

**APPENDIX C**

**AVAILABLE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUSG HABITAT  
CONSERVATION**

Table 1. Specific funding opportunities identified for GUSG habitat conservation.

<b>Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW)</b>						
<b>Grant / Program</b>	<b>What land is eligible?</b>	<b>Length of Agreement</b>	<b>Easements</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	<b>Applicant obligations</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Colorado Species Conservation Partnership Program (CSCP)	Any land within the range of the Gunnison Sage-grouse, where an easement or management plan are needed to benefit sage-grouse.	Variable	one-time, up-front payment	Variable	Develop a conservation plan and comply with the terms of the easement, or develop a plan and assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices.	Ken Morgan (303)291-7404 <a href="http://wildlife.state.co.us/">http://wildlife.state.co.us/</a>
Habitat Partnership Program	All land is eligible where wildlife/human interactions occur.	Variable		Variable	Contact local District Wildlife Manager and develop proposal. Must be able to evaluate the success of project based on objectives.	Local District Wildlife Manager <a href="http://wildlife.state.co.us/">http://wildlife.state.co.us/</a>
Cooperative Habitat Improvement Program (CHIP)	All private land for which the habitat improvement has been approved by the area habitat biologist	10 years		85%	Applicant must provide 15% of cost of habitat improvement and must ensure practice is maintained through the term of the contract.	Mike Grode (970)255-6185 <a href="http://wildlife.state.co.us/">http://wildlife.state.co.us/</a>

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Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)							
Grant / Program	What land is eligible?	Length of Agreement	Rental Payments	Easements	Cost Share	Applicant obligations	Contact Information
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	Highly erodible cropland that has been planted for 4 of the 6 years preceding enactment of the 2002 law. Marginal pastureland is also eligible.	10-15 years	Payment based on length of agreement		50%	Develop and follow a plan for the conversion of cropland to a less intensive use. Also, assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices.	Dove Creek, Cortez, or Durango FSA or NRCS offices www.nrcs.usda.gov
Conservation Reserve Program Continuous Sign-up	Highly erodible cropland that has been planted for 4 of the 6 years preceding enactment of the 2002 law. Marginal pastureland is also eligible.	10-15 years	Payment based on length of agreement		50% to 90%	Develop and follow a plan to implement riparian buffers, wildlife habitat buffers, wetland buffers, filter strips, grass waterways, shelterbelts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt tolerant vegetation, or shallow water areas for wildlife. Also, assist with the cost, establishment, and maintenance of conservation practices.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> or Local FSA or NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	All private land in agricultural production is eligible ; includes cropland, grassland, pastureland and non-industrial private forestland.	1-10 years	Payment based on length of agreement		up to 75%	Develop and follow an EQIP plan that describes the conservation and environmental purposes to be achieved; assist with installation costs.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> www.nrcs.usda.gov
Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)	Private land that contains prime farmland or other unique resources and is subject to a pending easement from an eligible entity.	Perpetual		one-time, up-front payment		Continue to use the land for agricultural purposes. Develop a conservation plan and comply with the terms of the easement.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> www.nrcs.usda.gov
Grassland Reserve Program (GRP)	Private land that includes grassland, forbs, or shrubs (including rangeland and pastureland); and land that historically was dominated by grasses, forbs, and shrubs and has significant value for plants and animals.	10-30 year agreement, or perpetual	annual payment based on length of agreement	one-time, up-front payment on perpetual	up to 100%	Develop and follow a plan for the restoration and maintenance of grasslands. If necessary, assist with the cost of restoration. Can maintain agricultural use with development of a conservation plan.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> www.nrcs.usda.gov
Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)	Most private wetlands converted to agricultural use prior to 1985 are eligible. Wetland must be restorable and suitable for wildlife benefits.	10 years, 30 years, or perpetual		one-time, up-front payment	up to 100%	Develop and follow a plan for the restoration and maintenance of the wetland. If necessary, assist with the cost of restoration. Also, must give up agriculture production rights.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> www.nrcs.usda.gov
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	All private land is eligible, unless it is currently enrolled in CRP, WRP, or a similar program	5-15 years			up to 75%	Prepare and follow a wildlife habitat development plan; assist with installation costs.	Ed Neilson <sup>1</sup> Chanda Pettie <sup>2</sup> Steve Woodis <sup>3</sup> www.nrcs.usda.gov

<sup>1</sup> For all areas in CO where Gunnison Sage-grouse occur (970-243-5068, ext. 123) <sup>2</sup> For Poncha Pass area (719-589-6649) <sup>3</sup> For Cimarron/Cerro Summit/Sims Mesa area (970-249-8407)

