

# Bulletin

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## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Seeks Proposals from States For FY 2014 Endangered Species Grants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking proposals from states and U.S. territories for federal financial assistance for conservation activities that benefit endangered species.

The Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF), authorized under Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act, provides grants to support voluntary conservation projects for listed and candidate species. For fiscal year 2014, the President's budget requests \$56 million in grant funding for CESCF.

Proposals must fall under one of three categories: *Recovery Land Acquisition Grants*, which provide funds for the acquisition of habitat in support of approved and draft species recovery plans; *Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants*, which provide funds to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) that protect habitat for listed species while providing for economic growth and development; and *HCP Land Acquisition Grants*, which provide funds to acquire habitat for listed species associated with approved HCPs.

To receive a CESCF grant, a state or territory must have a current cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior and contribute at least 25 percent of the total project cost or 10 percent when two or more states or territories undertake a joint project. Proposals must be submitted to the appropriate Service regional offices by March 14, 2014.

For more information and application requirements contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Restoration and Recovery, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-358-2171. The CESCF is number 15.615 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Learn more about the grants, including details of grants awarded in FY 2013, at [www.fws.gov/endangered/grants](http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants).

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