

Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; NIAID Investigator Initiated Program Project Applications (P01).

Date: March 11–12, 2020.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Konrad Krzewski, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, MSC-9823, Rockville, MD 20852, 240-747-7526, konrad.krzewski@nih.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Notice Concerning Termination of Eligibility for E–1 and E–2 Nonimmigrant Classification Based on Treaty of Amity With Iran

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice concerning termination of eligibility.

SUMMARY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is announcing that nationals of Iran and their dependents are no longer eligible to change to or extend their stay in E–1 or E–2 nonimmigrant status on the basis of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights between the United States and Iran (the Treaty of Amity) due to the treaty's termination.

DATES: This announcement is made on January 23, 2020, and describes policy that governs adjudications on or after that date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Nimick, Chief, Business and Foreign Workers Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20529–2120; telephone: (202) 272–8377 (not a toll-free call). Individuals with a hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone numbers above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–877–889–5627 (TTY/TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, establishes the E nonimmigrant visa classification. Under section 101(a)(15)(E) of the INA, an otherwise admissible alien is eligible for E visa classification if “entitled to enter the United States under and in pursuance of the provisions of a treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and the foreign state of which he is a national[.]” The existence of a qualifying treaty or authorizing legislation is therefore a threshold requirement for the issuance of an E visa or for obtaining such status. On October 3, 2018, the U.S.

Department of State notified Iran of the

termination of the Treaty of Amity. Subsequently, on October 23, 2019, the U.S. Department of State provided DHS with formal notice of the termination of the treaty. There are no other qualifying treaties with Iran currently in force or other Iran-specific bases for granting or extending E–1 or E–2 status to Iranian nationals. Accordingly, a national of Iran is no longer eligible for an extension of stay in E–1 or E–2 status or a change of status to E–1 or E–2 on the basis of the Treaty of Amity. Aliens who are currently in valid E–1 or E–2 status on the basis of the Treaty of Amity, including their family members who are also in valid E status, will be required to depart from the United States upon expiration of their authorized period of stay in the United States, unless otherwise authorized to remain in the United States (e.g., pursuant to a change of status to another nonimmigrant status or adjustment of status to lawful permanent residence).

USCIS will issue Notices of Intent to Deny (NOIDs) to the affected applicants who have pending applications for extensions of stay in, or changes of status to, E–1 or E–2 status on the basis of the Treaty of Amity. Through the issuance of NOIDs, affected applicants will be notified of the effect of the treaty termination and given an opportunity to respond. If the grounds for issuance of the NOID are not overcome, USCIS will proceed to deny the application.

The changes described in this notice do not prevent Iranian nationals and their dependents from seeking admission in, or applying for a grant of, another nonimmigrant visa classification for which they believe they can establish eligibility under U.S. immigration law.

Mark Koumans,

Deputy Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Multistate Conservation Grant Program; Fiscal Year 2018 Priority List and Approval To Award Funds for Conservation Projects

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt and award of the priority list and publication of grant awards.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the Fiscal Year 2018 priority list of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association). As required by the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000, the Association submits a list of projects to us each year to consider for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. Once projects are awarded, this list must be published into the **Federal Register**. We have reviewed the list and recommended all projects on the list for award to the Service Director. The Service Director approved the entire list of projects for award, and we have awarded all projects from the list.

ADDRESSES: John C. Stremple, Multistate Conservation Grants Program Coordinator; Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike; MS: WSFR; Falls Church, VA 22041-3808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John C. Stremple, via phone at 703-358-2156, via email at John_Stremple@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 priority list of wildlife and sport fish conservation projects from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Association). As required by the Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000 (Improvement Act, Pub. L. 106-408) amended the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*), the Association submits a list of projects to us each year to consider for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. We have reviewed the list and recommended all projects on the list for award to the Service Director. The Service Director approved the entire list of projects for award, and we have awarded funds for all projects from the list.

Background

The Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000 (Improvement Act, Pub. L. 106-408) amended the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 *et seq.*) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 *et seq.*) and established the Multistate Conservation Grant Program. The Improvement Act authorizes us to award grants of up to \$3 million annually from funds available under each of the restoration acts, for a total of up to \$6 million annually. Projects can be funded from both funds, depending on the project activities. We may award grants to projects from a list of priority projects recommended to us by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. The Service Director, exercising the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, need not fund all projects on the list, but all projects funded must be on the list. The Improvement Act provides that funding for Multistate grants is available in the year it is appropriated and for the following year.

Funding Amounts

Total funding available for FY 2018 was \$6,039,090; the total requested was approximately \$6,024,583.08. The available funding was due to funding carried over from FY 2017, as well as the availability of funding that had previously been sequestered. After subtracting committed funds (\$3,261,027) among the three components of the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (parts A & B), there was \$2,778,063 available for new awards. The 2018 new award Priority List requested \$2,763,556.08.

Funding Eligibility

Grantees under this program may use funds for sport fisheries and wildlife management and research projects, boating access development, hunter safety and education, aquatic education, fish and wildlife habitat improvements, and other purposes consistent with the enabling legislation.

