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Memorandum

To: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Directors 1-8

From: Director

Subject: Fiscal Year 2022 Non-traditional Endangered Species
Act Section 6 Grant Awards

This Memorandum is to inform you of the final selection of awards for the Fiscal Year 2022 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund's (CESCF) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Land Acquisition (Attachment 1), Recovery Land Acquisition (Attachment 2), and Conservation Planning Assistance (Attachment 3) grant programs (collectively non-traditional section 6 programs). Through this memorandum, we are providing approximately \$66.74 million in support of land acquisition and conservation planning projects in 16 states and one territory across six regions. We are also conditionally approving an additional \$5.42 million for HCP Land Acquisition once anticipated fund recoveries become available.

Authorized by Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and partially funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the principal objective of CESCF grants is to support the development and implementation of state and territorial programs to conserve and recover federally listed and at-risk species. The CESCF grants are awarded through a nationally competitive process to state and territorial agencies with a current Section 6 cooperative agreement with the Service.

These grant programs contribute to the "America the Beautiful" initiative's goal to conserve, connect, and restore 30 percent of the Nation's lands and waters by 2030 by protecting biodiversity, slowing extinction rates and facilitating State and local conservation and restoration efforts in close coordination with private landowners and communities.

A national press release announcing the award selections will be issued shortly. While you may send out pre-award notification to recipients and begin the awards process, we ask that these selections not be made public until after this national press release has been issued. At that time, regional press releases with additional information regarding the awards may be issued.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Ms. Martha Balis-Larsen, Chief, Division of Budget and Technical Support at (703) 358-2314.

Attachments

Attachment 1: HCP Land Acquisition Grants

Funding is recommended for nine applications in support of land acquisition projects that complement HCPs in three States across three Service Regions. An additional \$5.42 million is also recommended for two applications pending the availability of recovered funds in the first quarter of FY 2023.

Application Number	Region	State	Project Title	Award Amount
FWS-ES2022003889	1	Washington	Plum Creek Timber Central Cascades HCP: White Salmon Watershed- Phase 1	\$4,541,832
FWS-ES2022003864	2	Arizona	Pima County Multiple Species Conservation Plan: Tucson-Avra Valley Connectivity Project	\$365,974
FWS-ES2022003866	8	California	Santa Clara Valley HCP/ Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP)	\$6,000,000
FWS-ES2022003873	8	California	East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP	\$4,080,000
FWS-ES2022003875	8	California	Carlsbad Habitat Management Plan Northwest San Diego County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program	\$ 1,827,800
FWS-ES2022003877	8	California	Chula Vista Multiple Species Conservation Program Subarea Plan: Phase 1	\$13,000,000
FWS-ES2022003869	8	California	Western Riverside County Multiple Species HCP	\$4,391,156
FWS-ES2022003865	8	California	Seascape Uplands HCP: Larkin Valley Salamander Conservation Project	\$3,700,000
FWS-ES2022003861	8	California	Coachella Valley Multiple Species HCP/NCCP	\$456,420
			Total	\$38,363,182
FWS-ES2022003861	8	California	Coachella Valley Multiple Species HCP/NCCP*	\$2,143,580
FWS-ES2022003879	8	California	Yolo HCP/NCCP: Giant Garter Snake Easement Acquisition*	\$3,280,000

*subject to availability of funds

Total \$5,423,580

Attachment 2: Recovery Land Acquisition Grants

Funding is recommended for 10 applications in support of land acquisition projects that implement listed species' priority recovery actions in 11 States across six Service Regions.

Application Number	Region	State(s)	Project Title	Award Amount
FWS-ES2022003837	1	Washington	Chester Butte	\$600,000.00
FWS-ES2022003853	2	Texas	Recovery Land Acquisition for Golden Cheeked Warbler and Tobusch Fishhook Cactus in Bandera County	\$1,814,400.10
FWS-ES2022003858	3	Ohio/ Michigan	Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake & Prairie Fringed Orchid Habitat Protection and Management	\$2,316,369.62
FWS-ES2022003880	4	Alabama	Alabama Red Hills- Flat Creek: Phase V	\$2,567,060.00
FWS-ES2022003883	4	Florida	Creets Landing Reticulated Flatwoods Salamander: East Bay River Preserve	\$1,263,400.00
FWS-ES2022003887	4	Georgia	Amicalola Tract Recovery Land Acquisition	\$2,000,000.00
FWS-ES2022003891	4	North Carolina	Protection of Aquatic and Riparian Habitat in the Little Tennessee River	\$491,000.00
FWS-ES2022003890	6	Kansas	Recovery Land Acquisition for Wetland Habitat Conservation in Kansas and Nebraska in Support of Whooping Crane and Eastern Black Rail Recovery Goals	\$3,994,790.00
FWS-ES2022003885	6	Nebraska	Recovery Land Acquisition for Wetland Habitat Conservation in Kansas and Nebraska in Support of Whooping Crane and Eastern Black Rail Recovery Goals	\$591,850.00
FWS-ES2022003876	8	California	Purisima Hills Conservation Easement Project	\$3,611,197.00

Total \$19,250,066.72

Attachment 3: Conservation Planning Assistance Grants

Funding is recommended for 15 applications in support of conservation planning efforts in 8 States and one Territory across five Service Regions.

Application Number	Region	State/Territory	Project Title	Award Amount
FWS-ES2022004415	1	Guam	Guam Habitat Conservation Plan	\$871,016
FWS-ES2022004437	1	Hawaii	Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative Habitat Conservation Plan	\$414,595
FWS-ES2022004393	1	Oregon	Oregon Private Forest Accord Aquatic Species Habitat Conservation Plan	\$769,627
FWS-ES2022004384	1	Oregon	Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan	\$750,000
FWS-ES2022004436	1	Washington	Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan	\$281,250
FWS-ES2022004425	2	Texas	Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan Renewal	\$1,000,000
FWS-ES2022004426	2	Texas	Bell County & Coryell County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan	\$1,000,000
FWS-ES2022004417	3	Minnesota	Scoping a Habitat Conservation Plan/Safe Harbor Agreement for Minnesota DNR Activities	\$582,222
FWS-ES2022004409	3	Wisconsin	Nationwide Conservation Agreement for Listed and At-Risk Bumble Bees and Pollinators on Energy and Transportation Lands	\$778,228
FWS-ES2022004398	6	Kansas	Kansas Aquatic Safe Harbor Agreement and Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances Amendment	\$312,030
FWS-ES2022004434	8	California	Santa Catalina Island Fox Habitat Conservation Plan	\$186,428
FWS-ES2022004433	8	California	Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan Amendment	\$800,000
FWS-ES2022004423	8	California	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Amendment	\$402,000
FWS-ES2022004421	8	California	Sweetwater Authority Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan	\$275,000
FWS-ES2022004420	8	California	Livermore Habitat Conservation Plan	\$700,000

Total \$9,122,396