

WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS – 2018 GRANT CYCLE

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR)

Letter of Intent for All Project Proposals Due: March 30, 2018

PSAR Large Capital Project Pre-Proposals in PRISM: April 5, 2018 for Local Review

SRFB and Regular PSAR Project Draft Applications in PRISM: May 11, 2018

SRFB and Regular PSAR Projects

WRIA 1 SRFB and PSAR grant proposals are submitted through the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board as the lead entity for salmon recovery in Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 1. Whereas the WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Program and associated plans and studies are broader than Chinook, the current focus for salmon recovery is on recovery of the North Fork/Middle Fork and South Fork Nooksack early chinook populations. Therefore, grant proposals for the 2018 SRFB and regular PSAR grant round must have a primary benefit to Nooksack early Chinook. The technical basis for proposed projects is found in the following [WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery documents](http://salmonwria1.org/resources/documents) (<http://salmonwria1.org/resources/documents>): the *2005 WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan*, associated habitat assessments and studies.

The amount of funding available for the 2018 SRFB/PSAR grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds typically available through SRFB are approximately \$517,519; it is not expected that 2018 funding will exceed that amount. Funds typically available through PSAR for regular capital projects are approximately \$2.3 million. PSAR allocations for the 2019-2021 biennium would be budgeted through the 2019 Washington State legislative budget process.

Considerations for Potential Project Sponsors:

- 1) Projects that demonstrate a high magnitude of benefit for Nooksack early Chinook have the highest likelihood of funding success. The best available science on importance of geographic areas and restoration strategies to Nooksack early chinook is shown in the 2018 SRFB/PSAR Grant Restoration and Protection Strategy Matrices, which is one of the documents used by the WRIA 1 Combined Review Team to evaluate magnitude of benefit to Chinook. Project sponsors may present a science-based justification for how projects that do not fit within the matrices benefit Nooksack early Chinook (e.g., change in priority tier, different strategy, different location, etc.).
- 2) Projects should be consistent with the *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan*, associated habitat assessments and studies.
- 4) Projects must meet requirements in the current SRFB Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants. (www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf). It is the project sponsors' responsibility to read and understand the requirements.
- 5) All projects submitted through the 2018 grant cycle must have clearly identified objectives that address Nooksack early Chinook limiting factors and clearly explain how the project will achieve the stated objectives. Local and state technical review will focus on this element of the project proposals.

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Large Capital PSAR Projects

The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council and the Puget Sound Partnership are developing a ranked list of large, high priority capital projects to propose for funding as a regional package of habitat acquisition and restoration projects for the 2019-2021 biennium state budget. The PSAR Large Capital Project process, requirements, due dates, and criteria are different than the regular SRFB and PSAR capital project process. **The Request for Proposals for the Large Capital Projects, which includes all the relevant information on eligible projects, criteria, and process, is found [here](https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/4ew258zzi1esgmobuae5sqhovaya5t50)** (<https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/4ew258zzi1esgmobuae5sqhovaya5t50>).

If you are applying for Large Capital PSAR Project funds, it is your responsibility to review and understand the requirements, process, and timelines in the Puget Sound Partnership Request for Proposal as well as the relevant dates in the local grant cycle timeline, including March 30 Letters of Intent, April 5 draft pre-proposal for local review of alignment to *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan* strategies, and May 31/June 1 Site Visits. Whereas the *Puget Sound Partnership Request for Proposal for Large Capital PSAR Projects* states three projects may be submitted per watershed, the WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board (lead entity) may decide to provide letters of support for fewer than three proposals given there will be limited funding for large capital projects and the Puget Sound Partnership criteria prioritize projects that have the greatest regional benefit for Chinook recovery.

All Projects Submitted

Important steps and dates in the WRIA 1 grant application process are listed in the Grant Timeline (attached). Please review this timeline because it identifies required work sessions, site visits, and deadlines for draft and final applications.

Letters of Intent to submit a proposal are due in electronic format by 5:00 pm March 30. Submit to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board c/o Becky Peterson, genevaconsulting@comcast.net.