

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Region 6 Migratory Birds**

Migratory Bird Joint Ventures

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 15.637

Notice of Funding Availability and Application Instructions

I. Single Source Information

This is a Notice of Intent to award a Single Source Cooperative agreement to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks for the purpose of implementing conservation actions in the Montana portion of the PPJV per the 2005 PPJV Implementation Plan and subsequent revisions to said plan.

The tasks to be performed under this agreement are as follows: habitat conservation projects, landowner outreach projects working with PPJV partners, assistance on various monitoring/research projects, and hosting/arranging meetings specific to Montana partners.

This Single Source Award is being awarded in accordance with Department of the Interior Policy 505 DM 2.14 B, [4: Unique Qualifications], which allows for award without competition to an applicant. This recipient and project meet this criteria due to The Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (PPJV) encompasses parts of 5 states (3 of which are in Region 6, including MT, ND, and SD) and each state has a seat on the PPJV Management Board. Representative State involvement in the Joint Venture is critical to its success. Consequently, the PPJV has long had cooperative agreements with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, so this new agreement is simply a continuation of activities presently being funded and it provides the spring-board to embark on new projects that fulfill both the strategic needs of the PPJV and state of Montana. Moreover, Montana has recently become a grassland bird focus area for both the Service and PPJV, so their continued involvement and actions are paramount to our collective success. Lastly, as the agency responsible for fish and wildlife conservation in Montana, the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department offers unique expertise and capacity that is vital for meaningful conservation success within the Montana boundaries of the PPJV.

II. Award Information

This project should be considered a Cooperative Agreement with substantial involvement by the FWS Project Officer. The FWS Project Officer will work closely with personnel from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks to develop work plans for projects; develop strategic direction on where to focus conservation efforts; develop conservation

planning tools to help target conservation actions; and to conduct partner workshops. Consequently, the FWS Project Officer will serve as an integral partner with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks via this Cooperative Agreement.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$200,000

Expected Number of Awards: 5

Award Ceiling: \$50,000

Award Floor: \$30,000

III. Basic Eligibility Requirements

Cost Sharing or Matching: Cost sharing or matching is not required.

IV. Agency Contacts

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