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U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)							
Grant / Program	What land is eligible?	Length of Agreement	Rental Payments	Easements	Cost Share	Applicant obligations	Contact Information
Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)	All private and tribal land	Variable	Yes	Short and long term	up to 75%	Personnel from state agency will need to submit application, USF&WS will approve, and CDOW will administer grant in cooperation with the landowner.	Ken Morgan (303)291-7404 <a href="http://wildlife.state.co.us/">http://wildlife.state.co.us/</a>
Intermountain West Joint Venture Partnership	Projects considered acceptable for funding include long-term protection, restoration, or enhancement of any bird habitat. Joint Venture emphasis is centered upon on-the ground conservation.	Up to 30 years		Yes	50%		David Klute – Colorado Representative (303)291-7320 <a href="http://www.iwfv.org">www.iwfv.org</a>
North American Wetland Conservation Act	State, private, Tribal, Federal?	Variable	No	Long-term	50%	Work with local USF&WS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Migratory Bird Office	Local Fish and Wildlife Service office or <a href="http://www.iwfv.org/">http://www.iwfv.org/</a>
North American Wetland Conservation Act, Small Grants	State, private, Tribal, Federal	Variable	No	Long-term	50%	Work with local USF&WS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Migratory Bird Office (Up to \$50K/grant)	Local Fish and Wildlife Service office or <a href="http://www.iwfv.org/">http://www.iwfv.org/</a>
Partners for Fish and Wildlife	All private land, wetland and riparian habitat has been a primary focus along with some treatment of sagebrush.	Variable, most projects delivered in 1-3 months			75-100%	Work with FWS Biologist to develop project plan. Follow management actions for duration of wildlife extension agreement.	Rick Schnaderbeck (719)852-0124 <a href="http://www.coloradopartners.fws.gov">www.coloradopartners.fws.gov</a>
Private Stewardship Grants Program	Private land	Variable	Yes	No	Variable	The contract and plan must provide quantifiable measures to evaluate the success of the project. The grant is administered through USFWS Ecological Services.	Local Fish and Wildlife Service office <a href="http://grants.fws.gov/">http://grants.fws.gov/</a> (applications due 12/03 or 1/04)
Section 6 Conservation Grants	State, private, Tribal, Federal	Variable			up to 75%	Work with local USF&WS office, but grant is administered through USFWS Ecological Services	Local Fish and Wildlife Service office <a href="http://grants.fws.gov/">http://grants.fws.gov/</a>

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U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)							
Grant / Program	What land is eligible?	Length of Agreement	Rental Payments	Easements	Cost Share	Applicant obligations	Contact Information
State Wildlife Grants	State, private, Tribal, Federal	Variable	Yes	Short term and long term	75% planning, 50% implementation	States, but not Tribes, must develop comprehensive wildlife management plans	Jim.Guthrie@co.state.us or Local Fish and Wildlife Service office <a href="http://grants.fws.gov/">http://grants.fws.gov/</a>
Tribal Wildlife Grants	Tribal	Variable			100%	Up to \$250,000 / tribe	Local Fish and Wildlife Service office <a href="http://grants.fws.gov/">http://grants.fws.gov/</a>

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<b>Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)</b>							
<b>Grant / Program</b>	<b>What land is eligible?</b>	<b>Length of Agreement</b>	<b>Rental Payments</b>	<b>Easements</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	<b>Applicant obligations</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Habitat Program	All land that potentially provides habitat for wildlife.	Variable	Possible	Possible	Variable	Varies based on specific project.	www.wildlife.utah.gov
Endangered Species Mitigation Fund	All land that potentially provides habitat for those species of wildlife that are listed on the Utah Sensitive Species List or that are candidates or listed under the federal Endangered Species Act.	Variable	Possible	Possible	Variable	Varies based on specific project.	www.wildlife.utah.gov

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<b>Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's)</b>							
<b>Agency / Organization</b>	<b>Grant / Program</b>	<b>What land is eligible?</b>	<b>Length of Agreement</b>	<b>Easements</b>	<b>Cost Share</b>	<b>Applicant obligations</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
<b>Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)</b>	Legacy Initiative/ Open Space/ Wildlife Grants	All private and public land where state agencies, non-profit conservation organizations, local governments, or private land owners are interested in conservation and land protection.	Variable	Possible	Variable, usually requires a minimum 25% match	Personnel from local governments, non-profit land conservation organizations, CO Div. of Wildlife, and CO State Parks need to be submit proposal and manage contract.	www.goco.org (303)863-7522 info@goco.org
<b>Mule Deer Foundation</b>		All land that is critical to wildlife	Variable	Possible	Variable	Must go through FS, BLM or one of their corporate partners	www.muledeer.org 1-888-375-3337
<b>Quail Unlimited</b>		All land that potentially provides habitat for quail and (sometimes) sage grouse	Variable	Possible	Variable	Must go through FS, BLM or one of their corporate partners	www.qu.org
<b>Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation</b>		All land that is critical to wildlife	Variable	Possible	Variable	Must go through FS, BLM or one of their corporate partners	www.rmef.org
<b>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation</b>		Special grants for research on all land that potentially provides habitat for fish and wildlife.	Variable	Possible	Minimum 1:1	Non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations.	www.nfwf.org
<b>National Forest Foundation</b>		On or adjacent to National Forests or Grasslands	Variable		1:1 ratio with private	Non-federal partners, community-based organizations, tribes, educational institutions, and other non-profit organizations.	www.natlforgest.org

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