



# Federal Assistance

## Quick Facts

- The Midwest Region's Federal Assistance Program works with the eight states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- In Fiscal Year 2003 the Midwest Region's Federal Assistance Program funded more than \$126 million in grants.
- The Midwest Region's Federal Assistance Program administers 14 separate grant programs.

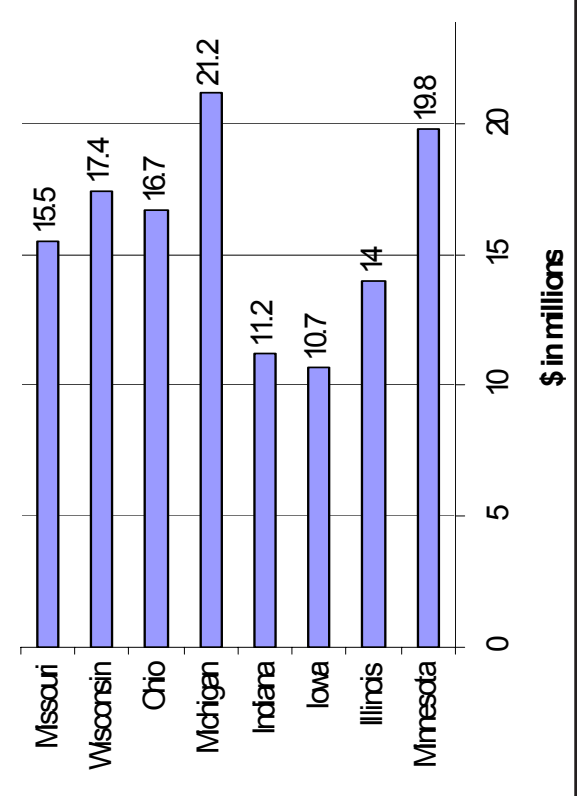
## Current Status

The Federal Assistance Division provides funding to assist state natural resource agencies with meeting their fish and wildlife management goals. The first step in this process involves an excise tax paid by the manufacturers of guns, archery equipment, fishing tackle, ammunition and motor boat fuels. After these taxes are collected, they are apportioned to the states by the Federal Assistance Program.

State agencies gain access to these funds by submitting grant proposals designed to help restore fish and wildlife species and habitat, boating and fishing access, land acquisition, habitat management, facilities construction, operation and maintenance, research, survey, and hunter and aquatic education.

The Federal Assistance Program generally can pay up to 75 percent of total project expenses, depending on program.

FY 2003 Federal Assistance Funding by State



USFWS Region 3 Federal Assistance Funds Available FY 2003 (in thousands)

