

# STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM

*Preventing wildlife declines. Saving taxpayer dollars. Supporting jobs.*

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## THE ASK

**Provide the highest possible funding level for the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program in FY27** to meet growing conservation needs and prevent Endangered Species Act listings.

*FY 26 Funding level is \$73.8M*

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## WHY STATE & TRIBAL WILDLIFE GRANTS MATTERS

- **Prevents costly federal listings**  
Directed at the conservation of **12,000+ Species of Greatest Conservation Need**, helping avoid Endangered Species Act listings and reducing regulatory burdens on businesses and landowners.
  - **Highly effective, on-the-ground conservation**  
Delivers **targeted, locally led conservation projects** that directly improve habitat and conserve rare and declining fish and wildlife before they require federal protection.
  - **Saves taxpayer dollars**  
Proactive conservation is **far less expensive** than listing and recovering species after they decline.
  - **Driven by science and accountability**  
Guided by congressionally-required **State Wildlife Action Plans**, recently updated using the best available science and conservation innovations.
  - **Leverages strong partnerships**  
Federal funding is matched by **state, Tribal, and private investments**, maximizing return on taxpayer dollars.
  - **Supports development & infrastructure**  
Helps **streamline environmental reviews**, reducing delays and uncertainty for energy and infrastructure projects.
  - **Addresses major threats**  
Funds work on **invasive species and wildlife diseases**, which cause billions in economic damage annually.
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## ECONOMIC IMPACT

- **\$181 million** in annual economic output
- **28 jobs per \$1 million invested** ( $\approx 2x$  road & bridge construction)
- Supports the **\$1.2 trillion outdoor recreation economy**

Healthy fish and wildlife populations support **tourism, recreation, agriculture, and rural economies nationwide.**

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## BROAD, BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

- State, Tribal, territorial, and D.C. fish and wildlife agencies
  - **Hundreds of hunting, fishing, birding, and conservation organizations**
  - **Nearly 200 bipartisan Members of Congress** support funding
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## ACCOUNTABLE & EFFECTIVE

- **Federally approved State Wildlife Action Plans** guide all investments
  - **Administered and audited** by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
  - **Formula-based funding** (2/3 population & 1/3 land area) ensures equitability
  - Supports **all wildlife**: fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates
  - Enables **locally driven, voluntary conservation solutions**
  - Supports **working lands**, including farms and ranches
  - **Proven track record** of preventing species declines and avoiding listings
  - Efficiently invests federal dollars in **priority on-the-ground conservation**
  - Leverages the authority, staff, and existing infrastructure of state, territorial, and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, **which have the primary statutory responsibility for conserving and managing fish and wildlife.**
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## BOTTOM LINE

**STWG is one of the most effective uses of federal dollars for on-the-ground conservation by delivering measurable results, supporting jobs, and saving taxpayers money by preventing species from becoming endangered.**



**Additional Information about the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants program**

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Table 1. Selected species of greatest conservation need where State & Tribal Wildlife Grant funding helped prevent endangered species listings or aided in the recovery of species that were already listed. For more information, see the State and Tribal Wildlife Grant Programs 20th Anniversary Report ([https://www.fishwildlife.org/application/files/2616/0087/6829/STWG\\_2020\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](https://www.fishwildlife.org/application/files/2616/0087/6829/STWG_2020_Report_Final.pdf)).

