



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM**

An Introduction to the Endangered Species Act of 1973

Module 7 of 11 – Section 6 Assistance to States

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Section 6, also known as Cooperation with the States, recognizes the key role that State's play in conserving our native wildlife and plants.

The Section 6 program provides funding to States and Territories for species and habitat conservation actions on non-Federal lands.

Through cooperative agreements, States can receive funding from the Services for a variety of conservation actions that contribute toward listed species recovery.

Many of these actions also will benefit candidate species.

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A variety of tools are available under the Endangered Species Act to help States and landowners plan and implement projects to conserve and recover species.

Section 6 funds are awarded through four programs:

- Conservation Grants - provide financial assistance to States and Territories to implement conservation projects for listed and candidate species.

Funded activities include habitat restoration, species status surveys, public education and outreach, captive propagation and reintroduction programs, nesting surveys, general studies, and development of management plans.

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- Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants - provide funds to States and Territories to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) through support of baseline surveys and inventories, document preparation, outreach, and similar planning activities.
- Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition Grants - provide financial assistance to States and Territories to acquire land associated with approved HCPs.

Grants do not fund the mitigation required of an HCP permittee; instead, they support conservation actions by the State or local governments that complement mitigation.

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- Recovery Land Acquisition Grants provide financial support to States and Territories to acquire habitat in support of draft and approved recovery plans.

Acquisition of habitat to secure long-term protection is often an essential element of a comprehensive recovery effort for a listed species and may also benefit candidate species.