

## **APPENDIX 7**

## **POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES**

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### **AmeriCorps**

The AmeriCorps\*State works with Governor-appointed State Service Commissions to provide grants to non-government and government entities that sponsor service programs. These organizations use their grants to engage AmeriCorps members in service to help meet critical community needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Assisting disaster victims, building homes, restoring parks and other community facilities while mobilizing community volunteers.

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### **Assistance to Firefighters Grant**

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) is a competitive grant opportunity for local fire departments and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) organizations that are not affiliated with a hospital.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The AFG funds activities such as purchasing firefighting equipment, personal protection equipment, training, firefighting vehicles, and firefighter/first responder safety projects.

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>

### **Challenge 21, Floodplain**

Challenge 21, the Army Corps' flood hazard mitigation and riverine ecosystem restoration initiative, will focus on more sustainable approaches. Through its focus on non-structural alternatives to flood protection, it will, where appropriate, move families and businesses out of harm's way and strive to return the floodplains of rivers and creeks to a condition where they can naturally moderate floods as well as provide other benefits to communities and the environment. Watershed by watershed, Challenge 21 builds on existing programs and initiates and expands partnerships with other Federal agencies and non-Federal national and local entities. Key Federal partners include the FEMA, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Interior and the EPA.

**Previous Activities Funded:** A project might include the relocation of threatened homes or businesses, conservation or restoration of wetlands and natural floodwater storage areas and planning for responses and solutions to potential future floods

[http://www.americanrivers.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AMR\\_content\\_d156](http://www.americanrivers.org/site/PageServer?pagename=AMR_content_d156)

### **CHIEF Grants Service**

CHIEF Grants is a free service from CHIEF supply company. Dedicated to helping public safety professionals meet today's funding challenges, CHIEF Grants is a one-stop shop for open grants, grant writing tips, seminars, and grant news.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Various types of grants are highlighted with numerous activities funded. This a grant service, not an individual grant opportunity.

<http://www.chiefsupply.com/grants/>

### **Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund**

Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRLF) programs operate much like environmental infrastructure banks that are capitalized with federal and state contributions. CWSRLF monies are loaned to communities and loan repayments are recycled back into the program to fund additional water quality

protection projects. The revolving nature of these programs provides for an ongoing funding source that will last far into the future.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The CWSRF funds a broad range of projects—from wastewater systems and nonpoint source pollution control to estuary management and a range of projects focusing on water quality. Funding is typically directed to state-identified high priority projects based on several factors, including: public health protection; condition of impacted waters; and communities’ regulatory compliance status.

<http://epa.gov/OW-OWM.html/cwfinance/cwsrf/basics.htm>

### **Community Development Block Grants**

Communities receiving Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds from the State may use the funds for many kinds of community development activities including, but not limited to property acquisition, public services, planning activities, and community development activities.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Funds have been used in Indiana for purposes such as Public facility improvements, flood and drainage facilities, Fire stations and equipment, and various community related activities and facilities.

<http://www.in.gov/ihfa/comdev/comp/manuals/im/im.htm>

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### **Community Facilities Grants and Loans**

The Rural Housing Service (RHS) of the Department of Agriculture offers loans and grants to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Priority for funding will be given to those projects that will enhance public safety such as fire, police, rescue, and ambulance services, and projects for health care facilities. The fire service can use the funding for fire stations, fire trucks and rescue vehicles.

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ProgramBriefs/brief\\_cp\\_grant.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/ProgramBriefs/brief_cp_grant.htm)

### **Community Rating System**

The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS: (1) reduce flood losses; (2) facilitate accurate insurance rating; and (3) promote the awareness of flood insurance.

**Previous Activities Funded:** While the CRS does not provide direct funding, reductions in insurance premiums can be significant for participants.

<http://www.fema.gov/nfip/crs.shtm>

### **Conservation Reserve Program**

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, landowners can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland to reduce soil erosion, and potential flood loss and damage.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Filter Strip Establishment, Wetland Restoration, Riparian Buffer Establishment

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>

### **The Cora Brown Fund**

To provide for disaster-related needs that have not been, or will not be met by government agencies or any other organizations which have programs to address such needs; however, the fund is not intended to replace or supersede these programs. The fund may not be used in a way that is inconsistent with other federally mandated disaster assistance or insurance programs. Money from the fund will not duplicate assistance for which a person is eligible from other sources.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Disaster related home repair and rebuilding, services which alleviate human suffering due to disasters and disaster related unmet needs.

