Conference</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, the National Grants Committee convenes to review the proposed NCNs and prepare a list of recommended NCNs for the State Directors' approval. State Directors approve NCNs during the Association's business meeting at the North American Conference. The selected NCNs establish the states' funding priorities for the upcoming grant cycle (March 8, 2019). The Association distributes an Announcement of Opportunity to solicit Letters of Intent (LOIs) to address the selected NCNs. (March 15, 2019) |
| <p>April – May</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOIs are due to the MSCGP Coordinator April 12, 2019. Association Committees conduct the technical review for the submitted LOIs |
| <p>June -July</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Grants Committee review the submitted LOIs. Successful and unsuccessful applicants should direct any questions to the MSCGP Coordinator by June 28, 2019. The National Grants Committee invites the most competitive applicants to submit full proposals on July 1, 2019. Full proposals along with required federal forms are due to the Association's MSCGP Coordinator on July 26, 2017. |

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| <p>August</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSCGP grant proposals are reviewed by the National Grants Committee. The MSCGP Coordinator reviews the proposals for eligibility and consults with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). • A grants specialist at the USFWS reviews the grant proposals to conduct a debarment and suspension and audit records check, ensure NEPA and ESA compliance, and review financial management systems of applicants. |
| <p>September Association’s Annual Meeting</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Grants Committee convenes, reviews the comments and scores of each proposal, and prepares a recommended “priority list” of projects for the State Director’s approval. The National Grants Committee may request changes to a proposal. Grant applicants may attend this meeting. • During the Association’s Business Meeting, the State Directors approve the “priority list” of projects to be funded through the Multistate Conservation Grant Program (September 2019). |
| <p>October-November</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Association submits its list of priority projects and the final proposals to the USFWS by the mandated October 1, 2019 deadline. • Priority List projects are reviewed and processed by the USFWS. |
| <p>December</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The USFWS notifies and awards the Multistate Conservation grants to successful applicants. |
| <p>January through December</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The USFWS manages recipients and their implementation of Multistate Conservation grants. • The Association initiates the process for the next cycle of the MSCGP. |