



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



<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, 2019.

<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</p> <p>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.