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Multistate Conservation Grant Program



Frequently Asked Questions

Below is a list of questions frequently asked by MSCGP applicants. If your question is not addressed, or you require further clarification please contact Silvana Yaroschuk, Multistate Conservation Grant Program Manager, at syaroschuk@fishwildlife.org.

Can you clarify if my project meets the criteria for states benefited? Does my project really need to involve 26 states?

There are three options for a project to meet the criteria for state involvement. A project must benefit states using **ONE** of these criteria:

- 1) 26 states
- 2) The majority (over 50%) of states in a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service region (visit: <http://www.fws.gov/where/> to review these regions.)
- 3) The majority (over 50%) of states in a regional association of fish and wildlife agencies (visit: http://www.fishwildlife.org/part_Regionals.html to review a list of states in each regional association.)

Can you provide some examples of projects that benefitted 26 states?

Yes. Some projects that benefitted 26 states include:

- 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Data-Driven Strategies to Recruit and Retain Anglers (conducted by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies and the American Sportfishing Association.
- Economic Impacts of Hunting, 2006 (conducted by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies)
- Economic Impacts of Sportfishing, 2006 (the American Sportfishing Association)
- Management Assistance Team (conducted by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies)

More information about past projects can be found on the MSCGP website at: http://www.fishwildlife.org/multistate_grants.html.

What is the amount of funding that can be requested?

Applicants should first review the guidelines to determine how much funding is available for the current MSCGP Cycle, and consider if the project will require funds from Sport Fish Restoration, Wildlife Restoration, or both programs.

The most expensive project supported by the MSCGP is the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. The project currently costs approximately \$13 million and funds are deducted from the MSCGP's annual funding, which is reflected in the estimate provided in the guidelines. The range of funding for other projects has been between \$30,000 - \$1.5 million depending on the type of project, its scope and duration. Applicants are encouraged to request the minimum amount of funds required to complete the project.

How competitive is the MSCGP?

Below is a table of MSCGP Cycles and the number of proposals submitted and projects funded:

MSCGP Cycle	NCNs Submitted	NCNs Selected	LOIs Submitted	Proposals Invited	Projects Funded
2018	16	10	25	20	18
2017	17	12	24	18	17
2016	15	10	30	17	14
2015	13	11	33	19	14
2014	16	9	50	23	13
2013	15	7	76	22	17
2012	13	6	34	13	12
2011	13	7	71	17	12
2010	13	7	66	21	13
2009	18	9	110	20	14
2008	21	7	N/A*	38	9
2007	17	4	N/A*	22	11
2006	19	7	N/A*	59	23
2005	14	7	N/A*	38	21
2004	9	6	N/A*	57	18
2003	12	6	N/A*	54	25
2002	19	8	N/A*	53	25
2001	17	7	N/A*	42	14
2000	25	6	N/A*		
	302	146	519	553	290

To make the MSCGP more efficient the NGC decided to adopt the LOI process in 2009; the goal of this process was to sift out projects that did not meet the necessary requirements before full proposals could be submitted. During the 2010 MSCGP cycle 112 LOIs were submitted and only 21 were invited to submit full proposals. Out of the 21 projects submitted, 13 were selected to recommend to USFWS for funding.

Are universities considered NGOs?

Yes.

I am submitting a Letter of Intent and have partners involved. Should I include statements of support?

No. The Letter of Intent is only four pages and there is no room for letters of support. It is sufficient to list your partners where appropriate within the text.

Can I include potential partners in my Letter of Intent or only confirmed partners?

Only confirmed partners should be included in your submission.

Can federal agencies be contractors or subrecipients of MSCGP funds?

Yes, federal agencies and federal personnel can be, and often are, involved in MSCGP projects (through contracts, subawards or partnership funds.) Federal agencies cannot be primary recipients of MSCGP funds, except for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

Is there a matching requirement?

No match is required. However, “partnership funds” are considered by the National Grants Committee and given bonus points during the review.

Can in-kind services be included in my budget as “partnership funds”?

Yes. Any services or funds leveraged from partner organizations can be included in the “partnership funds” category.