[http://www.federalgrantswire.com/cora\\_brown\\_fund.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/cora_brown_fund.html)

### **Department of Interior Rural Fire Assistance Program**

The Department of Interior (DOI) Rural Fire Assistance Program is aimed at enhancing the fire protection capabilities of rural fire districts in the wildland urban interface. The rural fire department must serve a community with a population of 10,000 or less and must have a statewide agreement with the state forester who maintains cooperative agreements with the rural fire departments or volunteer fire departments or a cooperative fire agreement with an agency in the DOI.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The program assists with training, equipment purchase, and prevention activities, on a 90/10 cost-share basis.

<http://www.nifc.gov/rfa/steps.html>

### **Direct Housing: Natural Disaster**

Funds are only available to the extent that funds are not provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For the purpose of administering these funds, natural disaster will only include those areas identified by a Presidential declaration.

**Previous Activities Funded:** To assist qualified lower income rural families to meet emergency assistance needs resulting from natural disaster to buy, build, rehabilitate, or improve dwellings in rural areas.

[http://www.federalgrantswire.com/direct\\_housingnatural\\_disaster.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/direct_housingnatural_disaster.html)

### **Disaster Reserve Assistance**

To provide emergency assistance to eligible livestock owners, in a State, county, or area approved by the Secretary or designee, where because of disease, insect infestation, flood, drought, fire, hurricane, earthquake, hail storm, hot weather, cold weather, freeze, snow, ice, and winterkill, or other natural disaster, a livestock emergency has been determined to exist.

**Previous Activities Funded:** This assistance is in the form of a direct payment to affected eligible landowners and is administered through the Farm Service Agency.

[http://www.federalgrantswire.com/disaster\\_reserve\\_assistance.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/disaster_reserve_assistance.html)

### **Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property for Parks, Recreation, and Historic Monuments**

Surplus real property may be conveyed for public park and recreation use at discounts up to 100 percent of fair market value and for historic purposes without monetary consideration. Property conveyed for park and recreation use or historic purposes must be used for these purposes in perpetuity or be reverted to Federal ownership.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Property, either real or land, varies with time with items available for public sale, lease or extended use in perpetuity.

[http://www.federalgrantswire.com/disposal\\_of\\_federal\\_surplus\\_real\\_property\\_for\\_parks\\_recreation\\_and\\_historic\\_monuments.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/disposal_of_federal_surplus_real_property_for_parks_recreation_and_historic_monuments.html)

### **Emergency Conservation Program**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and for carrying out emergency water conservation measures in periods of severe drought.

**Previous Activities Funded:** This assistance is in the form of a direct payment to affected eligible landowners and is administered through the Farm Service Agency.

<http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov/ecp.htm>

### **Environmental Quality Incentive Program**

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) offers contracts with a minimum term that ends one year after the implementation of the last scheduled practices and a maximum term of ten years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP program. EQIP activities are carried out according to an environmental quality incentives program plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or practices to address the resource concerns. The practices are subject to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical standards adapted for local conditions. The local conservation district approves the plan.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Cost sharing may pay up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices, such as grassed waterways, filter strips, manure management facilities, capping abandoned wells, and other practices important to improving and maintaining the health of natural resources in the area.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/>

### **Emergency Rehabilitation of Flood Control Works**

Assistance does not extend to major improvements of flood control or federally authorized coastal protection structures, nor to reimbursement of individuals or communities for funds expended in repair or rehabilitation efforts.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Authorized assistance includes emergency repair or rehabilitation of flood control works damaged by flood, and restoration of federally authorized coastal protection structures damaged by extraordinary wind, wave, or water action.

[http://www.federalgrantswire.com/emergency\\_rehabilitation\\_of\\_flood\\_control\\_works\\_or\\_federally\\_authorized\\_coastal\\_protection\\_works.html](http://www.federalgrantswire.com/emergency_rehabilitation_of_flood_control_works_or_federally_authorized_coastal_protection_works.html)

### **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**

The Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) work is not limited to any one set of prescribed measures. A case by case investigation of the needed work is made by NRCS.

**Previous Activities Funded:** EWPP work can include: removing debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; correcting damaged drainage facilities; repairing levees and structures; reseeding damaged areas; and purchasing floodplain easements.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/questions.html>

### **Farmland Protection Program**

The Farmland Protection Program provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural uses. To qualify, farmland must: be part of a pending offer from a State, tribe, or local farmland protection program; be privately owned; have a conservation plan; be large enough to sustain agricultural production; be accessible to markets for what the land produces; have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services; and have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production. Depending on funding availability, proposals must be submitted by the government entities to the appropriate NRCS State Office during the application window.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Working through existing programs, USDA joins with State, tribal, or local governments to acquire conservation easements or other interests from landowners. USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value.

