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Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today announced the apportionment of \$910,000 to the various states for projects to improve game conditions under the terms of the Pittman-Robertson Act.

In order to obtain the Federal grants the States must put up 25 percent in additional funds. Thus the total amount which will be made available for Federal-aid wildlife work this fiscal year will be \$1,223,333.

The funds used by the Federal government for this program come from the 10 percent excise tax on ammunition and sporting arms. The income from this tax is earmarked for wildlife restoration work but it can be expended only on the authorization of Congress. The authorization this year was one million dollars, eight percent of this will go for administration of the program, \$9,000 will go for restoration projects in Alaska, \$1,000 for the same purpose in the Virgin Islands, and the rest has been divided among participating states in accordance with their area and the number of licensed hunters they contain.

*paid hunting license holders they contain*  
All states are eligible to participate on the apportionment of the funds with the exception of Nevada, which has not passed assent legislation, and South Dakota. South Dakota was ruled ineligible to participate this year due to legislation enacted in the State last March providing that 10 percent of the receipts of the State Fish and Game Department be set aside for general State overhead. Under the terms of the Pittman-Robertson Act funds may not be provided to States which divert license fees paid by hunters to any purpose other than the operation of the State Fish and Game Departments.

Georgia passed assent legislation this year and is included for the first time in the apportionment.

This year the largest sum is set for Michigan, which will receive \$54,145, Texas ranks second with \$47,592, and Pennsylvania gets \$43,646; California, \$41,555; New York, \$40,308.

The funds can be used only for projects which have been approved on behalf of Secretary Ickes by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the past fiscal year 289 such projects were approved.

Allotments to each State are as follows: Alabama, \$14,086.80; Arizona, \$19,016.35; Arkansas, \$11,575.67; California, \$41,555.24; Colorado, \$25,182.83; Connecticut, \$2,671.65; Delaware, \$1,207.84; Florida, \$12,374.48; Georgia, \$13,186.63; Idaho, \$18,416.48; Illinois, \$26,862.23; Indiana, \$26,946.37; Iowa, \$20,906.44.

Kansas, \$17,909.72; Kentucky, \$11,309.83; Louisiana, \$15,163.43; Maine, \$10,356.05; Maryland, \$5,913.97; Massachusetts, \$6,143.82; Michigan, \$54,145.55; Minnesota, \$28,500.01; Mississippi, \$14,609.71; Missouri, \$22,031.49; Montana, \$27,474.06; Nebraska, \$18,855.40; Nevada, \$17,405.85; New Hampshire, \$4,695.66; New Jersey, \$8,596.36; New Mexico, \$19,691.15; New York, \$40,307.67; North Carolina, \$16,522.21; North Dakota, \$13,404.82; Ohio, \$39,114.04.

Oklahoma, \$16,531.54; Oregon, \$20,667.36; Pennsylvania, \$43,646.30; Rhode Island, \$723.62; South Carolina, \$9,462.07; South Dakota, \$17,428.01; Tennessee, \$13,444.33; Texas, \$47,592.35; Utah, \$16,882.17; Vermont, \$4,029.18; Virginia, \$14,387.82; Washington, \$22,792.83; West Virginia, \$13,524.68; Wisconsin, \$26,016.46; and Wyoming, \$16,431.47.