

# Shooting Sports Program



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# New Mexico Shooting Sports Program

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## Vision

- To provide professionally managed shooting facilities which provide a series of quality programs and events designed to recruit, develop and retain hunters and recreational shooters at various levels.
- To be recognized and respected as the leader in shooting ranges and shooting sports opportunities in New Mexico.



# New Mexico Shooting Sports Program

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- Range Development Program
- Shooting Sports Club Program
- Shooting Range Technical Expertise and Support



# Range Development Program

## Develop New Shooting Ranges

- Acquire Properties for Range Development
  - The Department has begun working with the Federal Land Management Agencies to Identify properties for shooting ranges.
  - Identified several locations statewide to acquire Land Patents through R&PP from the BLM.
    - Roswell
    - Santa Fe



# Range Development Program

## Support Development of Existing Ranges

### ■ Range Grants Programs

- Purpose to assist external non-profit shooting facilities.
  - 46 Shooting Ranges Statewide
    - Military, For-Profit & Not for Profit
  - 33 Ranges could be eligible for assistance



# Range Development Program

## Range Grants Programs

- Matching Grants Program
  - Funding from Federal Aid Pittman Robertson Wildlife Restoration Grant
  - Use In-Kind, Materials or Dollars
  - Grants provide
    - Construction (Berms, Shades, Pads, etc.)
    - Safety Upgrades
    - Facilities (Bathrooms, Classrooms, etc.)



# Range Development Program Summery

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- Development of New Ranges
  - Commission Owned
    - 2 initial locations
  - Department oversight
- Provide Grants
  - Assist Non-Profit Shooting Ranges
    - Safety and Facility Upgrades
    - Provide Public Access



# Range Development Program Summery

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- Technical Expertise and Support
  - Providing services
    - Facility Design
    - Cultural and Environmental Surveys
    - Partnerships-Develop Clubs
- Department Benefits
  - Public Access
  - Safe Locations to Shoot





# New Mexico Shooting Sports Club Program

## Establishing a NMGFD Club Program Statewide

### ■ Goals

- Teach Firearms Safety and Training
- Teach Shooting Techniques
- Provide for Practice and Competitions
- Develop the 6 Disciplines of Character through Shooting Sports and Hunting Skills.
  - Trustworthiness
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Fairness
  - Caring
  - Citizenship



# New Mexico Shooting Sports Club Program

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## Club Structure

- Use a Youth Development Model
  - Same as Hunter Education, NASP, 4-H etc.
- Lead Instructor or Coach
  - Must be 21 years or older
  - Meet all NMDGF Volunteer Requirements
    - Background Check, etc.
  - Have a Certified National or State Accreditation training to teach youth and shooting sports.
    - 4-H Shooting Sports Certification
    - NRA Certification
    - National Sporting Clays or Skeet Certification



# New Mexico Shooting Sports Club Program

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## Club Structure

- Participate in one or more of Shooting Sports Disciplines
  - Hunting Skills
  - Rifle
  - Archery
  - Shotgun
  - Muzzleloading
  - Pistol



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## Club Structure can be established as a:

- Youth Hunter Education Challenge Club
- Scholastic Clay Target Program
- Scholastic Pistol Program
- AIM (Amateur Trap Association)
- 4-H Shooting Sports
- National Rifle Association
- Scouts
- High School Rodeo
- FFA
- New Mexico High School Shotgun Program
- Junior ROTC
- Youth Shooting Sports Club



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## Club Funding

- Based on available funds and club enrollment
  - Provide grants
    - Consumables
    - Supplies
    - Safety Equipment
  - Support will be allocated annually



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## Club Funding

### Establish a Club Kit Loaner Program

- To be checked out to a club or team to conduct a program
- Kits available should include
  - 2 rimfire rifles, 2 muzzleloaders, 2 shotguns, 3 bows, Field guides and handbooks, compasses, optics (2 binoculars, 1 spotting scope, 1 range finder), posters and safety information.



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## How do we Pay for this?

### Shooting Range Development

State	Federal Match	Total Available
\$250,000	+ \$750,000	\$1,000,000

### Development of New Shooting Ranges

Development, Design and Improvement	\$900,000
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### Support Existing Shooting Ranges Statewide

Matching Range Grants Program	\$100,000
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## How do we pay for this?

### Club Funding

Consumables, Supplies, Safety Equipment      \$75,000

### Loaner Kits

Teaching Tools and Materials      \$50,000

### Event Support

Funding for State or Regional Competitions,  
Sportsmen's Groups for shooting  
activities, etc.      \$20,000

**Total available      \$145,000**





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**QUESTIONS?**