



National & Local Updates

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Native American Program Updates

Indigenous Knowledge	FWS (Service) Headquarters	FWS FY24 Tribal Wildlife
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOI Guidance (301 DM 7)• Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DO 227• Native American Policy• Indigenous Knowledge• Regional Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$200,000 Maximum• Tribal Projects• CFWO Technical Assistance• Closes: June 21, 2024

- The Department of Interior recently published internal guidance in December 2023, for bureaus to consider Indigenous Knowledge in their decision making.
 - One of the Department Manual's main points of emphasis for considering IK in decision making is to ensure Tribal sovereignty is upheld in every process.
 - Connected to this is to engage Tribes on how they determine how the information is used and protected.

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- As the Department has demonstrated robust Tribal engagement, the USFWS has followed with establishing Co-Stewardship Teams in 6 areas, 1) Education and Training, 2) Community of Practice, 3) Indigenous Knowledge, 4) Refuges, 5) Pacific Hawaiian Community, and 6) Communication.
 - These sub-teams are in alignment with the FWS 2022 Director's Order 227, but their foundation is in the FWS Native American Policy.
 - USFWS HQ is working directly with the Department on step-down guidance on how the Service will consider Indigenous Knowledges into our decision making.
 - The most recent Service project that Science in the Service fellow Aiden

Valverde undertook will assist in identifying some of the challenges for the process.

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- Finally, we want to make sure Tribes are aware of the FWS Tribal Wildlife Grant opportunity.
 - The Tribal Wildlife Grant program was established in 2003 and provides support to Native American Tribes for their wildlife conservation efforts.
 - The TWG recognizes Tribal sovereignty and has an aim to assist Tribes in the management and conservation of their natural resources.
 - The maximum award per Tribe is \$200,000.
 - The closing date of the funding opportunity is June 21, 2024.
 - If needed, CFWO can assist in technical assistance for review of your proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact Eldon.

Tribal Wildlife Grant Link

[FY24 FWS Tribal Wildlife Grant Funding Opportunity](#)

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New centralized website for federal conservation grants!

Conservation.gov

<https://www.conservation.gov/pages/get-involved/#financial-assistance>

Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance Matchmaker Tool

Welcome! Begin by selecting your eligibility type...



Government
State, City or Township, County, Special District



Tribes and Tribally-Affiliated Organizations
Federally Recognized, Non-Federally Recognized, Organization

State Grants Website

California Department of Fish and Wildlife has a website for grants
as well

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Grants>



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CDFW Grant Opportunities

Field Survey Opportunities with USGS

- Arroyo toad
- Mountain yellow-legged frog
- Western pond turtle

Reach out to us (CFWO_Tribal_Coordination@fws.gov) if Tribe members or staff are interested and we will get you in touch with the right person at USGS



Pond Turtle Restoration Project at Santa Ysabel



Thank you for your Earth Day invitations!