Source *USFWS Budget Justification-FY2025*

SPECIES	STATE(S)	STATUS	YEAR	REPORT PAGE
Sierra Nevada red fox – Southern Cascades DPS	CA	Not warranted	2015	127
Greater sage-grouse	CA, CO, ID, MT, OR, SD, WA	Not warranted	2015	109
New England cottontail rabbit	CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI	Not warranted	2015	n/a
Arkansas darter	AR, CO, KS, OK	Not warranted	2016	157
Louisiana black bear	LA	De-listed - recovery	2016	59
Fisher – N. Rocky Mtn. DPS	ID, other western states	Not warranted	2017	137
Boreal toad	UT, CO	Not warranted	2017	148
White-tailed prairie dog	CO, UT, WY	Not warranted	2017	151
Brook floater	MA, ME, NH, NC, NY, VA	Not warranted	2019	9
Yellow-banded bumble bee	ME, other northeastern states	Not warranted	2019	19
Kirtland’s warbler	MI, MN	De-listed - recovery	2019	97
American burying beetle	AR, KS, MA, MO, NE, OH, OK, RI, SD, TX	Down-listed	2020	n/a
Least tern	AR, CO, IL, IN, IO, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, MT, NE, NM, ND, OK, SD, TN, TX	De-listed – recovery	2021	n/a
Sonoran Desert tortoise	AZ	Not warranted	2022	n/a
Roundtail chub (Lower Colorado River Basin DPS)	NM	Not warranted (proposed Apr 2022)	2022	n/a
Snail darter	GA	De-listed – recovery	2022	n/a
Fender’s blue butterfly	OR	Down-listed	2023	n/a
Wood stork	FL	De-listed – recovery (proposed Feb 2023)	2023	n/a
Illinois chorus frog	IL	Not warranted (proposed Jul 2023)	2023	n/a
Apache trout	AZ	De-listed – recovery (proposed Aug 2023)	2023	n/a
Relict darter	KY	Down-listed	2023	n/a

Table 2. Most funding from the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants is apportioned to the states and territories based on 2/3<sup>rd</sup> population and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> land area. No state can receive more than 5% or less than 1%. There are separate apportionment percentages for territories. Approximately \$6 million is allocated to tribes and approximately \$7 million for competitive grants to the states. Below are apportionment amounts for FY2025.

**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
FINAL APPORTIONMENT OF STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025  
CFDA: 15.634**

<u>STATE</u>	<u>STATE WILDLIFE - 5620</u>	<u>STATE WILDLIFE - 5720</u>
ALABAMA	\$842,910.00	\$9.00
ALASKA	\$2,763,604.00	\$28.00
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$138,180.00	\$1.00
ARIZONA	\$1,436,323.00	\$15.00
ARKANSAS	\$635,157.00	\$6.00
CALIFORNIA	\$2,763,604.00	\$28.00
COLORADO	\$1,230,252.00	\$12.00
CONNECTICUT	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
DELAWARE	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$276,360.00	\$3.00
FLORIDA	\$2,658,994.00	\$27.00
GEORGIA	\$1,496,672.00	\$15.00
GUAM	\$138,180.00	\$1.00
HAWAII	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
IDAHO	\$687,061.00	\$7.00
ILLINOIS	\$1,707,358.00	\$17.00
INDIANA	\$941,401.00	\$10.00
IOWA	\$672,502.00	\$7.00
KANSAS	\$797,630.00	\$8.00
KENTUCKY	\$721,029.00	\$7.00
LOUISIANA	\$780,447.00	\$8.00
MAINE	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
MARYLAND	\$725,446.00	\$7.00
MASSACHUSETTS	\$804,295.00	\$8.00
MICHIGAN	\$1,426,189.00	\$13.00
MINNESOTA	\$1,107,648.00	\$11.00
MISSISSIPPI	\$597,632.00	\$6.00
MISSOURI	\$1,069,881.00	\$11.00
MONTANA	\$977,559.00	\$10.00
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	\$138,180.00	\$1.00
NEBRASKA	\$663,792.00	\$7.00
NEVADA	\$981,231.00	\$10.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
NEW JERSEY	\$1,044,268.00	\$11.00
NEW MEXICO	\$939,625.00	\$10.00
NEW YORK	\$2,459,417.00	\$25.00
NORTH CAROLINA	\$1,430,742.00	\$13.00
NORTH DAKOTA	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
OHIO	\$1,510,589.00	\$15.00
OKLAHOMA	\$834,962.00	\$8.00
OREGON	\$1,023,857.00	\$10.00
PENNSYLVANIA	\$1,663,201.00	\$17.00
PUERTO RICO	\$276,360.00	\$3.00
RHODE ISLAND	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$732,526.00	\$7.00
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
TENNESSEE	\$989,755.00	\$10.00
TEXAS	\$2,763,604.00	\$28.00
UTAH	\$848,845.00	\$9.00
VERMONT	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$138,180.00	\$1.00
VIRGINIA	\$1,166,696.00	\$12.00
WASHINGTON	\$1,227,560.00	\$12.00
WEST VIRGINIA	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
WISCONSIN	\$962,440.00	\$10.00
WYOMING	\$552,721.00	\$6.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,272,075</b>	<b>\$560</b>

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