

# State & Tribal Wildlife Grant Program

Since 2001, the **State and Tribal Wildlife Grants** program has been the nation's CORE program for preventing wildlife from becoming endangered. Funding is apportioned to each state, territory and the District of Columbia and targeted at 12,000 species of Greatest Conservation Need. The program led to the development and implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans that put forth voluntary incentive-based conservation actions to safeguard our nation's fish and wildlife.



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## Why is the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Important?

- Has directly eliminated the need to add more species to the federal Endangered Species List, saving taxpayer dollars and decreasing regulation for business and landowners
- Serves as an important line of defense in controlling and better understanding invasive species and diseases that cause billions of dollars in economic impact each year
- Supports environmental reviews to ensure infrastructure and energy development projects can proceed with minimal or reduced impacts to fish and wildlife
- Supports the conservation of at-risk species on tribal lands
- Helps ensure that State Wildlife Action Plans are up to date with the best available science
- Supports activities that will help fish and wildlife adapt and become more resilient to the impacts of severe weather



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## What about the economy and jobs?

- The State & Tribal Wildlife Grants program contributes \$181M in total economic output.
- The State & Tribal Wildlife Grants program supports 28 jobs per \$1M spent. That is double the number of jobs supported by road and bridge construction.

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## *Safeguarding our Nation's Fish and Wildlife*

*The State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program has been the nation's CORE program for keeping wildlife species off the Endangered Species list.*

## Who supports the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program?

- Every state & territorial fish and wildlife agency and the 6,400+ organizations representing millions of outdoor enthusiasts who make up the **Teaming with Wildlife Coalition**.
- 143 members of Congress who signed Dear Colleague letters supporting FY16 funding



## What else is there to know about State & Tribal Wildlife Grants?

- **Highly Accountable** and the only conservation grant program with effectiveness measures
- Is **Flexible**, allowing states to decide on the most acceptable conservation actions
- Has a **Proven Track Record of Success** as detailed in reports at [www.teaming.com](http://www.teaming.com)
- **Leverages tens of millions of dollars** in state, private and tribal matching funds annually
- Is a **Small Investment** compared to the high cost of more endangered species listings

## Spotlight On Bird Success

Between 2002 and 2014, **34% of SWG funding was directed to conservation of birds** and their habitats

### ***Threatened and Endangered Birds of Prey Benefit Across the US***

- **85% population increase** in Bald Eagles in Arizona since SWG implementation in 2001
- Osprey **removed from Indiana's Endangered Species list** 2014 with SWG program support

### ***SWG Dollars Leverage Funding and Create Habitat for Threatened Songbirds***

- \$200k of SWG funding has **leveraged \$1.8 million non-federal dollars** to **protect 20,000 acres** of Golden-winged Warbler habitat in Pennsylvania

The U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI), a partnership between government agencies, NGOs, and bird-focused partnerships, facilitates collaborative partnerships that advance biological, social, and scientific priorities for North American bird conservation.

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