

APPENDIX F

AVAILABLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GrSG HABITAT CONSERVATION

Table F-1. Specific funding opportunities identified for GrSG habitat conservation.

| Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) | | | | | | |
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| Grant / Program | What land is eligible? | Length of Agreement | Easements | Cost Share | Applicant obligations | Contact Information |
| Colorado Species Conservation Partnership Program (CSCP) | Any land where an easement or management plan are needed to benefit sage-grouse. | Variable | one-time, up-front payment | Variable | Develop a conservation plan and comply with the terms of the easement, or develop a plan and assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices. | Ken Morgan (303)291-7404 http://wildlife.state.co.us/ |
| Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) | All land is eligible where wildlife/human interactions occur. | Variable | N/A | Variable | Contact local District Wildlife Manager and develop proposal. Must be able to evaluate the success of project based on objectives. | Local District Wildlife Manager http://wildlife.state.co.us/ |
| Cooperative Habitat Improvement Program (CHIP) | All private land for which the habitat improvement has been approved by the area habitat biologist | 10 years | N/A | 85% | Applicant must provide 15% of cost of habitat improvement and must ensure practice is maintained through the term of the contract. | CDOW (970)255-6185 http://wildlife.state.co.us/ |
| Habitat Stamp Program | All land – primarily for deer/elk winter range and hunting and fishing opportunities | Variable | N/A | variable | N/A | Ken Morgan (303)291-7404 http://wildlife.state.co.us/ |

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| Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) | | | | | | | |
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| Grant / Program | What land is eligible? | Length of Agreement | Rental Payments | Easements | Cost Share | Applicant obligations | Contact Information |
| Conservation Security Program (CSP) | Private agriculture operation lands | 5-10 years | Flat rates - based on Conservation work applied to land | N/A | 50—65% | Record keeping of past and present conservation efforts | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) | Highly erodible cropland that has been planted for 4 of the 6 years preceding enactment of the 2002 law. Marginal pastureland is also eligible. | 10-15 years | Payment based on length of agreement and average rental rates for the county. | N/A | 50% | Develop and follow a plan for the conversion of cropland to a less intensive use. Also, assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices. | Local FSA or NRCS office. www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Sign-up | Highly erodible cropland that has been planted for 4 of the 6 years preceding enactment of the 2002 law. Marginal pastureland is also eligible. | 10-15 years | Payment based on length of agreement and average rental rates for the county | N/A | 50% to 90% | Develop and follow a plan to implement riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, wetland buffers, filter strips, grass waterways, shelterbelts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerant vegetation, or shallow water areas for wildlife. Also, assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices. | Local FSA or NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) | All private land in agricultural production is eligible ; includes cropland, grassland, pastureland and non-industrial private forestland. | 1-10 years | N/A | N/A | up to 75% | Develop and follow an EQIP plan that describes the conservation and environmental purposes to be achieved; assist with installation costs. | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) | Private land that contains prime farmland or other unique resources and is subject to a pending easement from an eligible entity. | Perpetual | N/A | one-time, up-front payment | N/A | Continue to use the land for agricultural purposes. Develop a conservation plan and comply with the terms of the easement. | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) | Private land that includes grassland, forbs, or shrubs (including rangeland and pastureland); and land that historically was dominated by grasses, forbs, and shrubs and has significant value for plants and animals. | 10-30 year agreement, or perpetual | annual payment based on length of agreement | one-time, up-front payment on perpetual | up to 100% | Develop and follow a plan for the restoration and maintenance of grasslands. If necessary, assist with the cost of restoration. Can maintain agricultural use with development of a conservation plan. | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |

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| Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) | Most private wetlands converted to agricultural use prior to 1985 are eligible. Wetland must be restorable and suitable for wildlife benefits. | 10 years, 30 years, or perpetual | N/A | one-time, up-front payment | up to 100% | Develop and follow a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland. If necessary, assist with the cost of restoration. Also, must give up agriculture production rights. | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |
| Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) | All private land is eligible, unless it is currently enrolled in CRP, WRP, or a similar program | 5-15 years | N/A | N/A | up to 75% | Prepare and follow a wildlife habitat development plan; assist with installation costs. | Local NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov |

