

# 2021 WSFR National Virtual Federal Aid Coordinators Meeting Questions and Answers (Q&A)

**Topic/Speaker:** WSFR Partner with a Payer Program: Partner with a Payer Tom Decker and Gabe Gries, WSFR Legacy Region 5

**1. Michaela Wolfe: If anyone can help in structuring an R3 grant would be awesome**

Please feel free to contact your WSFR Regional Office grants manager for assistance. You may also reach out to Tom Decker (Thomas\_Decker@fws.gov).

**2. Sharon Clark: Is there a way a state coordinator can access a list of the "payers" in their state?**

The Wildlife Management Institute (WMI) received a Multistate Conservation Grant for an updated listing of trade industry members in each state. Some of the listings will be "payers", however some companies are paying but are not members of the Trade Association. This database listing is the most comprehensive across all industries. WMI indicated that this database should be available as a resource to state agencies at the end of May 2021.

**3. Gordon Batcheller: To what degree are the firearms/archery/tackle industries using their contributions to conservation to market their brands? And, how does a new company first learn about their part in delivering conservation?**

This is accomplished in several ways. The IRS offers and conducts training of new companies via trade association events. Additionally, WSFR staff circulate through major trade associations booths, targeting new companies to explain the program and the benefits.