

Pennsylvania Shooting Range Improvement Program

Recognizing the important role of recreational shooters, the PGC designed the Shooting Range Improvement Program (SRIP) grant to provide financial support to Pennsylvania's aging shooting range infrastructure while creating access opportunities for new members.

Overview

Welcome to the Pennsylvania Game Commission Shooting Range Improvement Program. Our goal is to provide funding to organizations that meet the necessary criteria and wish to develop new or unique projects that will have a positive impact on Pennsylvania hunters and shooters.

- **APPLICATIONS OPEN:** February 23, 2026
 - **SUBMISSIONS DUE:** May 8, 2026
 - **PROJECTS SELECTED BY:** July 1, 2026
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Who is Eligible to Apply?

Applicants who are eligible to apply for SRIP grants are existing shooting ranges, shooting clubs, recreational shooting organizations, archery clubs, and education groups. Applicants must demonstrate public use of current facilities. Examples of public use of facilities include public range times, educational outreach/trainings, or organized shooting competitions. Retail ranges are not eligible to apply for this program.

Selection Process 2026

A total of \$500,000 will be awarded during the 2026 grant cycle. A max of \$50,000 dollars will be awarded per application.

Awards shall be made to applicants based on review by a three-member committee selected by the PGC. The scores will be totaled and then averaged for the final score.

Awards will be made to applicants who provide a complete application and who, in the sole and final judgment of the PGC, provide proposals that best reflect the goals and interests of the program.

Each Pennsylvania Game Commission region will receive at least one project. The highest scoring project in each region will be selected. After those projects are selected, the remaining highest scoring projects will be funded until remaining grant funds are committed.

Award recipients shall be required to sign contracts with the PGC following notification of acceptance. Award recipients shall be required to execute and submit all other necessary documentation (e.g. reports) as directed during the term of the life of the contract agreement following all state guidelines.

Eligible Projects

Projects for rifle, handgun, shotgun, skeet, and trap ranges should be designed to standards found in National Rifle Association (NRA) Range Source Book, a Guide to Planning and Construction, or the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) website.

For archery ranges, design information is available on websites for the Archery Trade Association, the National Field Archery Association, and other organizations.

Design may also mirror PGC state game land ranges.

Examples of eligible shooting range projects:

- Training, storage, and clubhouse facilities
- New construction, renovation, relocation
- Construction of backstops and safety berms
- Sky and noise baffles construction
- Shooting stations and covers
- Access roads and parking lots
- Permanent target systems
- Signage
- Lead remediation

Examples of projects not eligible for funding:

- Land acquisition
- Engineering and design documents and plans
- Employees' time to complete application or indirect costs

To apply for the 2026 Shooting Range Improvement Grant, please read the guide carefully and complete the application below.

- [Shooting Range Improvement Program Guide](#)

- [Shooting Range Improvement Program Application \(Paper \)](#)

- [Shooting Range Improvement Program Application \(Online \)](#)

**In the event of grant acceptance, applicants will work with PGC officials to allow for random monitoring of contract obligations to maintain compliance with any contractually agreed upon activities.

Apply Now

If applying by paper form, please attach the completed application document along with any supplementary materials and submit them to Luke Johnson via email or mail by the application deadline.

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Questions?

For inquiries regarding the application please contact us.

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