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| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) | | | | | | | |
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| Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) | All private and tribal land | Variable | Yes | Short and long term | up to 75% | Personnel from state agency will need to submit application, USFWS will approve, and CDOW will administer grant in cooperation with the landowner. | Ken Morgan (303)291-7404 http://wildlife.state.co.us/ |
| Intermountain West Joint Venture Partnership | Projects considered acceptable for funding include long-term protection, restoration, or enhancement of any bird habitat. Joint Venture emphasis is centered upon on-the ground conservation. | Up to 30 years | N/A | Yes | 50% | N/A | David Klute – Colorado Representative (303)291-7320 www.iwfv.org |
| North American Wetland Conservation Act | State, private, Tribal, Federal? | Variable | No | Long-term | 50% | Work with local USFWS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Migratory Bird Office | Local USFWS office or http://www.iwfv.org/ |
| North American Wetland Conservation Act, Small Grants | State, private, Tribal, Federal | Variable | No | Long-term | 50% | Work with local USFWS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Migratory Bird Office (Up to \$50K/grant) | Local USFWS office or http://www.iwfv.org/ |
| Partners for Fish and Wildlife | All private land, wetland and riparian habitat has been a primary focus along with some treatment of sagebrush. | Variable, most projects delivered in 1-3 months | N/A | N/A | 75-100% | Work with USFWS Biologist to develop project plan. Follow management actions for duration of wildlife extension agreement. | Bob Timberman (970) 723 4926 www.coloradopartners.fws.gov |
| Private Stewardship Grants Program | Private land | Variable | Yes | No | Variable | The contract and plan must provide quantifiable measures to evaluate the success of the project. The grant is administered through USFWS Ecological Services. | Local USFWS office http://grants.fws.gov/ (applications due 12/03 or 1/04) |
| Section 6 Conservation Grants | State, private, Tribal, Federal | Variable | N/A | N/A | up to 75% | Work with local USFWS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Ecological Services | Local USFWS office http://grants.fws.gov/ |

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| State Wildlife Grants | State, private, Tribal, Federal | Variable | Yes | Short term and long term | 75% planning, 50% implementation | States, but not Tribes, must develop comprehensive wildlife management plans | Jim.Guthrie@co.state.us or local USFWS office http://grants.fws.gov/ |
| Tribal Wildlife Grants | Tribal | Variable | N/A | N/A | 100% | Up to \$250,000 / tribe | Local USFWS office http://grants.fws.gov/ |

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| Agency / Organization | Grant / Program | What land is eligible? | Length of Agreement | Easements | Cost Share | Applicant obligations | Contact Information |
| Audubon Society | N/A | Stress bird habitat and ecosystem restoration | Variable | N/A | Variable | N/A | www.audubon.org |
| Pheasants Forever | N/A | Mostly private lands do acquire lands for public use. | Variable | N/A | Variable | N/A | www.pheasantsforever.org |
| Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) | Legacy Initiative/ Open Space/ Wildlife Grants | All private and public land where state agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, local governments, or private land owners are interested in conservation and land protection. | Variable | Possible | Variable, usually requires a minimum 25% match | Personnel from local governments, non-profit land conservation organizations, CDOW, and Colorado State Parks need to be submit proposal and manage contract. | www.goco.org (303)863-7522 info@goco.org |
| Mule Deer Foundation | N/A | All land that is critical to wildlife | Variable | Possible | Variable | Must go through USFS, BLM or one of their corporate partners | www.muledeer.org 1-888-375-3337 |
| Quail Unlimited | N/A | All land that potentially provides habitat for quail and (sometimes) sage grouse | Variable | Possible | Variable | Must go through USFS, BLM or one of their corporate partners | www.qu.org |
| Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | N/A | All land that is critical to wildlife | Variable | Possible | Variable | Must go through USFS, BLM or one of their corporate partners | www.rmef.org |
| National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | N/A | Special grants for research on all land that potentially provides habitat for fish and wildlife. | Variable | Possible | Minimum 1:1 | Non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations. | www.nfwf.org |

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| National Forest Foundation | N/A | On or adjacent to National Forests or Grasslands | Variable | N/A | 1:1 ratio with private | Non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations. | www.natlforests.org |
| North American Grouse Partnership | N/A | All land that provides habitat to sage or other grouse | Variable | N/A | Variable | Non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations. | www.grousepartners.org |
| The Nature Conservancy | N/A | All private and public land where agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, local governments, or private land owners are interested in conservation and land protection. | Variable | Possible | Variable | Federal and non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations. | www.nature.org |
| National Wildlife Turkey Federation | N/A | All private and public land where agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, local governments, or private land owners are interested in conservation and land protection. | Variable | Possible | Variable | Federal and non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations. | www.nwtf.org |