

FY 2025 Spend/Program Plan for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
(dollars in thousands)

| FY 2025 Amount | Treasury Account | Program | Subactivity | Function | Obligations as of 6/30/2025 | Explanation of FY 2025 Obligations as of 6/30/2025 | Available as of 6/30/2025 | Remaining Obligations for FY 2025 | Explanation of Remaining FY 2025 Obligations | FY 2026 Obligations (if any) | Explanation of FY 2026 Obligations |
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| 18,028 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Land Acquisition Management | Salary and other costs | 4,988 | Funding was used for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the FWS land acquisition program. Staff support all aspects of land acquisition from contact with interested sellers, negotiations, making offers, Land surveying, acquiring the property in fee or easement, mapping the acquisition and maintaining records and databases on FWS land status in support of the National Wildlife Refuge System and National Fish Hatchery System. These activities align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 13,040 | 3,740 | Funding will continue to be used for staff and the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the FWS land acquisition program. Staff support all aspects of land acquisition from contact with interested sellers, negotiations, making offers, Land surveying, acquiring the property in fee or easement, mapping the acquisition and maintaining records and databases on FWS land status in support of the National Wildlife Refuge System and National Fish Hatchery System. These activities align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 9,300 | Carryover funding allows for continuity of the program while under a continuing resolution since new funding is uncertain due to the nature of the LWCF. |
| 15,500 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Sportsmen and Recreational Access | Land costs | 0 | | 15,500 | 10,930 | Obligations assume that spend plan and Recreational Access recommendation are approved and funding is available prior to September 1. If not, funding would be obligated in FY26. These projects provide public access to hunting, fishing, and other recreation. The projects have signed purchase agreements with landowners and the State and local governments have stated that they do not object to the acquisition. The projects align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 4,570 | These projects provide public access to hunting, fishing, and other recreation. The projects have signed purchase agreements with landowners and the State and local governments have stated that they do not object to the acquisition. The projects align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. |
| 11,000 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Inholdings, Emergencies, and Hardships | Land costs | 0 | | 11,000 | 0 | | 11,000 | The Service uses funding in this activity to expedite purchases of tracts of land from willing sellers for three categories: inholdings, emergencies, and hardships. The Service defines any land within an approved acquisition boundary as an inholding. The Service frequently uses funding for inholdings to purchase lands that connect with private or State conserved lands, to create larger contiguous blocks of protected wildlife habitat, and expand public recreational opportunities. The Service also uses funding for inholdings to acquire small tracts of land when doing so will improve refuge management effectiveness or efficiency, eliminate a costly management problem, or provide or expand public access to existing refuge lands for hunting, fishing, and other compatible wildlife-dependent recreation. The projects align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. |
| 1,591 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Exchanges | Salary and other costs | 526 | Land exchange projects conserve critical habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife, decrease habitat fragmentation, and provide the public with access to natural areas to hunt, fish, and other recreation. These actions align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 1,065 | 1,065 | The Service uses funding in this activity to fund staff work on land exchanges. Land exchange projects conserve critical habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife, decrease habitat fragmentation, and provide the public with access to natural areas to hunt, fish, and other recreation. Land exchanges also provide the Service a mechanism to resolve private landowner concerns about private and public property boundaries. These actions align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 0 | |
| 493 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Land Protection Planning | Salary and other costs | 122 | Funding supports staff who address NEPA requirements for land acquisition projects and the development of land protection plans. These actions align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 371 | 371 | Funding supports staff who address NEPA requirements for land acquisition projects and the development of land protection plans. These actions align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 0 | |

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| 62,340 | 14-5020 | Federal Land Acquisition | Line-Item Projects | Land costs, including surveys, appraisals, and due diligence. | 0 | | 62,340 | 20,612 | Obligations assume that spend plan and FY25 list are approved and funding is available prior to September 1. If not, funding would be obligated in FY26. In selecting the projects, FWS prioritized acquisition of inholdings from willing sellers within acquisition boundaries that will enhance public hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities, and conserve wildlife corridors, while also enhancing management capability for conservation priorities. The projects align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. | 37,704 | In selecting the projects, FWS prioritized acquisition of inholdings from willing sellers within acquisition boundaries that will enhance public hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities, and conserve wildlife corridors, while also enhancing management capability for conservation priorities. The projects align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. |
| 9,700 | 14-5020 | Land and Water Conservation Fund - La | Highlands Grant Program | Grants | 0 | | 9,700 | 0 | Currently developing FY25 NOFO. Deadline for NOFO will be 11/28/25. Plan is to award grants in January 2026. | 9,700 | The grants will fund land acquisition projects by state agencies, counties, and municipalities within the Highlands Region, to increase outdoor recreation opportunities for the benefit of the public and the economy, to secure agricultural and forest resources, to protect drinking water supplies, and to conserve wildlife habitat. The grants will align with DOI's interim strategic priority #5 Recreational and traditional uses of lands and waters, and priority #6 Conservation of lands, waters, species and heritage. |
| 300 | 14-5020 | Land and Water Conservation Fund - La | Highlands Grant Program | Grant Administration | 0 | | 300 | 0 | Have sufficient carryover funds to cover program costs through the end of FY25. | 300 | Administration funding is needed for creation of NOFO, monitoring current open awards, processing recently closed grants, reporting, and other grant administration tasks. |
| 118,952 | 14-5020 | Total | | | 5,636 | | 113,316 | 36,718 | | 72,574 | |