

Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration ([CFDA No. 15.611](#))

Eligible Recipients: Fish and wildlife agencies of U. S. States, Insular Territories, and the District of Columbia.

Purpose:

- Restoration, conservation, management and enhancement of wild birds and mammals, and provision for public use of, and benefits from these resources.
- Education of hunters and archers (and trappers) in necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes in order to behave responsibly. Grants are available from two programs: [Hunter Education](#), and [Hunter Education and Safety Program-Section 10](#).

Funding: Funding for the Wildlife Restoration Account is derived from manufacturers' excise taxes. Each state receives an annual apportionment from the Account, which they must match with 25 to 90% non-federal funds. Each year, Alaska is eligible for the maximum state apportionment of 5% of the national Wildlife Restoration Account.



Wildlife Restoration Account tax revenues (in order of total funds collected):

1. Rifles and shotguns (11%)
2. Pistols and revolvers (10%) *
3. Bows, arrows, accessories (11%) *
4. Arrow components (12.4%) *

* ½ of these revenues may be used for hunter education & shooting ranges, plus \$7.5-\$8 million of total funds (H.R. 3671)
(Interest on the account funds the North American Wetlands Conservation Program)

Eligible Projects:

- ✓ Hunter/Trapper Education (see restrictions below)
- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Facilities Development
- ✓ Habitat Management
- ✓ Land Acquisition
- ✓ Operation and Maintenance
- ✓ Outreach
- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Population Management
- ✓ Research

- ✓ Surveys and Inventories
- ✓ Technical Guidance

Ineligible Activities:

- ✗ Public relations promoting state fish and wildlife agencies
- ✗ Activities solely to produce revenue
- ✗ Providing services or property for commercial purposes
- ✗ Enforcement of laws and regulations
- ✗ Establishment, publication and dissemination of regulations
- ✗ Stocking solely for hunting, not restoration of populations
- ✗ Teaching of trapping skills, and pelt grading, treatment and marketing
- ✗ “Furnishing public facilities, equipment, or services in excess of the minimum required to meet project purposes or health and safety standards” 521 FW 1.7 G
- ✗ Some nuisance wildlife activities

Current Projects and Accomplishments

Grant Application/Selection Process:

The State submits project proposals to the [Federal Assistance Regional Office](#) (Anchorage). These are reviewed for eligibility, substantiality in character and design (addressing a legitimate need in a reasonable way at a reasonable cost), and compliance with Federal regulations. If the proposal and grant agreement are approved, the federal share of the project funding is obligated from the State’s annual apportionment. The State may then begin the project(s) and be reimbursed for the federal share as costs are incurred. Projects are monitored to ensure that they are completed as proposed and funds are spent on activities approved in the grant documents.

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