



# Minnesota

## P-R Funding Summary

Minnesota Department of  
Natural Resources

**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 of 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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