

IS NAWCA RIGHT FOR MY PROJECT?

A DECISION-MAKING TOOL



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Contact the [Intermountain West Joint Venture \(IWJV\)](#) to learn more and determine if NAWCA is right for you!

WHAT IS NAWCA?

NAWCA, or the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, was passed in 1989 to protect, restore, and enhance wetland habitats for birds. In the past two decades, NAWCA has funded over 3,000 projects totaling \$1.8 billion in grants. More than 6,300 partners have contributed another \$3.67 billion in matching funds to affect 30 million acres of habitat.

ABOUT THE GRANTS PROGRAM

The NAWCA program provides matching grants to wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. There is a Standard and a Small Grants Program (see below). **Both are competitive grants programs and require that grant requests be matched by partner contributions at no less than a 1-to-1 ratio.**

DOES MY PROJECT QUALIFY?

DOES IT INVOLVE LONG-TERM PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND/OR ENHANCEMENT OF WETLANDS AND ASSOCIATED UPLANDS HABITATS?

If YES, your project may qualify for a NAWCA grant.

If NO, you may not be eligible and may need to seek other funding.

SHOULD I APPLY FOR A STANDARD OR SMALL GRANT?

- **Standard Grants**
 - Provides project funds up to \$3,000,000
 - Deadlines in February and July
- **Small Grants**
 - Provides project funds up to \$250,000
 - Deadline in October

BOTH STANDARD AND SMALL GRANTS REQUIRE A MINIMUM 1:1 MATCH.

HOW DO I APPLY?

[How to apply for a Standard Grant](#)

[How to apply for a Small Grant](#)

If you're thinking about applying for a NAWCA grant to protect, restore, or conserve wetland habitat in the Intermountain West, reach out to the IWJV to coordinate your NAWCA grant proposal. NAWCA aligns with IWJV's [Water 4](#) program, which works in several key geographies across the Intermountain West to preserve wetlands and working wet meadow habitat.