

2026 Multistate Conservation Grant Program

Project Title	Strategic Priority	Organization
Modeling the health and distribution of essential fish habitat 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
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
From Detections to Decisions: Improving Motus Data Quality and Analytical Tools for Species of Greatest Conservation Need	1/E Conservation & Science - Emerging Technologies for fish and wildlife management	American Bird Conservancy
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
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
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
Protecting Sportfish Habitat through Whole-Genome Sequencing of Aquatic Invasive Plant Species	1/D Conservation & Science - Invasive Species	University of Minnesota
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.

Relevancy and Capacity Building

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
Federal Aid Coordinators Subcommittee Capacity Enhancement	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.
Leadership Training for SEAFWA Members and the Conservation Community	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.
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
FishAge 2.0: A National Resource for Age Estimation and Training	2/B Relevancy and Capacity Building - Professional Development	American Fisheries Society
Beyond the Catch: Building a Communication Blueprint for Bass Fisheries	2/A Relevancy and Capacity Building - Expanding Relevancy and Engagement	American Fisheries Society

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
Youth Shooting Sports National Promotional Campaign	3/A R3 - Marketing	MidwayUSA Foundation
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
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
Determine Why Recreational Target Shooting Participation is Declining	3/A R3 - Marketing	Outdoor Stewards of Conservation Foundation
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

A Taste of Conservation: Boosting Public Support of Hunting Through Approachable Wild Game Recipes	3/A R3 - Marketing	National Deer Association
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
Beyond the Catch: Investigating the Role of Fishing Guides in Angler R3	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	American Sportfishing Association
Increasing Recruitment Rate of Hunter Education Registrants	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	International Hunter Education Association
The Committed Cohort: An Untapped R3 Resource	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Wildlife Management Institute
Documenting the Nutritional Value of White-tailed Deer Meat: An Unmet Need for R3 Engagement	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	National Deer Association
Recruiting and retaining volunteer instructors and mentors in the northeast	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies
Increasing Newcomers to the Shooting Sports	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Leveraging the 2028 Olympics to Grow Archery Participation and Conservation Funding	3/B R3 - Engaging Participants	National Archery Association of the United States
Filling the Hole in the ORAM: A Fix for Practitioners	3/C R3 - Monitoring and Evaluation	Wildlife Management Institute
The Future of Hunting and Fishing: A New Vision	3/C R3 - Monitoring and Evaluation	Wildlife Management Institute
Should Urban Ranges be the New Priority?	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation
Where are Shooting Ranges Needed Most?	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	National Shooting Sports Foundation
Pathways to Partnership: Empowering Agency Ambassadors to Achieve R3 Success	3/D R3 - Hunting and Shooting Sports Access and Infrastructure	Wildlife Management Institute

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 Scale	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
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 Scale	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
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 Scale	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
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 Scale	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
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 Scale	National Opinion Research Center

Multiyear Funding Proposals approve in 2025

National Survey		NORC
National Survey Coordination		USFWS
2025 – 2029 Facilitation of National R3 Strategies		CAHSS