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Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance

Number: 15.608

Agency: Department of the Interior

Office: Fish and Wildlife Service

Program Information

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Authorization (040):

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, 16 U.S.C. 661-666; Sikes Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 670(a)-670(o); Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 3101; Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, Public Law 92-522, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1361-1421; Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980; Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4701-4741; the Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42; 50 CFR 16).

Objectives (050):

To provide technical and financial assistance to other federal agencies, states, local governments, native American tribes, non-governmental organizations, citizen groups, and land owners on the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources, including minimizing the establishment, spread, and impact of aquatic invasive species. This includes co-management of marine mammals by Alaskan natives for subsistence use.

Types of Assistance (060):

Project Grants (Discretionary)

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Funds may be used to conduct fish and wildlife management activities that align with the conservation, restoration, and management goals and priorities of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices. This includes goals and priorities identified by the National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) and individual partnerships under the National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP). Restoration work can consist of habitat construction activities such as culvert replacements, dam removals, fishway construction, installation of fish habitat structures and vegetation plantings. Examples of funded activities include habitat restoration (stream improvements or deconstruction of barriers to increase quality of aquatic habitats), monitoring and assessment, removal of barriers to passage, fish propagation, and aquatic plant establishment. This also includes efforts to minimize the establishment, spread, and impact of aquatic invasive species, including those efforts conducted under the auspices of the State/Interstate Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Management Plan Grant Program. Technical assistance –in the form of advice on biological, chemical, and/or physical aspects of a project –is also available to awardees. Awardees are expected to include a public outreach component in their project. Applicants applying for State/Interstate ANS Management Plan funds must be a State or Interstate organization with an ANS Task Force approved plan.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website:

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/>

Regional or Local Office:

See Regional Agency Offices. See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

Headquarters Office:

Julie Jackson Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Aquatic Conservation, Branch of Budget and Information Management, 4401 North Fairfax Drive Room 721, Arlington, Virginia 22203 Email: Julie_jackson@fws.gov Phone: (703) 358-2373

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assistance Types:

B - PROJECT GRANTS/B - Project Grants (Discretionary)

Applicant Eligibility:

10-Federal/ 12-Agriculture/Forestry/Fish and Game;52-Libraries/Information/Statistics 14-State (includes District of Columbia, public institutions of higher education and hospitals)/ 12-Agriculture/Forestry/Fish and Game;52-Libraries/Information/Statistics 22-Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments/ 12-Agriculture/Forestry/Fish and Game;52-Libraries/Information/Statistics

Beneficiary Eligibility:

10 - Federal, 14 - State, 15 - Local, 20 - Public nonprofit institution/organization, 36 - Private nonprofit institution/organization, 58 - American Indian

HISTORY

Applicants may be other federal agencies, state agencies, local governments, native American organizations, interstate, intrastate, public nonprofit institution/organization, other public institution/organization, private nonprofit/organization, or any other organization subject to the jurisdiction of the United States with interests that support the mission of the Service on a cost recoverable basis.

1965 (B): Sport Fish Management
 1974 (U): Sport Fish Technical Assistance
 1984 (U): Fishery Resources Technical Assistance
 1986 (U): Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

Federal agencies, state agencies, local governments, Native Americans, Interstate, Intrastate, public nonprofit institution/organization, other public institution/organization, private nonprofit/organization, or any other organization subject to the jurisdiction of the United States with interests that support the mission of the Service on a cost recoverable basis.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

There must be factual evidence of the need for management assistance. OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Applicants must have (or obtain) a DUNS number and EIN/TIN to apply for funding.

If a proposed project will cause a significant environmental impact, then an environmental impact statement should be prepared and provided with the application.

Applicants must provide documentation detailing the findings of an environmental impact assessment for sites where proposed habitat improvements will occur as part of the application process for NFHP funding. An environmental impact statement is required for this program. An environmental impact assessment is required for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

Application Procedures (092):

OMB Circular No. A-102 applies to this program. OMB Circular No. A-110 applies to this program. An approved State ANS Management Plan is needed for the State ANS Management Plan Grant program. See www.Grants.gov for additional information and application procedures. To apply for NFHP funds, applicants must contact the appropriate Fish Habitat Partnership or visit www.Grants.gov for application procedures and requirements.

Award Procedure (093):

After considering program commitments and obligations, grant or cooperative agreement recipients will generally be informed by electronic correspondence via email.

Deadlines (094):

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

Awards are approved annually. Unfunded projects that are ranked highly by the Regional Directors of the 8 USFWS Regions are maintained in a FWS database until the project is funded or no longer viable.

