



# Multistate Grant Background

What is the MSCGP?

- The Multistate Conservation Grant Program (“MSCGP”) provides funding for wildlife and sport fish restoration projects identified as priority projects by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (the “Association”).
- These high-priority projects address problems affecting states on a regional or national basis.
- Project types that are generally selected for funding are: biological research/training; species population status research; outreach and data collection regarding hunter/angler participation; hunter/aquatic education; economic value of fishing/hunting; and regional or multistate habitat needs assessments.



# Grant Administration

Who administers the MSCGP?

- The MSCGP is cooperatively administered by the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (USFWS-WSFR).
- AFWA administers the grant application process, providing oversight, coordination, and guidance for the MSCGP while the USFWS-WSFR awards, manages, and distributes the grant funding for projects dedicated to fish and wildlife restoration.



# MSCGP Funding Source

- Funding is available each calendar year from the following resources:
  - 1. Wildlife Restoration Account: WR funding is collected from the excise tax that manufacturers, producers, and importers pay on shooting, archery, and angling equipment.
  - 2. Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund: SFR funding is collected from the excise tax that recreational boaters pay on fuel and electric motors.



# History of NFHP Applications for MSCG Funding

- Funding granted from 2008 – present
- Historically funded unmet or unfunded FHPs needs
- Partnership collaboration projects
- Board Support



# Multistate Grant Annual Schedule

## STEP IN PROCESS

## TIMING

National Conservation Needs (NCN) developed & submitted

November – February

NCN selected by Grants Committee

March

Letter of Intent (LOI) due (if NCN advances)

April

Nation Grants Committee Reviews LOI

June

Full proposal due (if LOI accepted)

August

National Grants Committee selects full proposals to fund

September



# Multi-State Grant Program Funding 2008-2020

## *Sportfish Restoration Portion Total Available:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Available</u>
• 2008 -	\$1,792,533.00
• 2009 -	\$3,339,189.91
• 2010 -	\$1,816,825.71
• 2011 -	\$1,567,577.00
• 2012 -	\$1,254,457.00
• 2013 -	\$2,916,402.00
• 2014 -	\$2,999,944.00
• 2015 -	\$1,050,000.00
• 2016 -	\$ 287,000.00
• 2017 -	\$1,100,000.00
• 2018 -	\$1,000,000.00
• 2019 -	\$3,250,000.00
• 2020 -	\$2,800,000.00



# Funding Received by NFHP & FHPs (2008-2019)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Funding Available</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
• 2008 –	\$1,792,533.00	(NFHP \$247,500 / W2B \$521,520)
• 2009 -	\$3,339,189.91	(WNTI/SARP/EBTJV - \$350,000)
• 2010 -	\$1,816,825.71	(MW FHPs \$398,500 / MSU \$480,932)
• 2011 -	\$1,567,577.00	(NFHP Board \$240,000)
• 2012 -	\$1,254,457.00	(NFHP Board \$100,000 / W2B \$261,440.38)
• 2013 -	\$2,916,402.00	(Board/FHPs - \$490,617)
• 2014 -	\$2,999,944.00	(Board/FHPs - \$544,500)
• 2015 -	\$1,050,000.00	(Board/FHPs - \$521,600)
• 2016 -	\$ 287,000.00	(FHPs - \$86,000)
• 2017 -	\$1,100,000.00	(FHPs - \$143,567)
• 2018 -	\$1,000,000.00	(FHPs - \$209,960)
• 2019 -	\$3,250,000.00	(FHPs - \$250,680)



# How the NFHP grant was evaluated for 2020 Grant Cycle

- **Where our grant scored high**
  - Geographic Scope
  - Funding Compatibility with WSFR Funds
  - Anticipated Deliverables/Outcomes
  - Intended Value across Multiple States
  - Extended use/life of project deliverables





# How the NFHP proposal was evaluated for 2020 Grant Cycle

- **Where our grant scored low**
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Milestones/Deliverables, Timelines connected to goals.
  - Project Costs
  - Methodology and meeting goals and objectives