

Contributed Funds

Appropriations Language

Activities funded from this account do not require appropriation language since there is permanent authority to use the receipts.

Authorizing Statutes

Fish and Wildlife Service Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-668). This Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and contributed funds in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 743b-7421). This Act authorizes loans for commercial fishing vessels; investigations of fish and wildlife resources; and cooperation with other agencies. The Service is also authorized to accept donations of real and personal property. P.L. 105-242 amended this act to authorize cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer outreach and education programs. Funds contributed by partners from sales and gifts must be deposited in a separate account in the treasury.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-1h). This Act authorizes donations of fund, property, and personal services or facilities for the purposes of the Act.

National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer and Community Partnership Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to construct, operate, maintain, or improve refuge facilities and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

National Fish Hatchery System Volunteer Act (120 STAT 2058-2061). Authorizes cooperative agreements with nonprofit partner organizations, academic institutions, or State and local governments to promote the stewardship of resources through biological monitoring or research; to construct, operate, maintain, or improve hatchery facilities, habitat and services, and to promote volunteer, outreach, and education programs.

Appropriation: Contributed Funds

	2009 Actual	2010 Enacted	2011			Change from 2010 (+/-)
			DOI-wide Changes & Transfers (+/-)	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Contributed Funds (\$000)	4,508	4,000	0	0	4,000	0
<i>FTE</i>	16	16	0	0	16	0

Program Overview

The Service accepts unsolicited contributions from other governments, private organizations, and individuals. Once collected, the funds are used to support a variety of fish and wildlife conservation projects that contribute to fulfillment of DOI goals and the FWS mission. Donations for visitor centers are collected in special projects within Contributed Funds. Congress has stipulated that the cost of new visitor centers will be shared with Friends groups and others.

Contributions are difficult to accurately forecast due to external events. Annual contributions typically range from approximately \$1.2 to \$5.6 million. In FY 2009, the receipts totaled \$4.5 million.

2011 Program Performance

The Service uses contributed funds to address its highest priority needs in concert with other types of funding. The funds in 2011 will be used for projects similar to those planned and completed in previous fiscal years. For example, the Service used contributed funds for the following activities in 2009:



Illinois River NWFR (IL): Funding of \$170,105 was applied towards the acquisition of 400 acres of land for Emiquon NWR. The tract is named the "North Globe" and was purchased from The Nature Conservancy. The area acquired is primarily agricultural land that is being restored to wetland and native vegetation.

Contributed funds augmented other funds to facilitate acquisition of this land for Emiquon NWR.

Modoc NWR (CA): Funding was used to cover a portion of the salary costs for a temporary employee to provide critical invasive plant species management on the 7,021 acre refuge.

San Luis NWRC (CA): Funds were used to augment recovery efforts for the highly endangered riparian brush rabbit San Joaquin River NWR. The most crucial component for viable riparian brush rabbit habitat is flood refugia. "Flood refugia" is densely vegetated riparian habitat planted on the slopes of existing levees and constructed earthen mounds. During flood events, this habitat provides critical refugia on high ground for endangered riparian brush rabbits that have been recently reintroduced; as well as other endangered and sensitive species.



The Riparian Brush Rabbit, an endangered species, is benefitting from habitat restoration efforts at San Joaquin River NWR.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
CONTRIBUTED FUNDS

Program and financing (in millions of dollars)	2009	2010	2011
Identification code 14-8216-0-302	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
Obligations by program activity:			
10.00 Total obligations	3	5	5
Budgetary resources available for obligation:			
21.40 Unobligated balance available, start of year	5	7	6
22.00 New budget authority (gross)	5	4	4
23.90 Total budgetary resources available for obligation	10	11	10
23.95 New obligations (-)	-3	-5	-5
24.40 Unobligated balance available, end of year	7	6	5
New budget authority (gross), detail:			
Permanent:			
60.26 Appropriation (trust fund)	5	4	4
70.00 Total new budget authority (gross)	5	4	4
Change in unpaid obligations:			
72.40 Obligated balance, start of year	2	1	1
73.10 New obligations	3	5	5
73.20 Total outlays (gross) (-)	-4	-5	-5
74.40 Obligated balance, end of year	1	1	1
Outlays (gross), detail:			
86.97 Outlays from new permanent authority	2	1	1
86.98 Outlays from permanent balances	2	4	4
87.00 Total outlays (gross)	4	5	5
Net budget authority and outlays:			
89.00 Budget authority	5	4	4
90.00 Outlays	4	5	5
95.02 Unpaid Obligation, end of year	1	0	0
Direct Obligations:			
Personnel compensation:			
11.11 Full-time permanent	0	1	1
11.13 Other than full-time permanent	1	0	0
11.19 Total personnel compensation	1	1	1
12.52 Other Services	1	2	2
13.20 Land and structures	0	1	1
14.10 Grants, subsidies, and contributions	1	0	0
99.95 Reporting below threshold	0	1	1
99.9 Total obligations	3	5	5
Personnel Summary			
10.01 Civilian full-time equivalent employment	16	16	16

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