

WRIA 1 SALMON RECOVERY BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS

Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2015 Grant Cycle

Letter of Intent Due Date: March 31, 2015

Draft Application Due Date: May 14, 2015

Background

The Washington State Legislature established the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) in 1999. The SRFB provides grants to protect or restore salmon habitat and assist related activities (<http://rco.wa.gov/boards/srfb.shtml>).

WRIA 1 SRFB grant proposals are submitted through the WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Board as the lead entity for salmon recovery in Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIA) 1. Grant proposals 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://salmon.wria1.org/resources/documents) (<http://salmon.wria1.org/resources/documents>): the *2005 WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan*, the Nooksack River Forks habitat assessments, and the 2014 Project Development Matrices.

The amount of funding available for the 2015 SRFB grant cycle is not known at this time. This call for projects is for 2015 SRFB funds and 2015-2017 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funding if allocated by the 2015 Washington State Legislature.

Considerations for Potential Project Sponsors:

- 1) Projects that demonstrate a high magnitude of benefit for Chinook have the highest likelihood of funding success.
- 2) Projects should be consistent with the *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan* and the Nooksack River Forks habitat assessments.
- 3) Projects must meet requirements in SRFB Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants, January 2015. (www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf). It is the project sponsors' responsibility to read and understand the requirements.
- 4) Potential project sponsors should proceed understanding that funding levels are uncertain, and a 2015 grant cycle is likely to be highly competitive.
- 5) Project sponsors that submitted projects in 2014 that were not funded may resubmit their project proposal in 2015. Proposals submitted in 2014 that are listed as an alternate on the 2014 Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant project list **and** that are elements of the 2014 proposed PSAR Large Capital Projects will have priority consideration for funding with 2015-2017 PSAR capital funds, if allocated.
- 6) All projects considered for 2015 must have clearly identified habitat objectives 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.
- 6) There is an opportunity for early project approval by the SRFB if the project meets certain criteria as described in Manual 18, Appendix B. If a project meets the criteria and the sponsor is interested in pursuing early approval, the sponsor must contact the Lead Entity so the Lead Entity can notify RCO by April 1, 2015 as noted in the WRIA 1 Schedule for 2015 SRFB Grant Cycle.

Important steps and dates in our 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 on March 31, 2015. Submit to WRIA 1 Salmon Recovery Board c/o Becky Peterson, genevaconsulting@comcast.net.