To be eligible for funding, a project must benefit fish and/or wildlife conservation for at least 26 States, for a majority of the States in any one Service Region, or for one of the regional associations of State fish and wildlife agencies. We may award grants to a State, a group of States, or one or more nongovernmental organizations. For the purpose of carrying out the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, we may award grants to the Service, if requested by the Association, or to a State or a group of States. Also, the Association requires all project proposals to address the Association's National Conservation Needs, which are announced annually at the same time requests for proposals are sent out. Further, applicants must provide certification that no activities conducted under a Multistate Conservation Grant will promote or encourage opposition to regulated hunting or trapping of wildlife, or to regulated angling or taking of fish.

The Association's committees and interested nongovernmental organizations that represent conservation organizations, sportsmen's and -women's organizations, and industries that support or promote fishing, hunting, trapping, recreational shooting, bowhunting, or archery review and rank eligible project proposals. The Association's National Grants Committee recommends a final list of priority projects to the directors of the State fish and wildlife agencies for their approval by majority vote. By statute, the Association then transmits the final approved list to the Service for funding under the Multistate Conservation Grant program by October 1 of the fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2018 Priority List of Awarded Wildlife and Sport Fish Conservation Projects

For FY 2018, the Association sent us a list of 18 new projects, plus the 3 previously approved components of the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation that they recommended for funding. The list is in the following table:

ID	Title	Recipient	PR funding	DJ funding	Total 2018 grant
1	Coordination of Farm Bill Program Implementation	AFWA	\$83,880	\$55,920	\$139,800
2	State Fish and Wildlife Agency Technical Workgroup and Evaluation Team for the 2016 National Survey.	AFWA	59,200	59,200	118,400
3	State Fish and Wildlife Agency Director Travel—Enabling Coordination and Planning of National-Level Conservation Initiatives.	AFWA	47,500	47,500	95,000

ID	Title	Recipient	PR funding	DJ funding	Total 2018 grant
4	Coordinating and Planning National-Scale Conservation Initiatives through Communications.	AFWA	40,000	40,000	80,000
5	Track Participation Trends & R3 Effectiveness via License Sales Dashboards.	ASA	69,000	69,000	138,000
6	Coordination of the Industry, Federal, and State Agency Coalition.	AFWA	77,130	77,130	154,260
7	Developing Data-Based Strategies to Increase Bowhunting.	ATA	130,968.11	43,656.03	174,624.14
8	Determining Actionable Strategies for Angler R3 ..	RBFF	0	174,562.30	174,562.30
9	Improving Recruitment of New Hunters and Recreational Shooters.	NSSF	149,100	0	149,100
10	Improving Local Angler Recruitment Events	ASA	0	134,900	134,900
11	Developing Strategies to Train Professionals How to Communicate About Hunting.	RMEF	149,831.21	0	149,831.21
12	Evaluating the Promise and Potential Impacts of R3 Efforts Targeting College Students.	NC State University ...	89,309.18	33,762.25	123,071.43
13	Coordination of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Authority to Manage Resources in Concert with Federal Actions Required by CITES.	AFWA	32,100	32,100	64,200
14	Increasing Awareness and Knowledge of State Fish and Wildlife Management (Based on AFWA Strategic Plan Goal 2).	AFWA	50,000	50,000	100,000
15	Management Assistance Team (MAT) and National Conservation Leadership Institute (NCLI).	AFWA	255,667.50	304,679.50	560,347
16	Multistate Conservation Grant Program Management.	AFWA	52,500	52,500	105,000
17	Conservation Collaboration across the United States through the National Fish Habitat Partnership.	AFWA	0	209,960	209,960
18	Chronic Wasting Disease Management in the West.	WY Game & Fish	92,500	0	92,500
			1,378,686	1,384,870.08	2,763,556.08
NS	2016 Survey Coordination (Part A)	FWS	136,102	136,102	272,204
NS	2016 National Report (Part A)	U.S. Census	185,106	185,106	370,212
NS	2016 Fifty-State Survey Reports (Part B)	Rockville Institute	1,309,305.50	1,309,305.50	2,618,611
			3,009,199.50	3,015,383.58	6,024,583.08

PR Funding: Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration funds.
 DJ Funding: Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration funds.
 AFWA: Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
 ASA: American Sportfishing Association.
 ATA: Archery Trade Association.
 NC State University: North Carolina State University.
 NFHB: National Fish Habitat Board.
 NS: 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.
 NSSF: National Shooting Sports Foundation.
 RMEF: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Inc.
 RBFF: Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation.
 WY Game and Fish: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

Dated: November 3, 2019.

Margaret E. Everson,
Principal Deputy Director, Exercising the Authority of the Director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for the Sand Skink, Lake County, FL; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment and information.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Holland

Development, Inc. (applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally listed sand skink incidental to construction in Lake County, Florida. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) and the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded, under the National Environmental Policy Act. To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.