

2024 Apportionment for the Wildlife Restoration Act

The Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 and subsequent amendments placed a federal manufacturers' excise tax on firearms, ammunition and archery equipment. These funds are eligible to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for public hunting access, hunter education, wildlife management and research, R3 related activities, and the development, operation, and maintenance of target ranges. This law is unique and is essential to the conservation, management and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats, and to provide safe hunting access in the United States for current and future generations.

What do these funds do?



Restore Wildlife

Biologists study, monitor and manage over 500 species of mammals and birds using excise taxes, like the many grants used to study and restore black bears — including the reintroduction of elk to the Eastern United States.



Support Target Shooting Facilities

Today, 792 target ranges are operated and maintained using excise taxes, like Colorado's newly developed NW Region Mobile Shooting Range Trailer.



Educating the Public

Every year, over 1 million people receive hunter education supported by excise taxes, like at Rhode Island's Youth Wild Turkey Hunt where individuals are given the opportunity to experience turkey hunting firsthand.



Conserve Public Land

Over 35 million acres are operated and maintained for public access or habitat management with excise taxes.

State	Total 2024 WR
Alabama	\$22,254,713
Alaska	\$41,925,374
American Samoa	\$1,649,219
Arizona	\$26,815,508
Arkansas	\$16,724,756
California	\$31,691,431
Colorado	\$27,156,268
Connecticut	\$7,044,654
Delaware	\$5,891,560
Florida	\$18,181,663
Georgia	\$32,362,250
Guam	\$1,649,219
Hawaii	\$5,891,560
Idaho	\$19,242,306
Illinois	\$19,518,311
Indiana	\$16,556,748
Iowa	\$14,122,087
Kansas	\$18,700,766
Kentucky	\$16,406,704
Louisiana	\$20,173,757
Maine	\$11,083,927
Maryland	\$9,217,537
Massachusetts	\$9,667,166
Michigan	\$28,052,697
Minnesota	\$28,214,170
Mississippi	\$14,373,361
Missouri	\$25,981,264
Montana	\$25,884,226
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,649,219
Nebraska	\$17,181,339
Nevada	\$18,269,558
New Hampshire	\$5,891,560
New Jersey	\$9,667,166
New Mexico	\$20,856,612
New York	\$24,921,076
North Carolina	\$27,654,765
North Dakota	\$14,239,414
Ohio	\$19,237,829
Oklahoma	\$21,108,952
Oregon	\$23,596,409
Pennsylvania	\$34,519,186
Puerto Rico	\$4,318,390
Rhode Island	\$5,891,560
South Carolina	\$13,313,362
South Dakota	\$16,879,088
Tennessee	\$30,733,509
Texas	\$45,700,980
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,649,219
Utah	\$18,832,911
Vermont	\$5,891,560
Virginia	\$16,664,004
Washington	\$18,259,254
West Virginia	\$11,176,512
Wisconsin	\$27,739,539
Wyoming	\$17,255,553
Total	\$989,531,728



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