

## **Potential Funding Sources for Sage Grouse Projects – A Partial List**

Application information is on the web site listed, unless otherwise noted.

### **California Department of Fish and Game**

#### **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (General)**

[http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wcb/habitat\\_enhancement\\_and\\_restoration\\_program.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wcb/habitat_enhancement_and_restoration_program.html)

“Funds were made available to WCB [State Wildlife Conservation Board] for the enhancement and restoration of a variety of habitat types.... In addition to wetland and riparian habitat, funds are available for the enhancement and restoration of:

1. Threatened and Endangered Species Habitats
2. Forest Land Habitat....

Eligible enhancement and restoration projects must provide for the long-term maintenance of the restored and/or enhanced habitat. Eligible applicants for restoration projects include nonprofit conservation organizations and federal, state or local governmental agencies. Habitat enhancement and restoration projects... are carried out pursuant to recommendations from the DFG.” Application form at web site.

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

#### **Answer the Call**

[http://www.nfwf.org/programs/unified\\_rfp\\_2003.htm#atc](http://www.nfwf.org/programs/unified_rfp_2003.htm#atc)

“a partnership program coordinated by Quail Unlimited (QU) to improve the distribution and abundance of upland game birds and other wildlife resources on public land ...ATC projects must involve work that will significantly benefit upland game birds. Required criteria include: 1) involvement by local QU and local FS or BLM unit(s); and 2) a minimum fifty percent of match to federal funds provided by local QU chapters. Additional criteria not required, but considered when rating projects, include: inclusion of partners in addition to the BLM, FS, and QU; a ratio of challenge to federal funds exceeding 1:1; visibility potential; youth involvement; and educational/demonstration value. To apply or for more information, please contact Roger Wells of Quail Unlimited at 602-443-5834.”

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

#### **General Challenge Grant**

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/guidelines.htm>

“a conservation grants program that awards challenge grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible grant recipients, including federal, tribal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, and non-profit conservation organizations. Project proposals are received on a year-round, revolving basis with two decision cycles per year. Grants typically range from \$10,000-\$150,000, based upon need.”

### **National Wildlife Federation**

#### **Keep the Wild Alive**

<http://www.nwf.org/keepthewildalive/apply.cfm>

“an education, advocacy, outreach, and on-the-ground conservation project designed to raise awareness of and improve conditions for endangered species....Keep the Wild Alive's Species Recovery Fund (SRF) was created to spur habitat restorations, species reintroductions, private land conservation activities, and other creative endeavors that directly improve conditions for endangered species. During the past two years, National Wildlife Federation has awarded nearly thirty grants - each between \$3,000 and \$7,000 - to support innovative species conservation efforts.” The web info states that this is only for species already federally listed, but a peek at recently-funded projects reveals this is not strictly true.

## **Partners in Flight**

### **Information about funding opportunities from various sources**

[http://www.partnersinflight.org/resources/project\\_funding.htm](http://www.partnersinflight.org/resources/project_funding.htm)

“There are many opportunities for funding PIF-related bird conservation projects depending on the type of project – land acquisition, habitat management, research, monitoring, education, etc. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of funding opportunities. Below are just a few opportunities that are particularly applicable to PIF-related projects or have come to our attention. We will try to update this section to keep you aware of funding opportunities.” Those that appear applicable to sage grouse habitat are already part of this list, but check for updates.

## **Patagonia**

### **Enviro Action Grants**

[http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/grants\\_app.shtml](http://www.patagonia.com/enviro/grants_app.shtml)

“We are most interested in making grants to organizations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. We look for programs with a clear agenda for change and a strategic plan for achieving the organization's goals. Because we believe that true change will occur only through a strong grassroots movement, our funding focuses on organizations that build a strong base of citizen support. We fund work that is action-oriented; builds public involvement and support; is strategic; focuses on root causes; accomplishes specific goals and objectives; takes place in communities in which we do business. We do not fund ...organizations without 501(c)3 [tax-exempt]status. We support small, grassroots activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas....We help local groups working to protect local habitat....Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000.”

## **Sierra Club Foundation**

### **Wildlife Grants Program**

[http://www.sierraclub.org/foundation/programs/wildlife\\_grants.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/foundation/programs/wildlife_grants.asp)

“in support of scientific, educational, charitable, and literary efforts to preserve, protect and restore the natural environment....The Foundation offers annual funding for small wildlife projects through three grant programs specifically targeted for the support of charitable, wildlife-related projects.... In the 2002 grant cycle, awards ranged from \$750 to \$5,000. Funds for the Wildlife Grants Program are contributed from **Avery Wildlife Fund** - Grants for local projects to preserve, protect, and educate about wildlife; **Schroeder Wildlife Fund** - Grants to support wildlife efforts that represent "grassroots" endeavors. Special consideration given to project that focus on birds....”

## **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

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

“EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land...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 NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions. The local conservation district approves the plan.” Contact: [Anthony Esser](#), National EQIP Program Manager, 202-720-1840 or [Edward Brzostek](#), Acting Program Manager, 202-720-1834

## **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

### **North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants**

<http://birdhabitat.fws.gov/NAWCA/grants.htm>

“The North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Act) of 1989 provides matching grants to private or public organizations or to individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.” May be applicable where sage grouse habitat includes wetlands, e.g. wet meadows? See web site.

## **Intermountain West Joint Venture**

### **Joint Venture Cost-Share**

<http://iwjv.org/costshare.htm>

According to the Partners in Flight website, “The Joint Ventures that were established through the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) are rapidly becoming an opportunity for all bird conservation...” The Intermountain West Joint Venture website proclaims, “IWJV habitats support nearly 100% of the range of all high priority sagebrush steppe landbird species, such as: Sage Sparrow, Sage Thrasher, Sage Grouse (Greater and Gunnison’s) and Brewer’s Sparrow.” The purpose of Cost-Share is “long-term conservation of bird habitat through partnerships within the bounds of the Intermountain West Joint Venture. Joint Venture funds will be provided where funding is required to initiate or complete funding of projects (1) which support the mission and objectives of the Joint Venture, and (2) exhibit a broad-based partnership. Acceptable projects are defined under project guidelines [see web link]. The Mission of the Intermountain West Joint Venture is to provide for the long-term conservation of key avian habitats... to plan, fund, and develop habitat projects which benefit all biological components of Intermountain ecosystems. The Joint Venture...fosters the protection, restoration, and enhancement of ... the widely diverse uplands characteristic of the region...” Broad-based partnerships are favored; maximum per project is \$50,000.

If you are aware of other funding sources and can find information about them, please send to [jfatooh@ca.blm.gov](mailto:jfatooh@ca.blm.gov) to add to this list.