Appeals (096):

None.

Renewals (097):

None.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

This program has no statutory formula.

This program has no matching requirements. The State ANS Management Plan Grant Program requires a

25% match by the States. The National Fish Passage Program and National Fish Habitat Partnership do not have matching requirements, however; partner contributions of at least 50% of project costs are encouraged. The extent of partner contributions may be a factor in selection of projects to be funded. This program does not have MOE requirements. None.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

Annual awards. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: Program obligates funds and sends a notice of award to successful applicants. Recipients request funds in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, unless otherwise dictated by program-specific legislation or special award terms. Program will include any special payment terms and conditions in the notice of award.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)**Reports (111):**

See award notice for reporting requirements and procedures. Cash reports are not required; however, cash reports maybe required for some awardees. Refer to the award notice for cash reporting requirements and procedures. Recipients must submit a final performance report no later than 90 calendar days after the award end date. Recipients of awards with performance periods longer than 12 months will be required to submit interim reports. Program may require recipients to submit interim reports annually, semiannually, or quarterly. Program will detail all performance reporting requirements, including frequency and due dates, in the notice of award letter. Recipients must report expenditures using the SF 425, Federal Financial Report form. Recipients must submit a final report no later than 90 calendar days after the award end date. Recipients of awards with performance periods longer than 12 months will be required to submit interim reports. Program may require recipients to submit interim reports annually, semiannually, or quarterly. Program will detail all financial reporting requirements, including frequency and due dates, in the notice of award letter. Recipients are responsible for monitoring performance for each award and sub-award under this program in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of \$500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

Records (113):

Grants awarded to state and local governments will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Records for grants awarded to institutions of higher education and other nonprofit organizations will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart F, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations".

Financial Information (120)**Account Identification (121):**

14-1611-0-1-302.

Obligations (122):

(Project Grants (Discretionary)) FY 13 \$3,500,000; FY 14 est \$3,500,000; and FY 15 est \$3,500,000 - National Fish Habitat Partnership. (Project Grants (Discretionary)) FY 13 \$11,300,000; FY 14 est \$12,700,000; and FY 15 est \$12,700,000 - National Fish Passage Program. (Project Grants (Discretionary)) FY 13 \$903,600; FY 14 est \$1,000,000; and FY 15 est \$1,000,000 - State/Interstate ANS Management Plan Grants.

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Range is \$1,000 to \$750,000; Average \$75,000.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Fiscal Year 2013: 38 Plans supported via the State/Interstate ANS Management Plan Grant Program. Fiscal Year 2014: There is a potential for up to 43 plans to be supported in FY14. Fiscal Year 2015: There is a potential for more than 43 plans to be supported in FY15.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

See Fish Passage Policy 710 FW 1 (<http://www.fws.gov/policy/710FW1.html>) and the National Fish Habitat Action Plan Policy (<http://www.fws.gov/policy/717fw1.html>). Annual reports, special reports, and Fish and Wildlife Management Plans are also available at www.fws.gov/fisheries.

Information Contacts (150)**Regional or Local Office (151) :**

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Headquarters Office (152):

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Website Address (153):

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Related Programs (160):

15.605 Sport Fish Restoration Program; 15.631 Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Fiscal Year 2013: Funding for the State/Interstate ANS Management Plan Grant Program was used to 1) prevent the spread of invasive mussels through watercraft inspection and decontamination stations and, in California and Minnesota, mussel-sniffing dogs; 2) conduct a pike eradication project in Alaska's Kenai Peninsula; 3) Strengthen Oregon's rapid response capabilities; and 4) assist in the regional effort to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. The National Fish Passage Program is a non-regulatory initiative that provides financial and technical assistance. The program anticipates funding projects that aid in the removal or bypass of artificial barriers that impede the movement of fish and contribute to their declining numbers. National Fish Habitat Partnership. The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provided funding to support a project to restore oxbows (cut-off stream meanders) in the Boone River, Iowa, watershed in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Iowa Soybean Association, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and farmers/landowners. The Service designed the restoration in accordance with a TNC watershed plan, and Iowa DNR did the contracting and oversight of construction. The project provides hydrologic conditions favorable to the endangered Topeka Shiner and other fish species, and includes monitoring of fish response and water quality. The project addresses conservation priorities of the Fishers and Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin, one of 18 Fish Habitat Partnerships recognized by the National Fish Habitat Board. Fiscal Year 2014: No current Data Available. Fiscal Year 2015: No current Data Available.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

See 710FW1 Fish Passage Policy <http://www.fws.gov/policy/710FW1.html>.

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