

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Applied Science

– *FY16 Budget Request* –

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s budget request for fiscal year 2016 includes important increases for Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and our applied science capability more broadly. Through LCCs, we work with partners to develop landscape-scale conservation strategies to conserve fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats. By developing shared priorities with our partners, we enhance our collective capacity to achieve success on the ground. Now with a number of years under their belt, the achievements within each of the 22 LCCs are building at an increasing rate. The FY16 request was developed to address the greater demand for LCC partnerships and the need for applied science investments.

The President's budget includes the following increases in the 1410, 1420, and 1430 accounts.

- LCC Staff Capacity (1410) - Request of \$17.87 million, an increase of \$3.88 million over the FY15 budget
- LCC Adaptive Science (1420) - Request of \$15.16 million, an increase of \$4.64 million above the FY15 budget
- Applied Science Capacity for Conservation Priorities (1430) - Request of \$16.52 million, an increase of \$10.05 million above the FY15 budget

This science capacity is found in two different parts of the FY16 request. The first is called “Cooperative Landscape Conservation” and the second is “Science Support.” The summary tables for these two parts are below, and the entire budget justifications are attached.

Activity: Cooperative Landscape Conservation – FY16 Budget Request

	2014 Actual	2015 Enacted	FY16 Budget Request	Increase from 2015
Cooperative Landscape Conservation (\$000)	14,416	13,988	17,869	+3,881

Activity: Science Support – FY16 Budget Request

	2014 Actual	2015 Enacted	FY16 Budget Request	Increase from 2015
Adaptive Science (\$000)	10,767	10,517	15,159	+4,642
Service Science (\$000)	6,468	6,468	16,516	+10,048
Total Science Support (\$000)	17,235	16,985	31,675	+14,690