

2026 Multistate Conservation Grant Program

Project Title	Strategic Priority	Organization	Requested
Conservation and Science			
Advancing the use of Motus to track migratory bat movement throughout the year	1/E Conservation & Science - Emerging Technologies for fish and wildlife management	Bat Conservation International	\$399,613.00
Facilitating Adoption of Uncrewed Aerial Systems In Wildlife Monitoring Through Northern Bobwhite Thermal Surveys and Habitat Mapping	1/E Conservation & Science - Emerging Technologies for fish and wildlife management	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill-Carolina Drone Lab	\$212,446.00
Deploying Ultralight Solar Transmitters on Rufous (Selasphorus rufus) and Ruby-throated Hummingbird (Archilochus colubris) to Document Movement Ecology	1/E Conservation & Science - Emerging Technologies for fish and wildlife management	Auburn University	\$300,000.00
From Detections to Decisions: Improving Motus Data Quality and Analytical Tools for Species of Greatest Conservation Need	Technologies for fish and wildlife management	American Bird Conservancy	\$244,451.00
for highly migratory sport fishes to preserve future stocks in the southeastern US	1/A Conservation & Science - Landscape Conservation and Habitat Connectivity	Florida Institute of Technology	\$210,347.00
Protecting Sportfish Habitat through Whole-Genome Sequencing of Aquatic Invasive Plant Species	1/D Conservation & Science - Invasive Species	University of Minnesota	\$178,450.13
Standardizing health information of moose (Alces alces) across its range to unlock population scale research	1/B Conservation & Science - Fish and Wildlife Health	Cornell University	\$290,000.00
Prioritizing Eastern brook trout habitat restoration using Hyper-Resolution Hydrography Data	1/E Conservation & Science - Emerging Technologies for fish and wildlife management	Chesapeake Conservancy Inc.	\$280,000.00
Relevancy and Capacity Building			
NEAFWA Lead-free Hunting Agency Outreach & Program Development	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.	\$375,932.38
Assessing Training Needs in the Natural Resources Professions and Building a Clearinghouse of Professional Development Courses	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	American Fisheries Society	\$133,421.00

Federal Aid Coordinators Subcommittee Capacity Enhancement	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.	\$82,339.31
Leadership Training for SEAFWA Members and the Conservation Community	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.	\$86,012.13
Building Conservation Workforce Capacity through Applied Training in Strategic Communication and Related Skills	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	The Curators of the University of Missouri	\$200,000.00
FishAge 2.0: A National Resource for Age Estimation and Training	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	American Fisheries Society	\$158,886.00
Beyond the Catch: Building a Communication Blueprint for Bass Fisheries	2/A Relevancy and Capacity Building - Expanding Relevancy and Engagement	American Fisheries Society	\$179,070.00
Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3)			
Bowhunting in the U.S. Market Study: Updated Insights into Bowhunter Attitudes, Motivations, and Economics	3/A R3 - Marketing	Archery Trade Association	\$187,000.00
Youth Shooting Sports National Promotional Campaign	3/A R3 - Marketing	MidwayUSA Foundation	\$268,475.00
Implementation of the Hunt for Good Campaign in the Southeast: Increasing Public Support for Hunting Among Non-Hunters	3/A R3 - Marketing	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$410,000.00
Creating a National Toolkit to Support Hunting and Shooting Sports Pathways for 1.25 million NASP® Student Archers Annually	3/A R3 - Marketing	National Archery in the Schools Program	\$200,468.37
Determine Why Recreational Target Shooting Participation is Declining	3/A R3 - Marketing	Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation	\$88,504.00
Bridging the Gap: Building Pathways for NASP® Families to Outdoors Resources that Foster Lifelong Recreation	3/A R3 - Marketing	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$383,500.00
A Taste of Conservation: Boosting Public Support of Hunting Through Approachable Wild Game Recipes	3/A R3 - Marketing	National Deer Association	\$146,310.63
Comprehensive Research on Participation and Perceptions of Four Key Fishing Segments: Flyfishing, Surf fishing, Ice fishing, and Charter boat fishing.	3/A R3 - Marketing	Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation	\$168,854.00

Beyond the Catch: Investigating the Role of Fishing Guides in Angler R3	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	American Sportfishing Association	\$158,784.00
Increasing Recruitment Rate of Hunter Education Registrants	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	International Hunter Education Association	\$149,603.00
The Committed Cohort: An Untapped R3 Resource	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Wildlife Management Institute	\$185,613.56
Documenting the Nutritional Value of White-tailed Deer Meat: An Unmet Need for R3 Engagement	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	National Deer Association	\$140,696.51
Recruiting and retaining volunteer instructors and mentors in the northeast	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	\$210,521.53
Recruiting New Hunters and Recreational Shooters through the Connecting with Conservation Podcast	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Wildlife Management Institute	\$105,515.92
Increasing Newcomers to the Shooting Sports	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$229,495.85
Leveraging the 2028 Olympics to Grow Archery Participation and Conservation Funding	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	National Archery Association of the United States	\$188,000.00
Filling the Hole in the ORAM: A Fix for Practitioners	3/C R3 - Monitoring and Evaluation	Wildlife Management Institute	\$191,608.46
The Future of Hunting and Fishing: A New Vision	3/C R3 - Monitoring and Evaluation	Wildlife Management Institute	\$240,088.44
Should Urban Ranges be the New Priority?	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation	\$166,472.79
Where are Shooting Ranges Needed Most?	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	National Shooting Sports Foundation	\$190,033.24
Pathways to Partnership: Empowering Agency Ambassadors to Achieve R3 Success	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	Wildlife Management Institute	\$204,195.49

AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles

2026 Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	4/D AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles (submitted by ExCom) - Coordination of Conservation on National	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$179,462.90
Coordination of Fish and Wildlife Conservation by State Fish & Wildlife Agencies Across Multiple Jurisdictions.	4/D AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles (submitted by ExCom) - Coordination of Conservation on National	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$270,220.80
Building Capacity for Conservation: National Training, Leadership, and Collaboration for State Fish and Wildlife Agencies	4/D AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles (submitted by ExCom) - Coordination of Conservation on National	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$612,949.99
Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize On-the-Ground Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States	4/D AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles (submitted by ExCom) - Coordination of Conservation on National	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$154,622.05
Interim Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation	4/D AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles (submitted by ExCom) - Coordination of Conservation on National	National Opinion Research Center	\$399,639.00