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Section 6 of the ESA authorizes the Secretary to “cooperate to the maximum extent practicable with the States. . . for the purpose of conserving any endangered species or threatened species.”

Section 6(i) established the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) to provide federal financial assistance to any State, through its respective State agency, which has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of Interior.



# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: Basic Eligibility Requirements

- States with current cooperative agreement
- Minimum of 25% non-Federal cost share  
(10% when two or more states involved)
- Cannot include USFWS employee costs
- Cannot seek funding for projects that serve to satisfy regulatory requirements of the ESA
- Willing sellers (voluntary grant program)
- Appraisals done to government yellowbook standards
- Non-federal lands

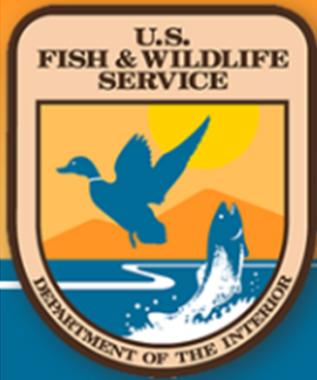


# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: Types of Grants

Funding available = approximately \$50.7 M annually

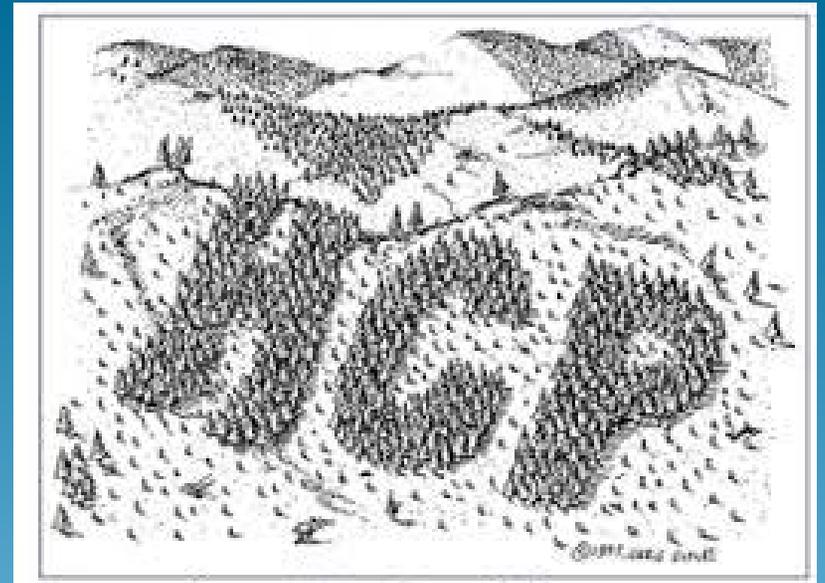
- Conservation Grants (\$12.5 M)
- Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance (\$7.5 M)
- HCP Land Acquisition (\$19.6 M)
- Recovery Land Acquisition (\$11.1 M)





# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: HCP Planning Assistance Grants

Through the development of HCPs, local governments incorporate species conservation into local land use planning, which streamlines the project approval process and facilitates economic development.



Conserving species before they are in danger of extinction or are likely to become so can also provide early benefits and prevent the need for listing.

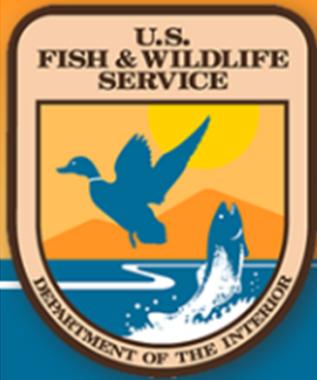


# CESSCF/Section 6 Grants to States: HCP Planning Assistance Grants



- Balance conservation & economic growth
- Baseline surveys & inventories
- Document preparation
- Public meetings & outreach
- Nationally-competitive

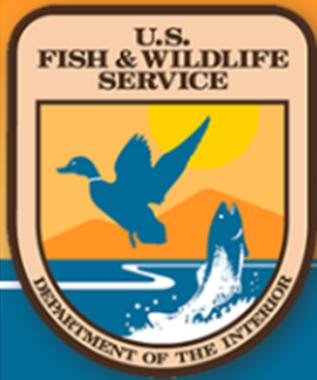




# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: HCP Land Acquisition Grants

- Above and beyond mitigation requirements of HCP
- Fee/Easement: non-Federal ownership
- Nationally competitive





# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: HCP Land Acquisition Grants

- 10% of funding set aside for single-species HCPs



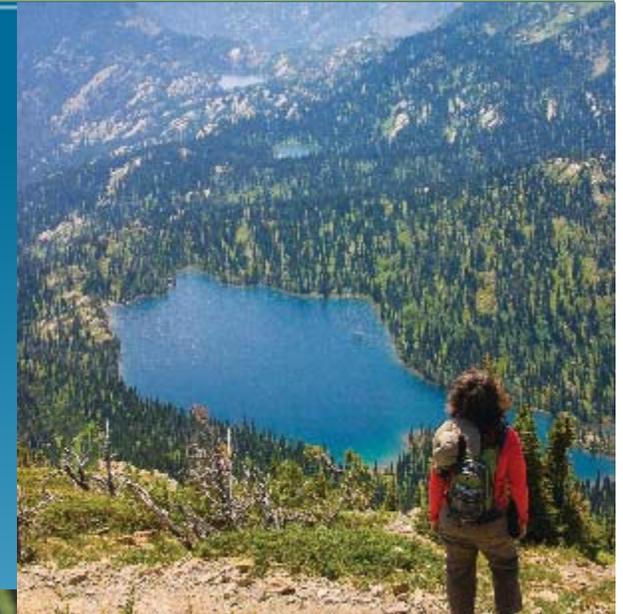
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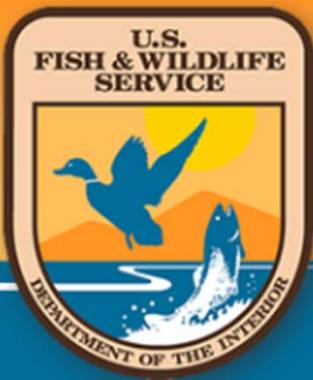




# CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States: How to Apply

- **Grants are awarded to the States.** These funds may, in turn, be awarded to private landowners, communities, and other non-governmental entities.
- The Service annually announces a **Notice of Funding Opportunity** to provide information on proposal process, selection guidance, and other details.
- There are a variety of tools and documents available to assist you in applying for a grant. To learn more about how to apply for a grant, please contact the endangered species grants specialist in your region.





## CESCF/Section 6 Grants to States

For additional information, please visit the Ecological Services Grants Page at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/grants/index.html>

