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Environment Program

DDCF Grants Strengthen State Wildlife Protection Efforts

Grant Details

Strengthening State Wildlife Conservation Strategies

America's Wildlife Association for Resources Education (for the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, www.iafwa.org) in partnership with The Nature Conservancy \$600,000 over 3 years — To build support for state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies at national and state levels through briefings, workshops and educational outreach; and to develop a strategic communications plan to build support for state strategies among traditional and non-traditional audiences.

Defenders of Wildlife (www.defenders.org)

\$375,000 over 3 years — To increase the focus of state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies on all species and habitats (rather than individual game species) and identify specific areas for protection; to track progress in development of state strategies and post on website; to educate federal, state and local agencies on the state strategies; and to educate key stakeholders on opportunities to improve effectiveness and efficiency of existing policies and programs.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (www.nfwf.org)

\$1.5 million over 3 years – To administer a three-year re-granting program to strengthen state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies and promote their implementation, with a focus on conservation actions that cross jurisdictional and organizational boundaries.

NatureServe (www.natureserve.org)

\$342,000 over 3 years — To develop capabilities to produce species-wide summaries, evaluate state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies across state lines, and report on regional and national trends; to produce a national summary that highlights the nation's conservation priorities; to ensure state strategies can adapt to changing conditions by updating maps with new information and using Vista software to integrate state strategies into other planning efforts; to develop a new module for Biotics software to monitor progress in strategy implementation, and detect and document changes in species or habitat status; and to produce an annual report on implementation and impact of state strategies.

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (www.trcp.org)

\$300,000 over 3 years – To create and distribute broad communications about the nature and importance of state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies for 9 million members of its partner organizations; to conduct outreach with field staff by visiting hunting and fishing organizations and union locals in specific regions; and to present expert analysis of state strategies and their implementation status to member organizations, key state and federal policymakers, and gatherings of conservation professionals.

Improving Utilization of Wildlife Data in Existing Land Use Planning Programs

Defenders of Wildlife (www.defenders.org)

\$450,000 over 3 years – To continue its work to integrate state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies into federal transportation policy and state transportation planning; to articulate and implement a new vision for more effective habitat mitigation; and to research the economic benefits to local communities of investments in open space systems as identified in state strategies.

Environmental Law Institute (www.eli.org)

\$450,000 over 3 years – To identify opportunities to integrate state comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies into water and waste-water infrastructure investments; to assess the amount of funding in state and federal mitigation programs; and to determine whether state and local governments have the authority to use existing open space programs to implement state wildlife strategies.

NatureServe (www.natureserve.org)

\$450,000 over 3 years – To support dissemination of Vista (a decision support software program that aids conservation planning) to state and local organizations nationwide.