



# 2026 Apportionment for the Wildlife Restoration Act (WR)

The Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 and additional amendments created a federal manufacturers' excise tax on firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment. These funds are eligible to state and territorial fish and wildlife agencies for various purposes, including public hunting access, hunter and trapper education, wildlife management and research, R3 (recruitment, retention, and reactivation) activities, and the development, operation, and maintenance of target ranges.

This law is unique and essential for the conservation, management, and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats, ensuring safe hunting access and opportunities in the United States for current and future generations.

## What do these funds do?

### Restore Wildlife

Biologists study, monitor, and manage over 800 species of wild birds and mammals with WR funds.

### Support Target Shooting Facilities

Today, over 860 target ranges are operated and maintained using WR funds.

### Educate the Public

Every year, over 700,000 people receive hunter and trapper education supported by WR funds.

### Conserve Public Land

Over 36 million acres are operated and maintained nationally for public access and habitat management.



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State	Total 2026 WR
Alabama	\$19,216,281
Alaska	\$35,595,455
American Samoa	\$1,404,005
Arizona	\$23,118,473
Arkansas	\$14,014,316
California	\$26,821,647
Colorado	\$22,930,115
Connecticut	\$6,023,949
Delaware	\$5,027,605
Florida	\$16,437,305
Georgia	\$27,695,024
Guam	\$1,404,005
Hawaii	\$5,027,605
Idaho	\$16,597,136
Illinois	\$16,595,276
Indiana	\$13,857,865
Iowa	\$12,112,654
Kansas	\$16,080,090
Kentucky	\$13,967,424
Louisiana	\$17,626,642
Maine	\$9,376,640
Maryland	\$7,898,984
Massachusetts	\$8,289,959
Michigan	\$23,914,949
Minnesota	\$23,819,471
Mississippi	\$12,204,415
Missouri	\$22,441,430
Montana	\$21,957,263
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,404,005
Nebraska	\$15,218,471
Nevada	\$15,610,455
New Hampshire	\$5,027,605
New Jersey	\$8,289,959
New Mexico	\$17,768,168
New York	\$20,933,144
North Carolina	\$22,308,487
North Dakota	\$12,140,115
Ohio	\$16,569,111
Oklahoma	\$17,533,166
Oregon	\$20,075,259
Pennsylvania	\$30,594,626
Puerto Rico	\$3,668,291
Rhode Island	\$5,027,605
South Carolina	\$11,071,422
South Dakota	\$14,329,482
Tennessee	\$24,236,720
Texas	\$38,857,809
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$1,404,005
Utah	\$16,350,555
Vermont	\$5,027,605
Virginia	\$14,312,936
Washington	\$15,447,463
West Virginia	\$9,827,675
Wisconsin	\$23,485,531
Wyoming	\$14,427,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$842,403,264</b>

# Transforming Landscapes: The Impact of Wildlife Restoration (WR) Funds on Wildlife Conservation and Public Access



## Restore Wildlife

WR funds have been a vital and consistent source of funding used to support the restoration of many native species, including the river otter. After a severe decline in numbers across their native range, WR-funded projects and partnerships with experienced trappers helped bring the species back to watersheds across America.



## Conserve Public Lands

Nationally, over 36 million acres of state-owned lands are operated and maintained for public access using WR funds. These Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and State Game Lands provide areas of habitat protection and public access for the opportunity to connect with nature, make memories, and share outdoor experiences.



## Educate the Public

Structured youth programs provide opportunities for public participation in outdoor pursuits. These programs, such as the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) and 4-H Shooting Sports, focus on providing safe and informative target shooting education to students in grades 4-12, creating pathways to the outdoors.



## Support Target Shooting Ranges

WR funds support the construction, operation, and maintenance of over 860 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 including firearms and archery.



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