



# Indiana

## P-R Funding Summary

Indiana Department of  
Natural Resources  
Division of Outdoor Recreation

A few state fish and wildlife agencies use a portion of their federal Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act funding to make grants to nonprofit organizations or local governments for shooting range projects.

To help Izaak Walton League chapters capitalize on this funding opportunity, we have researched and developed the series of P-R Funding Summaries detailing grant programs offered in states where the League has a significant presence.

*Note: This information is subject to change. Checking with the state contact is always the best way to stay up-to-date.*

### **Application, Process, Regulations**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/files/shooting.pdf>

### **Relevant Web Link**

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/4070.htm>

### **Eligible Grant Recipients**

- All units of government.
- Entities incorporated as not-for-profit corporations open to the public at least 20 hours per month.

## **Eligible Projects**

- Projects will be eligible for funding if they develop rifle, handgun, shotgun firing, or archery opportunities for public use. Eligible projects include:
  - backstops
  - berms
  - target holders
  - baffles
  - gun racks
  - signage
  - field courses
  - benches
  - trap and skeet houses
  - platforms
  - sanitary facilities
  - classrooms
  - protective fencing
  - storage areas
  - shelters
  - parking lots
  - accessible pathways
  - support facilities
- All facilities should be universally designed to accommodate all people. Facilities, programs and activities funded through this program must be open to the public without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap.
- Development on leased property is permitted if the lease endures for the expected life of the project, and the property provides for adequate public access.
- This list is not all encompassing. Contact state staff to find out if your project is eligible.

## **Ineligible Projects**

- Land acquisition is not eligible for reimbursement, nor will it be permitted for use as the local match.
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## **Grant Amounts**

- \$10,000 to \$100,000

## **Public Use Requirements**

- Range must be open to public at least 20 hours per month.
- Public is defined as anyone who is not a member of the non-profit organization applying for a grant.
- Entities awarded a grant are allowed to charge public participants a reasonable fee for use of the range.

## **Conditions That Apply To Project After Completion**

After grants are awarded and projects are completed, certain conditions continue to apply to range operations and grant recipients, including:

- The grant applicant must agree to keep the project site in use as a public shooting range for the life of the facility.
- The range must have an expectant life span of 25 years.

## **Matching Funds Requirements**

To be eligible for all grants an applicant must cover a portion of the total cost of the project. The applicant's portion is generally referred to as "match."

- The Shooting Range program will provide 75% matching reimbursing assistance for eligible projects so the grant recipient will bear a match of 25%.
- Matches can be cash or in kind but cannot come from other government grants.
- For example, the grant will cover \$7,500 of a project that costs \$10,000.

## **Application Process and Requirements**

- Application Form. One Application Form signed by the applicant.
- Cost Breakdown. One detailed cost breakdown for the project showing the estimated cost of all development, by major work unit.
- Certification of Funds. A statement from the clerk-treasurer, county auditor, or fiscal agent certifying the availability and source of local funds and/or letters of intent for project donations.
- Program Narrative. One program narrative including:
  - Detailed description of the project: its purpose, need, benefits and why it is the best alternative.
  - List of all pre-agreement costs: name, address and telephone number of firm, contract date, contract amount and costs incurred to date of application.

- Description of how the project will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap and signed Section 504 Assurance of Compliance Form.
- Summary of land acquisition procedures for property bought by the grantee after September 2, 1971.
- Describe any other federal funds used in connection with this project.
- Estimate of user days.
- Estimate life of facilities developed in the project.
- Program income. List any fees that will be charged and how they will offset projected maintenance costs.
- Public Participation. The news advertisement and a description of the public meeting or a copy of the survey and survey results documenting the public participation for this project.
- Location Map. One city or county location map.
- Site Plan. One overall site plan showing property lines and drawn to scale.
- Photographs. Include photos (preferably digital) which show the natural features, existing recreation facilities and buildings on the site.
- Project Rating Information. One completed Project Rating Information form.
- Application checklist begins on page 13 of application PDF.

## **Application Schedule**

- Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (i.e., applications can be submitted at any time). Contact state agency representative to discuss your project and start the process.

## **What Is Involved In The Application Review Process**

Project is evaluated on a scaled system based on Eligibility Criteria and Rating Criteria:

- Eligibility Criteria
  - Organizational Responsibility
  - Land Ownership or Control
  - Land Use
  - Public Participation
  - Public Availability
  - Hunter Education
- Rating Criteria
  - Public Availability
  - Shooting Categories
  - Shooting Access
  - Supervision

- Hunter Education
- Firearm Safety Education
- Project review information begins on page 11 of application PDF.

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