

Federal programs that “get dollars to the ground” to support state and local invasive species management

A quick email poll of state weed coordinators in the western U.S. in March 2009 resulted in the following list of Federal channels through which funding has flowed to state and local invasive species management programs in past years – *as reported by land managers*. Several bullet points were added by CIPM. It is likely that the list is incomplete and skewed toward western terrestrial-plant interests, but it is valuable to note the varied means of Federal assistance.

Many Federal programs and staff assist state and local efforts with in-kind contributions. This collaboration is critical. However, this list comprises only those Federal non-research programs reported that award actual dollars to other organizations through grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, or other mechanisms.

Department of Agriculture

- Forest Service
 - State & Private Forestry/Forest Health Protection: Cooperative Invasive Plant Program cooperative agreements (*most-often mentioned by respondents*)
 - Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (P.L. 110-343)
- APHIS
 - Cooperative agreements with state Departments of Agriculture
 - Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
 - Project funding through the state NRCS office
 - Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative
 - Farm Bill programs
 - Wetlands Reserve Program
 - Conservation Reserve Program
 - Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
 - Environmental Quality Incentives Program
 - Conservation Reserve Enhancements Program
 - Conservation Innovation Grants
 - Grasslands Reserve Program
 - Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative
 - Conservation Stewardship Program
- CSREES
 - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grants program
 - Grants from Regional Integrated Pest Management Centers (e.g., Western IPM Center at Davis, CA)

Department of Interior

- Bureau of Land Management
 - Cooperative agreements through state and field offices

- Fish & Wildlife Service
 - State Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plans (support for implementation)
 - Coastal Wetlands Conservation grants program
 - Partners for Fish and Wildlife assistance program
 - North American Wetlands Conservation Act grants program
 - Contracts with local offices
- Bureau of Reclamation
 - Cooperative agreements with regional offices
 - Water for America Challenge Grants
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Cooperative agreement with the regional office

Department of Defense

- Legacy Resource Management grants program

Army Corps of Engineers

- Aquatic Plant Control Program state cost-share (*unfunded in recent years, but authority still exists*)
- Grants through regional offices

Dept. of Homeland Security

- Weed-detection cooperative agreement

Dept. of Commerce - NOAA

- Sea Grant program for Aquatic Invasive Species

Environmental Protection Agency

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- Office of Pesticide Programs: Tribal Pesticide Project grants
- Grant programs offered by EPA regional offices

Dept. of Transportation

- Federal Highway Administration (Roadside Vegetation Management) project contracts

Other

- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grants programs funded by federal agencies (e.g., “Pulling Together Initiative”)

In Canada

- Invasive Alien Species Partnership Program through federal Ministry of Environment

