



Ohio

P-R Funding Summary

Ohio Division of Wildlife

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://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/education/cooperativerangegrant.pdf>

Eligible Grant Recipients

- Ohio based shooting sports organizations
- Ohio public and private schools
- Ohio public and private universities and colleges
- Non-state owned public ranges
- County conservation organizations

Eligible Projects

- Add-on archery range construction for existing firearm range
- Improvements and additions to existing firearm and archery ranges
- Earthwork, beams and backstop enhancement and improvements
- Concrete replacement for shooting fields
- Archery target frames and target butts
- Automated gates to improve access

- Firing line enclosure
- Shooting benches
- Coverings for firing points
- Shade canopies or shelters
- Classroom improvements
- Parking lot improvements
- Road improvements or trail improvements
- Electrical and lighting replacements
- Signage
- Archery towers or platforms
- Sound abatement
- Access improvements
- Trap machines
- Gun racks
- Bow racks
- Permeant archery target holders
- Bullet containment system
- Movable storage facility

Ineligible Projects

- NEW firearm and archery range construction
- NEW building construction
- Payroll
- Off property road improvements
- Engineering, planning costs, consulting
- Archery equipment (Bows, arrows, accessories)
- Firearms
- Firearm targets and frames
- Archery targets (paper faces and 3D)
- Security alarm system
- Land acquisition
- Facility acquisition
- Operation/maintenance of equipment
- Office equipment
- Ammunition
- Shooting accessories
- Uniforms or personal protection equipment
- Insurance
- Operation costs (insurance, taxes, etc.)
- Volunteer or employee staff training
- Lead recovery

Grant Amounts

- \$1,000 to \$20,000
- Grants are paid out as a reimbursement for expenses incurred. No advance payments are made.

Public Use Requirements

- Range must provide the Division of Wildlife with information about the days it will be open to public so that information can be displayed on the Division's website.
- Range must be open to public at least one weekend day per month for 5 years.
- A reasonable non-member usage fee may be charged (must be comparable to firearm range fees in the state).
- A member of the public should not have to be enrolled in a class, purchase a membership to a club, be a guest of a club member, participate in an organized competitive event, or pay more than a modest fee to access the range facility. If a fee is charged, the fee must be modest, may not be punitive towards public users, and may be used only to offset or defray documented operating, maintenance and management costs of the facility.

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:

- Land must be owned by applicant or on long-term lease (25 years or longer)
- Project must have life expectancy of 10 years or more.
- Project must be completed by June 30th the following year.
- Acceptance of grant requires that range be made available to Division of Wildlife for Hunter Education courses, 4-H shooting sports, NRA programs/competitions, Scholastic Clay Target Program, National Archery in Schools Program, or other sanctioned shooting sports activity and/or Law Enforcement Training..
- Applicant will supply interim and final annual report while the project is underway and an annual report for 5 years following the completion of the project.
- Permanent sign crediting Ohio Division of Wildlife in public view for 5 years after completion of project.
- Successful applicants must have their facility displayed for public use on the Ohio Division of Wildlife website.
- See additional conditions on page 8 of application PDF.

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."

- 25% match, and the type of match must be pre-approved by the state agency as part of the application process.
- Can be cash and/or donated materials/labor.
- Other federal funding not eligible as match.
- For example: For a project that costs \$10,000 to complete, the grant will cover \$7,500 of it.
- More information about match requirements begins on page 19 of application PDF.

Application Process and Requirements

- Application
- Project description
- Public use need and benefit
- Photos and map with project plan
- Educational instruction
- Range business plan and budget
- Insurance certificate
- Board resolution in support of the application (Included)
- Articles of Incorporation (if applicable)
- IRS Form W-9
- OAKS vendor form (Included)
- Proof of ownership or control and tenure statement
- Environmental stewardship plan
- Location map (Legal description)
- Range safety plan
- Checklist on page 13 of application PDF.

Application Schedule

- Changes yearly, contact state staff for details.

What Is Involved In The Application Review Process

Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis with open communication with the applicant.

- Scoring is conducted by 3 people based on feasibility of project.
- Sample scoring sheet on page 19 of application PDF.

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