

# WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## REQUEST FOR PROJECTS – 2020 GRANT CYCLE

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

**Letter of Intent for All Proposals Due: January 21, 2020**

**PSAR Large Capital Project Draft Applications in PRISM: March 2, 2020**

**SRFB and Regular PSAR Project Draft Applications in PRISM: April 2, 2020**

This document provides information for the WRIA 1 Lead Entity process for regular SRFB and PSAR grant proposals, and it provides information for the WRIA 1 Lead Entity process for PSAR Large Capital Project proposals. The two processes have separate timelines and requirements. Applicants are responsible for understanding and complying with all local and regional requirements for the two grant sources.

#### **SRFB Projects and Regular PSAR Project**

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 2020 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 2020 SRFB and PSAR grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds typically available through SRFB are approximately \$643,103; it is not expected that 2020 funding will exceed that amount. Funds typically available through PSAR for regular capital projects are approximately \$2.3 million. PSAR allocations for the 2021-2023 biennium are budgeted through the 2020 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 for recovery of the North Fork/Middle Fork and South Fork Nooksack early chinook populations is the WRIA 1 Salmonid Recovery Plan and associated habitat assessments and studies. The 2020 SRFB Grant Restoration and Protection Matrices 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 or that are not identified in the matrices as Tier 1 or Tier 2 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.
- 3) For the 2020 grant round, proposals will be accepted for up to 10% of the SRFB allocation for Nooksack chinook population monitoring (e.g., radio-tag or PIT-tagging studies) that will inform development of freshwater survival estimates for a Nooksack Chinook Life Cycle Model. **Proposals for monitoring must also meet Manual 18 requirements for monitoring proposals; it is the responsibility of the project sponsor to read and understand these requirements.**

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- 4) Projects must meet requirements in the current SRFB Manual 18, Salmon Recovery Grants. (<https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf>). **It is the responsibility of the project sponsor to read and understand the requirements.**
- 5) All projects submitted through the 2020 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.

## **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 2021-2023 biennium state budget. The Large Capital PSAR 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 PSAR Projects, which includes all the relevant information on eligibility, criteria, and process is found [here](https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/i2hvn5cbbc40afmg03y91x5x5koqdlr/file/538252448869)** (<https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/i2hvn5cbbc40afmg03y91x5x5koqdlr/file/538252448869>).

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 Proposals as well as the relevant dates in the local grant cycle timeline. