

U.S. Standard Grants Review of Fiscal Year 2024 Funded Projects

Objective

This document provides a high-level review of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grant Fiscal Year 24 Funded Projects and current open Notice of Funding Opportunity. This program funds projects that support public-private partnerships in continuing conservation goals that involve long-term protection, restoration or enhancement of wetlands to maintain or improve the benefits to wetlands-associated migratory birds and waterfowl.

Program Summary

This competitive program seeks to fund projects that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through restorative projects that preserve and improve wetland wildlife habitats.

Application Deadline	Applications must be submitted by July 10, 2025, by 11:59 PM ET . Grant applications are submitted through GrantSolutions .
Funding Overview	For FY 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Total Funding: \$45,000,000» Minimum Award: \$250,001» Maximum Award: \$3,000,000
Eligible Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Wetland restoration» Wetland enhancement» Wetland establishment» Habitat conservation» Prescribed burn activities
Cost Sharing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» The U.S. Standard program requires a 1:1 non-federal match.
Priority Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» There are no priority populations listed for this opportunity.

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The Notice of Funding Opportunity for this listing is currently open for FY25. If you have additional questions on this program, please [review this page](#), or submit a question to dbhc@fws.gov.

FY24 National-Level Summary

In FY24, the U.S. Standard Grant program awarded 37 grants across the United States, totaling \$83,939,511, for an average award amount of \$2,268,635. Below are five examples of awards and corresponding projects.

Table 1. Local- and County-Level Grant Awards

Local/County Recipient	Partners	Awarded Funding	Project Description
ND Counties	Ducks Unlimited, ND Natural Resources Trust, Private Partners	\$3,000,000	The North Dakota Pothole Project III will benefit 32 counties within North Dakota, prioritizing the conservation grasslands and wetlands on working agricultural lands in the Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota.
Maine	Ducks Unlimited, Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Elliotsville Foundation, Scarborough Land Trust, Mere Point Oyster Co	\$1,456,355	The Maine Coastal Zone Wetlands project will benefit 3 counties in Maine, continuing to build on coastal conservation efforts, adding more than 184,000 acres of conserved land, and restore 2,107 acres of existing protected habitats
Louisiana	Coastal and Project Restoration Authority,	\$2,000,000	The Forty Arpent Canal Wetlands Enhancement II will enhance 3,000 acres of coastal wetlands to help offset Louisiana's

	Ducks Unlimited, National Wildlife Federation, St. Bernard Parish Government, Private Contributors		wetland and wildlife loss within these basins.
Kansas	Ducks Unlimited, Private Contributors, The Nature Conservancy	\$3,000,000	The Smoky Hill River Easement will protect and restore approximately 30 river and stream miles, 1,695 acres of wetland habitat and 7,732 acres of native prairie in two crucial habitat complexes within the Smoky Hill Grassland and Walnut Creek watersheds of Kansas.
North Carolina and South Carolina	Charlestown County Greenbelt Program, Knobloch Family Foundation, SC Conservation Bank, SC Dept. of Parks & Rec.	\$2,723,418	The Resilient Carolina Wetland and Rivers IV will span across 4 counties between North and South Carolina to restore and preserve two tracts of land as cultural and ecological resources between the states.