

# Project Abstract Summary

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**Funding Opportunity Number**

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**Applicant Name**

Archery Trade Association

**Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project**

Providing Access by Expanding and Improving Urban Archery Ranges

**Project Abstract**

Archery Trade Association seeks to facilitate and broker the development and enhancement of four (4) projects that are strategically aligned and ready to implement urban archery ranges and programming with non-traditional partners in support of state agency priorities. Objective 1: Enhance Redding Pennsylvania Range, Objective 2: Texas Parks and Wildlife Mobile Archery Range, Objective 3: South Carolina DNR Mobile Archery Trailer, Objective 4: South Dakota Outdoor Archery Range.

Through leveraging partnerships and providing education on the relationship between state agencies, Industry and NGOs, this could significantly increase the number of urban-centric ranges available for public use. It is well known that the path to retention includes progressive shooting opportunities such as tournaments, lessons and social support which many archery clubs provide. Traditionally clubs do not qualify for funding through state PR dollars but are a necessary component for Recruitment and Retention. It would seem appropriate for Industry collected funds to be used to support these ranges that aid state agencies in R3. For example, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources connected with Indy Parks via ATA and committed to funding the range at Riverside Park located in downtown Indianapolis, validating the success for facilitation through industry and state partners. AFWA's RDWG's recent white paper suggests "the construction of new or enhancement of existing recreational public shooting and archery ranges will increase capacity to accommodate more shooting sports participants. These efforts will result in an increase in shooting sport-related expenditures that will provide incremental gains in Pittman-Robertson excise tax contributions that will increase federal funding to state wildlife agencies for enhanced conservation, management, and participant recruitment outreach efforts.