

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Requesting Partners for Fish and Wildlife Project Proposals

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is soliciting project proposals for its Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Funds are to create, protect, restore, and enhance wildlife habitats that benefit Federal trust species, which include federally listed threatened and endangered species, waterfowl, shorebirds, and migratory birds.

Project proposals must be submitted to the FWS by January 25, 2008

Partners funds must be used for on-the-ground projects. Landowners are reimbursed for the costs they incur in implementing projects. Landowners are requested to contribute 10 – 40 percent of the costs associated with the project, which can be either in-kind or cash.

Since 1992, Partners has provided funding and technical support to private landowners, Tribes, counties, and other non-Federal entities in Arizona. Up to \$25,000 is available for each Partners project.

The major goals of the Partners program are:

-  Protect Federal fish and wildlife trust species.
-  Protect and restore valuable habitat on private lands.
-  Restore biological diversity.
-  Reduce habitat fragmentation.
-  Develop partnerships to restore habitat.
-  Provide technical assistance to landowners.
-  Promote environmental education.

In the past 15 years, the Partners program has provided over \$1,600,000 to private landowners to improve habitat quality in Arizona.

Application forms for submitting project proposals and other information about the Arizona Partners for Fish and Wildlife can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/Partners.htm>

For guidance on preparing an application or for more information about the Partners program, contact Kris Randall, at 602 242-0210 ext. 250, email kris_randall@fws.gov. Project proposals may be mailed to this address:



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