

The Priority List Under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program for Conservation Projects Submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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AGENCY:

Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION:

Notice—Multistate Conservation Grant Program.

SUMMARY:

The Service is publishing the priority list for the Multistate Conservation Grant Program submitted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. This notice is required by the Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuges System Centennial Act *59808 of 2000. Grants may be made from this list.

DATES:

This notice is effective upon date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuges System Centennial Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-408) established a Multistate Conservation Grant Program within the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration and Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Acts. The Improvement Act authorizes grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the Restoration Acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. Grants may be made from a priority list of projects submitted by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA), representing the State fish and wildlife agencies. The Service Director, exercising the authority of the Secretary, need not fund all recommended projects, but may not fund projects which are not recommended.

To be eligible for consideration, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation in at least 26 States, a majority of the States in a Fish and Wildlife Service Region, or a regional association of State fish and wildlife agencies. Grants may be made to a State or group of States, to non-governmental organizations, and, solely for carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Title	Applicant	Wildlife funds	Sport fish funds
The 2001 Economic Contributions of Sport Fishing	American Sportfishing Association		\$73,044
National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation	USFWS	\$1,432,516	1,432,516
Representation of the Northeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions and Protocols	Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	4,500	4,500
The 2001 Economic Contributions of Hunting	IAFWA—Animal Use Issues Task Force	76,992	
Pumpout Equipment Standards and Lifecycle Testing	Organization for Boating Access		299,000
Representation of the Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions and Protocols	Association of Midwest Fish and Wildlife Agencies	4,500	4,500
New Computer Models for Trap Testing in the Development of Best Management Practices to Improve Management of State Wildlife Resources	Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Resource Agencies	76,937	
The Need to Develop a Geographic Information System to Facilitate Integrated Bird Conservation in the Central Hardwoods Bird Conservation Region	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	33,750	
Sage-Grouse Interstate Working Group Coordinator	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	120,000	
Management Assistance Team (MAT)	IAFWA	248,340	248,340
Instream Flows for Riverine Resource Stewardship	Wyoming Game and Fish Department		16,650

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Step Outside	National Shooting Sports Foundation	171,100	
Fish and Wildlife Reference Service	KRA Corporation Department of Biological Sciences,	236,141	236,141
Fate and Effect of the Aquaculture Therapeutic Potassium Permanganate	Arkansas State University IAFWA—		59,915
Coordination of Vegetation Establishment and Management on Conservation Reserve Program Lands	Agricultural Conservation Task Force Western	75,000	
Representation of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and its Member States in International Treaties and Protocols	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	4,500	4,500
Understanding the Relationship Between Waterfowl Hunting Regulations and Hunter Satisfaction/Participation, with Recommendations for Improvements to Agency Management and Conservation Programs	Wildlife Management Institute	61,450	
Development and Validation of Determinative Analytical Method for the Marker Residue of AQUI-S, a Fish Anesthetic for Public Fish Facilities and Fishery Management	IAFWA— Fisheries and Water Resources Policy Committee		49,335
Development of a Model for Infecting Fish with Columnaris to Facilitate Pivotal Efficacy Trials for Treating the Disease with Candidate Therapeutants	IAFWA— Fisheries and Water Resources Policy Committee		105,651
New Animal Drug Application (NADA) for Oxytetracycline Immersion Therapy for Diseases of Cool and Warm Water Fish Species Cultured on Public Fish Facilities	IAFWA— Fisheries and Water Resources Policy Committee		96,921
Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	IAFWA— Executive Committee	44,460	44,460

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Support for State "Hooked On Fishing—Not On Drugs" and Fishing Tackle Loaner Programs	Future Fisherman Foundation		294,200
Bird Conservation for the Nation: Implementation of All-Bird Conservation	IAFWA—Migratory Bird Committee Southeast	250,000	
Representation of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in International Conventions and Protocols	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	4,500	4,500
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Outreach Project—Enhancing Communications Strategies and Improving Administration of State Wildlife Resource Programs through Implementating Best Management Practices (BMP's): A Plan to Assist State Agencies with the Dissemination of New Technology for Furbearer Management	IAFWA—Furbearer Resources Task Force	200,000	
Science and Civics, Sustaining Wildlife, Involving High School Students and Addressing Wildlife Needs	Project WILD	26,328	26,328
Total		3,071,014	3,000,501

Both total amounts are over the amount allocated by Congress for this program. Funds allocated, but not spent, from FY 2001 will be used to make up the difference for FY 2002.

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