<http://www.info.usda.gov/nrcs/fpcp/fpp.htm>

### **Fire Prevention & Safety Grant**

The purpose of these grants is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program's Fire Prevention and Safety Grant (FP&S) is to reach high-risk target groups in order to mitigate the high incidences of death and injuries. Additionally for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Congress amended the authorization to include funding for Firefighter Safety Research and Development. This guidance provides details for applying for either of these financial assistance instruments. There is no cost share requirement for the FY 2005 Fire Prevention and Safety grants.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Grants have been awarded to assist with the costs associated with training, equipment, vehicles for fire departments and firefighter safety research.

[http://www.firegrantsupport.com/fp\\_about.aspx](http://www.firegrantsupport.com/fp_about.aspx)

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance Program**

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program provides funding to assist States and communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). There are three types of grants available under FMA: Planning, Project, and Technical Assistance Grants. FMA Planning Grants are available to States and communities to prepare Flood Mitigation Plans. NFIP-participating communities with approved Flood Mitigation Plans can apply for FMA Project Grants. FMA Project Grants are available to States and NFIP participating communities to implement measures to reduce flood losses.

**Previous Activities Funded:** A few examples of eligible FMA projects include: the elevation, acquisition, and relocation of NFIP-insured structures.

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/mitgrant.shtm>

### **Hazards Mitigation Grant Program**

Authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides grants to States and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster declaration. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Acquisition of hazard-prone property; stormwater management, elevation of flood-prone structures, and infrastructure protection measures are all considered eligible projects and have been funded in the past.

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/mitgrant.shtm>

### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant**

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program is intended to provide financial and technical assistance as well as national direction and guidance to enhance State, Territorial, Tribal, and local hazardous materials emergency planning and training. The HMEP Grant Program distributes fees collected from shippers and carriers of hazardous materials to emergency responders for hazmat training and to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) for hazmat planning.

**Previous Activities Funded:** These grants have been used for developing, improving, and implementing emergency plans, and training public sector employees to respond safely and efficiently to accidents and incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials.

<http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/state/hmep/hmep.htm>

### **Indiana Family and Social Services Administration**

The Family and Social Services Administration provides services to help keep children healthy and safe and help families to self-sufficient.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The agency may provide programs related to heating/cooling of residential buildings, temporary housing, and other important contacts in the event of an emergency or disaster.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/>

### **Indiana Resource Conservation & Development Districts**

The purpose of the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program is to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated RC&D areas. It improves the capability of State, tribal and local units of government and local nonprofit organizations in rural areas to plan, develop and carry out programs for resource conservation and development. The program also establishes or improves coordination systems in rural areas.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Forestry projects, wetland development, Community training projects, and other projects related to community and natural resource enhancement and protection.

<http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/RC&D/RC&Dhomepage.html>

### **Indiana Rural Development Council**

The Indiana Rural Development Council (IRDC) is a partnership of local, state, federal, profit and not-for-profit stakeholders that serve Indiana communities. The IRDC's purpose is to coordinate efforts of citizens and governments to meet the economic and social needs of rural Indiana.

**Previous Activities Funded:** These funds will be utilized to address a variety of rural issues in the areas of economic/community development, planning, leadership, infrastructure, health, telecommunication/education, workforce development, agriculture, and rural regional development initiatives.

<http://www.in.gov/irdc/index.html>

### **Indiana State Revolving Loan Fund**

The Indiana State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program provides low-interest loans to Indiana communities for projects that improve wastewater and drinking water infrastructure. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Indiana State Budget Agency work together to administer this program and to protect public health and the environment. Recently, SRF has implemented a program to fund nonpoint source projects, as well.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Activities include Treatment plant improvements and upgrades, Riparian Buffers and Conservation Easements, and Wetland protection and restoration measures.

<http://www.in.gov/idem/srf/factsht0704.doc>

### **Indiana Transportation Enhancements Program**

Transportation enhancements (TE) are transportation-related activities that are designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the Nation's inter-modal transportation system.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The transportation enhancements program provides for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects, with examples ranging from Acquisition of scenic easements, landscaping and scenic beautification, and to the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff all of which could be utilized as measures to control or mitigate flood damage.

[http://www.enhancements.org/statecontacts\\_TE.asp](http://www.enhancements.org/statecontacts_TE.asp)

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Funds have been widely utilized for land acquisition, open space/greenspace development, which can include wetland development, critical seeding areas and other projects that can reduce the impacts of flooding.

<http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/>

### **Low Interest Loan Incentives**

Loan amounts up to \$700,000 with interest rates of 2.5 percent to 3.0 percent are available to cities, towns and counties. The loan pays for the cost of remediation and/or demolition at identified brownfield sites.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Eligible activities include: soil and groundwater cleanup, demolition activities, asbestos/lead paint abatement, and additional investigations.

<http://www.idfabrownfields.com/assistance.aspx#LILI>

### **National Flood Insurance Program**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods. Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal Government that states if a community will adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance to reduce future flood risks to new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Federal Government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Flood insurance is made available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses.

