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.

Relevant Web Links

Link to Word document contains Large Shooting Range Grant information: 
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/rangedev4.html

Link to Word document contains Expedited Small Shooting Range Grant information: 
http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/recreation/rangedev3.html

Eligible Grant Recipients

- Local recreational shooting clubs in Minnesota that allow public access to shooting. A facility rehabilitated or developed with a grant must be open to the general public at reasonable times and for a reasonable fee on a walk-in basis. Shooting clubs must complete any previously awarded project grants before applying for additional funding.

Eligible Projects

- Large Shooting Range Grant (LSRG)
  - Skeet house construction (new, replacement, or rehabilitation)
- Skeet thrower purchase (new or replacement)
- Skeet pad or station installation
- Constructing access paths & sidewalks as part of a skeet field project
- Rifle or pistol range backstop and side berms
- Firing line enclosures
- Sound abatement, including vegetative plantings, walls and earthen side berms
- Lighting improvements (new or improvement of existing)
- Access and Americans with Disabilities Act-related improvements
- Voice activation equipment and installation
- Warning signs
- Crediting signs posted in close proximity to where grant improvements are made (required by DNR)
- Costs of re-vegetation, unless already cost-shared by the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
- Five stand construction or rehabilitation
- Skeet field site preparation and grading
- Fencing
- Shooting tables
- Patterning boards

- Expedited Small Shooting Range Grant (ESSRG)
  - Skeet house construction (new, replacement, or rehabilitation) and skeet pads/stations
  - Skeet thrower purchase
  - Skeet thrower replacement purchase
  - Rifle or pistol backstops and side berms
  - Construction of firing line enclosures
  - Constructing access paths & sidewalks as part of a skeet field project, or a rifle/pistol range
  - Sound abatement such as vegetative plantings, walls or earthen berms
  - Lighting improvements (old or new)
  - Access and Americans with Disabilities Act-related improvements
  - Voice activation equipment and installation
  - Warning signs
  - Crediting signs posted in close proximity to where grant improvements are made (required by DNR)
  - Costs of re-vegetation, unless already cost-shared by the local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
  - Five stand construction or rehabilitation
  - Shooting tables
**Ineligible Projects**

For both grants:
- Staff time and grant preparation costs
- Indirect costs, travel costs
- Construction or reconstruction of buildings
- Construction of pavilions/furniture
- Maintenance equipment
- Parking improvements
- Furniture other than shooting tables
- Plumbing improvements
- Land purchase or rental
- Facility operations or maintenance
- Insurance premiums
- Targets and ammunition
- Firearms
- Land purchase, rental or lease costs
- Attorney’s fees
- Clubhouse construction or improvements

**Grant Amounts**

- LSRG: No less than $25,000
- ESSRG: $2,500 to $25,000

**Public Use Requirements**

- All projects must be open to the general public (no membership required) and must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Public is defined as anyone who is not a member of the shooting range.
- A reasonable non-member usage fee may be charged.

**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:
- Lifespan of range must be for at least 10 years.
- State agency inspections of range to guarantee compliance.
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.”

- A 50% match is a requirement; larger percentage matches will be considered a positive asset during the evaluation and scoring process. All matches must be from non-state, non-federal dollars.
- Matches can be either cash or in-kind.
- For example, for a $10,000 project, the grant will cover $5,000 and the range must come up with the other $5,000 in non-state, non-federal matches.

Application Process and Requirements

For both grants applicants must provide:

- Timeline for project
- Detailed budget for project
- Proof if insurance
- Tax ID number

Application Schedule

- Changes yearly, contact state agency staff for details.

What Is Involved In The Application Review Process

- Grant applications will be scored based on project location and need, financial contributions of funding partners and the applicant, and the feasibility of the project.
- Scoring description starts on page 4 of application document.

Additional Information

Small and Large Trap Range grants are also available.

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