

CASE STUDY:

BUILDING / ENHANCING SHOOTING RANGES WITH PR EXCISE TAX FUNDS



Arkansas: Fiocchi Shooting Sports Complex



State Agency: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Project/Range Name: Fiocchi Shooting Sports Complex: Mayflower Range

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Shooting Range Website:

<https://www.agfc.com/things-to-do/shooting-archery-ranges/mayflower-range/>

Project Type: Expansion of existing range. Added 5 more 200 yard rifle lanes, 1 additional downrange access sidewalk, Covered rifle bays, additional “no blue sky” baffling, expansion of the range house and parking lot, Addition of 30 lane “Instructor Led Range”, LED safety signs over each shooting point.

Total Project Cost: \$900,000+

Breakdown of Total Project Cost:

PR Funds Approximately \$900,000

Agency Funds Approximately 10% of construction costs.

Annual Cost to Operate the Range: \$202,000 in FY-25

Project Timeline: Original construction completed in 1971. Numerous expansions with the last major expansion completed in September 2017.

Range Usage: The Fiocchi Shooting Sports Complex is used by hunters, target shooters, archers, law enforcement, security personnel, first responders, sportsmen, CHCL instructors, new shooters, church groups, and participants in the Youth Shooting Sports program.

Number of Shooting Lanes/Fields: The facility includes a 50-yard pistol/shotgun range with 32 lanes, a 200-yard rifle range with 18 lanes, reservable “Instructor Led” training range, a trap field and a skeet field, a known distance archery range and a 3D archery range.

Intended Users: The Fiocchi Shooting Sports Complex is intended to support hunters, target shooters, archers, law enforcement & security personnel, and to facilitate CHCL, hunter's education, and shooting fundamentals classes for all new shooters.

How is the Range Staffed: The Fiocchi Shooting Sports Complex is staffed by (3) full-time and a maximum of (5) part-time Arkansas Game and Fish employees

Actual Time to Completion: The last expansion was a 9-month project.

Biggest Obstacles: Weather, clearing federal environmental assessments and preliminary land use inspections.

How Were Those Obstacles Overcome? Quickly provide the requested information, preliminary federal land use assessment paperwork, and patience.

What portion of the project took more time than expected? Construction of the concrete structure and overhead safety structure. Weather conditions and the time of year the project was completed affected the timeliness.

What Range Development Resources Were Most Helpful? Dedicated Agency Project Manager and corresponding Construction Firm Manager.

What Additional Resources Would Have Made the Task Easier/Cheaper/Quicker? Clear/better communication between the different entities involved in the project (AGFC Leadership, Operations Division, Range Personnel and Contractors)

For additional information on Arkansas shooting ranges, visit:
<https://www.agfc.com/things-to-do/shooting-archery-ranges/>

