

2027 Multistate Conservation Grant Program

Project Title	Organization	Total
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Priority 1: Landscape Scale Habitat Connectivity

From Connectivity Science to Stewardship: Supporting Working Forest Landowner Management to Enhance Wildlife Connectivity	The Nature Conservancy	\$193,296.00
Advancing the Nested Hexagon Framework to Support the Revision of the Western Grasslands Initiative Strategic Plan and Coordinate WAFWA Landscape Initiatives	Wildlife Management Institute, Inc.	\$168,761.64
Identifying and prioritizing barriers for improvement in brook trout streams in the eastern USA	University of Montana	\$212,818.00
Conservation genomics of the Pinyon Jay (<i>Gymnorhinus cyanocephalus</i>) to assess population health and landscape connectivity across the American West	Northern Arizona University	\$264,926.00

Priority 1 Total: \$839,801.64

Priority 2: Management and Applied Research

Building a Multi-state King Rail Conservation Network by Addressing Two Priority Needs: Quantifying Habitat Connectivity via GPS Technology and Assessing Distribution via Autonomous Recording Units	Mississippi State University	\$249,744.60
Understanding Public Support for Wildlife Conservation on Private Lands	National Conservation Law Enforcement Education Foundation	\$189,750.00
FishAge 2.0: A National Resource for Age Estimation and Training	American Fisheries Society	\$147,785.00
Beyond the Herd: Forecasting the Participation and Conservation Funding Impacts of Chronic Wasting Disease in the Southeast	National Deer Association	\$211,245.50
Multistate Framework for Black Bass Delayed Mortality	West Virginia University)	\$274,636.00
Evaluating Survey Implementation and Response to Improve Migratory Bird Harvest Estimates.	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	\$321,568.18
Developing A Manager's Guide to White-nose Syndrome Interventions	Bat Conservation International	\$160,841.87
A Manager Ready Tool for Large-Scale Machine Learning Driven Pronghorn Population Monitoring	University of Wyoming	\$203,441.42
From Data to Decisions: Standardizing Genetic Approaches for Transparent Management Implementation	University of Arkansas	\$199,670.00
Strengthening State Fish and Wildlife Agency Legal Capacity Through the Center for Conservation Excellence Conservation Law Internship Program	National Wild Turkey Federation	\$98,439.00
Identifying effective communication strategies to manage the spread of wildlife diseases at bird feeders	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	\$208,136.00

\$2,265,257.57

Priority 3: Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation - R3

ACI R3 Through Marketing with Pilot States Continuation	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$251,691.07
Recruiting and Retaining Volunteer Instructors and Mentors in the Southeast	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$115,193.00
Fishing R3 Marketing Efficacy	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$215,997.92
Closing the Gap: Using White-Tailed Deer to Build Social Support for Hunting Heritage, Access, and Opportunity	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$286,854.00
Strategies to Retain Western Hunters	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$232,316.00
Translating R3 Research into Practice: A Systematic Review of R3 Research to Guide Practitioners	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$184,986.14
A New Frontier in R3: College Courses as Gateways to Hunting and Fishing	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$246,070.74
Quantitative Evaluation of R3 Efforts	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$184,348.91
Beyond the Catch Phase 2: Understanding Guided Fishing Participants' Perspectives, Motivations, and R3 Pathways	American Sportfishing Association	\$121,635.08

Retention Strategies for Female Hunters and Target Shooters: A Multistate Assessment of Recruitment and Retention Drivers and Development of an Evidence-Based Retention Toolkit	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$316,321.04
Building Volunteer Pathways and Resources for Effective Volunteer Management	Northeast Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Inc.	\$204,973.04
The Value of Nonresident Hunters to State Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Economies, and Resident Hunters	Wildlife Management Institute,	\$202,796.45
Pressure Points: Helping State Agencies Interpret Hunter Sentiment to Support R3 Programs	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$271,648.00
The Right Volunteer for the Right Role: A Personality-Based Placement Tool for Volunteers	International Hunter Education Association - United States of America (IHEA-USA)	\$124,915.00
MAFWA Increasing Urban Angler Participation and Access	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$262,688.73
Recruiting Archery Target Shooters via State Parks	Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$282,871.03
Optimizing Hunting Access and Opportunity Investments Across the Southeast	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$276,948.00
Finding the Bullseye: Mapping Areas of High Demand for Archery Ranges	Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$125,585.00
2025 – 2029 Facilitation of National R3 Strategies	CAHSS	\$999,999.00

\$4,907,838.15

Priority 4: AFWA Priorities Identified in AFWA Funding Principles

2027 Multistate Conservation Grant Program Coordination	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$190,605.71
2027 MSCGP – Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation to Optimize On-the-Ground Fish and Wildlife Benefits to the States	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$183,984.95
Coordination of Fish and Wildlife Conservation by State Fish & Wildlife Agencies Across Multiple Jurisdictions	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$253,513.20
Building Workforce Capacity for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Through National Professional Development Initiatives	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies	\$614,507.33
The 2027 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Watching	NORC	\$2,013,312.00
Coordination of the 2027 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife Watching	USFWS	\$361,289.00

\$3,617,212.19

Total Requested

\$11,630,109.55