<http://www.fema.gov/nfip/intnfip.shtm>

### **Office for Domestic Preparedness Terrorism Formula Grants**

The Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) provides funding through the states awards to enhance the capacity of emergency responders to prevent, deter, or respond to terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. The funding is awarded to a point of contact in each state and then distributed within the state.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Activities have included training, technical assistance, equipment, planning and exercises related to domestic terrorism events.

<http://www.ojp.gov/state.htm>

#### **Petroleum Remediation Grant Incentive**

Grant amounts up to \$250,000 per applicant and per funding round are available to cities, towns and counties. The grant pays for the cost of petroleum remediation at identified brownfield sites.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Eligible activities include: underground storage tank removal, Corrective Action Plan preparation, IDEM approved remediation and monitoring.

<http://www.idfabrownfields.com/assistance.aspx#PRGI>

#### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program**

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides technical and financial assistance to States and local governments for cost-effective pre-disaster hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program, and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property. FEMA provides grants to States and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments that, in turn, provide sub-grants to local governments (to include Indian Tribal governments) for mitigation activities such as planning and the implementation of projects identified through the evaluation of natural hazards.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Acquisition and/or relocation of flood-prone properties, Drainage/stormwater management projects, and hazard mitigation planning activities.

<http://www.fema.gov/fima/mitgrant.shtm>

#### **Public Assistance Grant Program**

FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program allows State and Local governments and Non-Profit Organizations to respond to disasters, to recover from their impact and to mitigate impact from future disasters. The PA Program provides the basis for consistent training and credentialing of staff who administer the program; more accessible and understandable guidance and policy for participating in the grant program; improved customer service through a more efficient grant delivery process, applicant-centered management, and better information exchange; and continuing performance evaluations and program improvements.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Debris removal from public roads and rights-of-way, Emergency protective measures including search and rescue, warning of hazards, and demolition of unsafe structures, Utility Distribution Systems, such as water treatment and delivery systems; and sewage collection and treatment facilities and public parks.

<http://www.fema.gov/rrr/pa/>

#### **Purdue Cooperative Extension Service**

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service provides valuable educational materials and training programs to assist in the event of a disaster or emergency

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**Previous Activities Funded:** Activities are educational in nature and not generally monetary offerings.

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/index.html>

### **Severe Repetitive Loss**

This purpose of this FEMA program is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP. This program applies to residential properties covered under an NFIP flood insurance policy and has at least 4 NFIP claim payments over \$5,000 each and a cumulative amount exceeds \$20,000 OR for which 2 separate claims payments have been made with the cumulative amount of the building portion exceeding the market value of the building.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Acquisition and demolition or relocation of at risk structures and conversion of the land to open space; elevation of existing structures to at least the Base Flood Elevation (BFE); minor physical localized flood reduction projects; and dry floodproofing for historic properties only.

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/srl/index.shtm>

### **Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants**

The purpose of the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants is to award grants directly to volunteer, combination, and career fire departments to help the departments increase their cadre of firefighters. Ultimately, the goal is for SAFER grantees to enhance their ability to attain 24-hour staffing and thus assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The SAFER grants have two activities that will help grantees attain this goal: 1) hiring of firefighters and 2) recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/safer/>

### **Volunteer Fire Assistance Program**

The purpose of the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program, formerly known as the Rural Community Fire Protection (RCFP) Program, is to provide Federal financial, technical, and other assistance to State foresters to train, and equip fire departments in rural areas and rural communities to prevent and suppress fires. A rural community is defined as having 10,000 or less population. This 10,000-population limit for participation in the VFA Program facilitates distribution of available VFA funding to the most needy fire departments. The funding must be matched on a 50-50% basis by non-federal dollars or in-kind.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, Protective clothing, installation of dry hydrants, and training for volunteer fire fighters.

[www.fs.fed.us/fire/planning/vfa](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/planning/vfa)

### **Weatherization Assistance Program**

Indiana's Weatherization Assistance Program provides residential energy conservation services to the low income citizens of Indiana. Funding comes from federal sources and is allocated to Community Action Agencies (CAA) to provide services in each of Indiana's 92 counties. The CAAs use their own crews or private contractors to provide comprehensive energy conservation services.

**Previous Activities Funded:** A thorough evaluation of the structures, including the safe and efficient operation of the furnace and water heater, is included in the treatment of each home.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/families/housing/wap.html>

### **Wetland Reserve Program**

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection.

**Previous Activities Funded:** The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/>

**Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through WHIP USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides both technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

**Previous Activities Funded:** Development of areas primarily targeted for wildlife habitat also serve as beneficial areas for flood mitigation activities such as wetland construction/restoration, native grass plantings, and filter area establishment.

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>