



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

May 2025 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: FY26 Shooting Range Grant Funding
Recommendations **(Action)**

Presented by: Sarah VanAcker

Position/Title: Statewide Shooting Range Manager

Agenda Item No.: 5C

Bureau Chief Approval: AP

Background:

The Range Grant Citizen Advisory Committee received applications from 25 shooting ranges throughout Idaho for consideration in the FY2026 grant cycle.

The Pittman-Robertson (PR) funding available for FY26 is \$285,000. Fines and forfeiture funding is estimated at \$90,000. The total available funds will be \$375,000.

This year, we received approximately \$1.4 million in grant requests making for a very competitive grant cycle. After careful review, the committee recommended funding 21 projects for 17 ranges, for a total of \$352,316. The projects come from across Idaho, with all seven regions receiving at least one recommendation. The remaining amount of funding will be used for potential project overages.

Director Fredericks reviewed the committee's recommendations and chose to advance all of them as presented for consideration by the Commission. Table 1 is the Director's full list of recommendations to the Commission for the FY26 Range Grant cycle.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

House Bill 396 created authority and policy for the Commission to implement in concert with the Director. Specifically, the Commission is charged with approving Range Grant funding to applicants each year.

Public Involvement Process:

The Committee held four public meetings on Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb 13, and Feb. 24. All meetings were publicly noticed and open to the public to attend either in-person or via Zoom but were lightly attended.

Justification:

Implementation of House Bill 396 is necessary to comply with law.

Staff Recommendation:

Proceed with approving funding for FY26 range grant recommendations

Suggested Motion:

I move the Commission to approve the Director's Range Grant Funding Recommendations in Table 1 and the Director retains discretion for assigning the grant funding source.