

This guide provides overarching details about the two distinct funding options available through the Western Big Game Seasonal Habitat and Migrations Corridors Fund 2026 Request for Proposals

Option A

Projects will have been prioritized by one or several of 11 western states as a result of Interior Secretarial Order 3362 (SO 3362) or Native nations. Projects will promote robust, sustainable populations of big game such as elk, mule deer and pronghorn, have positive effects on a variety of other species, and implement strategies that increase habitat connectivity and resiliency. Projects that can be completed in two years and are shovel/NEPA ready will be given priority.

Funding Partners

Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and ConocoPhillips

Eligibility

non-profit 501(c) organizations, U.S. Federal government agencies, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Tribal Governments and organizations, and educational institutions.

Geographic Focus

Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Match Requirement

1:1 Non-Federal

Award Size

Competitive grants will be at least \$100,000

Project Length

1 - 3 years

Option B

Ecosystem restoration projects will have been prioritized by one or several of 11 western states as a result of Interior Secretarial Order 3362 (SO 3362) or Native nations. Projects will promote robust, sustainable populations of big game such as elk, mule deer and pronghorn, have positive effects on a variety of other species and implement strategies that increase habitat connectivity and resiliency. Additional consideration will be given to projects in 6 Great Plains States and Alaska that address the goals of the recently developed Action/Connectivity Plans that resulted from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) "Implementing Landscape Connectivity and Permeability Plans Across the Western Continent" project.

Funding Partners

Department of Interior through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Eligibility

State government agencies and federally recognized Tribes

Geographic Focus

Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas

Match Requirement

States - 11.12% of grant request, of which at least 2.5% must be cash
Tribes - COVERED

Award Size

Typically ranging from \$100,000 to \$2,000,000

Project Length

1 - 3 years

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