



Tribal Grants

Quick Facts

Conservation projects supported by tribal grants awarded in January 2004 include:

- Martin and other predatory furbearer population surveys and population monitoring
- Riparian habitat restoration
- Moose population dynamics
- Comprehensive wildlife and fish planning
- Walleye and sturgeon population studies
- At-risk species in Lake Superior and tributaries
- Wildlife habitat assessments/rare and culturally important species
- Fish hatchery/rearing pond restoration
- Monitoring, management, reintroduction of gray wolf
- Lake and stream surveys
- Status and habitat use of bobcats
- Wild rice and wetland restoration

Management Goals

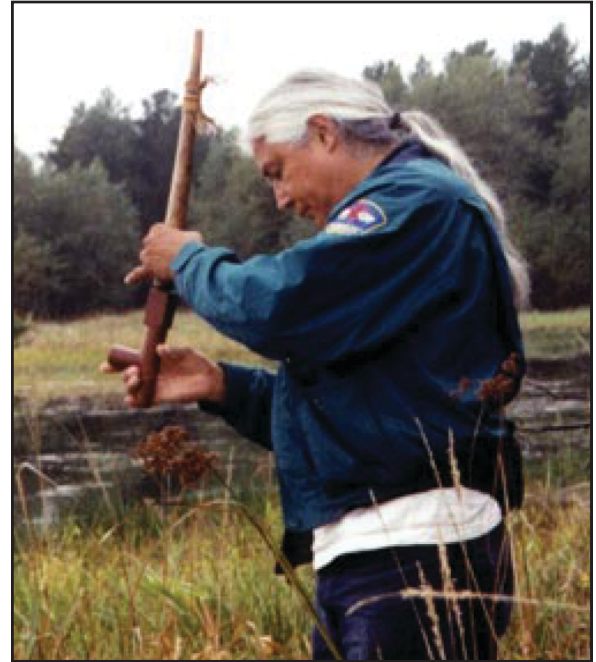
- Seek to assist tribes in fully using tribal grant programs
- Identify tribal resource needs and blend with partner's resource priorities
- Coordinate similar resource needs to maximize benefits for fish and wildlife
 - Increase outreach and information exchange by exploring publication and presentation venues
 - Feature tribal cultural, traditional and spiritual values in activities benefiting natural resources

Current Status

In early 2004, the Department of the Interior awarded nearly \$14 million in grants to 60 federally recognized Native American tribes to help conserve and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species and other wildlife on tribal lands. Projects supported by tribal grants reflect the spiritual, cultural, traditional and economic importance of fish and wildlife to Native American tribes. In the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Midwest Region, 14 tribes in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin received nearly \$3 million for 21 conservation projects.

The Service awarded the grants under two cost-share programs, the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program (TLIP) and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program (TWG). These programs are similar to cost-share programs recently developed by the department to assist states, local communities, private landowners and other partners to undertake wildlife conservation projects.

Of the \$14 million, the Service provided about \$4 million to federally recognized tribes to help fund 23 projects under TLIP. Contributions from tribes and other partners raised the total value of these projects to \$6.8 million. The grants were chosen through a competitive process to address tribal needs for the protection, restoration, and management of habitat to benefit at-risk species, including federally listed endangered or threatened species and proposed or candidate species. The maximum award under this program is \$200,000 with a required minimum 25 percent match of total project dollars from non-federal funds.



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The Midwest Region partners with 35 Native American tribes in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

The 2003 tribal grants awarded in the Midwest Region totaled \$2,407,586 under the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program and \$556,413 for the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program.

Meanwhile, about \$10 million helped fund 56 projects under TWG. Contributions from tribes and other partners increased the total value of these projects to \$12.4 million. These grants are awarded to benefit fish, wildlife, and their habitat, including non-game species. Although matching funds are not required for the TWG grants, they are considered to be an indicator of a tribe's commitment. The maximum grant award under this program is \$250,000.