

# WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## REQUEST FOR PROJECTS

### Salmon Recovery Funding Board 2017 Grant Cycle

**Letter of Intent Due Date: March 31, 2017**

**Draft Application Due Date: May 18, 2017**

#### 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 Watershed Management 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 2016 Project Development Matrices.

The amount of funding available for the 2017 SRFB grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds available for the 2016 SRFB grant cycle was \$517,519; it is not expected that 2017 funding will exceed that amount.

Considerations for Potential Project Sponsors:

- 1) Projects that demonstrate a high magnitude of benefit for Chinook have the highest likelihood of funding success. The geographic areas with the highest level of importance for Chinook recovery are the North Fork, Middle Fork, and South Fork Nooksack River.
- 2) Habitat assessments and restoration planning for the Mainstem Nooksack River, as well as life cycle modeling to support refinement of chinook limiting factors, may also be considered.
- 3) Projects should be consistent with the *WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan* and the Nooksack River Forks habitat assessments.
- 4) Projects must meet requirements in the current SRFB Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants. ([www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual\\_18.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/manuals&forms/Manual_18.pdf)). It is the project sponsors' responsibility to read and understand the requirements.
- 5) Potential project sponsors should proceed understanding that funding levels are uncertain, and a 2017 grant cycle is likely to be highly competitive for limited funding through SRFB. Projects submitted in 2016 and that were identified as alternate projects on the WRIA 1 2016 Ranked Project List must go through the 2017 application process. The sponsor of a 2016 alternate project that is being considered for funding in 2017 will be issued a new PRISM number and the lead entity will work with the project sponsor to identify the application materials that will need to be revised if the objectives, scope, and/or budget have changed.
- 6) All projects submitted through the 2017 grant cycle 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.

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 March 31. Submit to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board c/o Becky Peterson, [genevaconsulting@comcast.net](mailto:genevaconsulting@comcast.net).**