# TARGET RANGE DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONS



Wildlife Restoration funds (manufacturer's excise taxes) generated from the sale of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment, support the construction, operation, and maintenance of over 800 public target ranges in the United States. This represents a significant investment in safe, structured environments where the public may participate in all kinds of target shooting.

## **Recent Status**

In the last six months, there are **12** new ranges being built as well as **135** ranges being upgraded or expanded.

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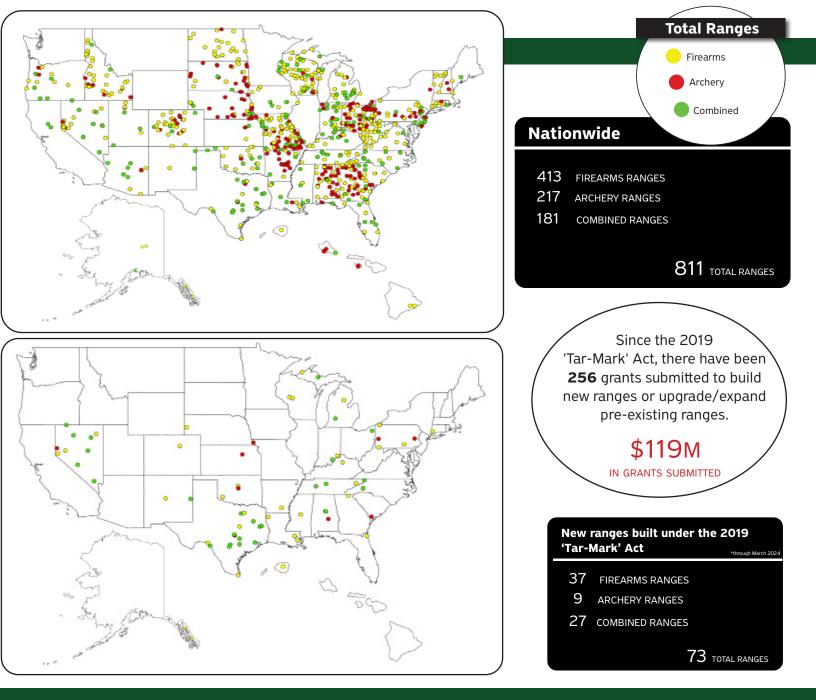


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## **Current WR Supported Ranges in the United States**

#### 25+ Ranges

- 76 Missouri
- 67 Wisconsin
- 58 Ohio
- 50 Georgia
- 40 Idaho
- 39 Colorado
- **34** Alabama
- 33 South Dakota
- 28 Nebraska
- 27 Indiana
- 25 North Dakota

#### 24-11 Ranges

- **24** Michigan
- 24 West Virginia
- 23 Texas
- 23 Nevada
- **19** Oklahoma
- 18 Arkansas
- 17 Oregon
- 17 Pennsylvania
- **14** North Carolina
- 14 Tennessee
- 12 New Jersey
- 11 Florida
- 11 Kentucky
- **11** South Carolina

#### 10-3 Ranges

## **10** Arizona

- **10** Iowa
- 8 Louisana
- 8 Vermont
- 8 Virginia
- 7 Hawaii
- 7 Connecticut
- 7 Alaska
- 6 Utah
- **5** Mississippi
- **5** Kansas
- 3 New Mexico

#### 2-0 Ranges

#### 2 Maine

- 2 New Hampshire
- 2 California
- **1** Virgin Islands
- 1 Delaware
- 1 Maryland
- 1 Massachusetts
- 1 New York
- 1 Rhode Island
- **0** Washington
- **O** Illinois
- **O** Minnesota
- **0** Montana
- **O** Wyoming

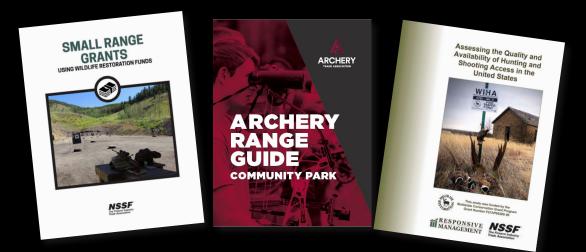
Let us help you PLAN YOUR RANGE PROJECTS



There are many resources available

to state agencies for planning and developing ranges.

#### Here are a few documents to get started:





To access these documents, use this QR code or visit partnerwithapayer.org

## Wildlife Restoration Grant Examples:

Discover how federal funding can help state fish and wildlife agencies construct firearms and archery target shooting ranges through the Wildlife Restoration Act. Ohio Division of Wildlife offers five firearms range examples, while Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources presents three archery range examples.

Firearms Target Range Grant Examples (Ohio)





Thanks for supporting conservation in Ohio. Wildlife Restoration funds from manufacturers' excise taxes on your ammunitorin, frearms, and archery equipment have allowed our state to acquire land, complete construction projects, and expand accessibility. These funds also give Ohio additional resources for hunter education, wildlife research, and new facilities to pursue your passions and hone your skills. Because you're at the target range today, you're ensuring that the outdoor activities you love we will be enjoyed for generations to come.





## **Sources for Matching Funding**

### MidwayUSA Foundation's Range Development Grants

While the Range Development grants are meant for MidwayUSA Foundation Team and Agency endowment holders, certain non-endowment organizations such as conservation groups and universities may apply. Such applications must directly benefit local youth shooting teams, thus enabling greater youth involvement in shooting sports.

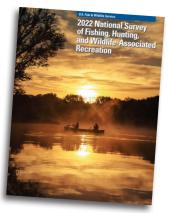
## NRA Public Range Grant Funding

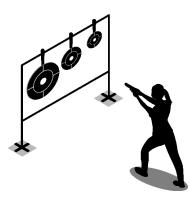
This matching grant program encourages city and county governments, and state or federal agencies, to work with the NRA to build and improve public ranges. At the NRA's sole discretion, grants assist with the acquisition, development, and improvement of public shooting facilities. Grants also assist qualifying agencies or governments with projects designed to improve community relations and to address environmental issues related to range operations.

### NRA Foundation State Fund Capital Improvement Grants

The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As such, funded projects must promote an allowable 501(c)(3) purpose. If your range is owned by a government agency or is incorporated as a nonprofit entity or has an IRS 501(c) Determination Letter, your range may qualify for the grant.

## A Closer Look: Target Shooting Participation in the United States







**SOURCE:** The National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife-Associated Recreation. Scan the QR code on the left to read the full report.



## **Range Spotlight**

## **The Headquarters Archery Range**

Frankfort, KY



Opened to the public in 2023, the Headquarters Archery Range on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources campus in Frankfort, Kentucky was completed with 11 shooting lanes and a raised platform to resemble shooting from a tree stand. Three of the lanes are made specifically for handicap accessibility. Target distances vary from 10 to 50 yards.









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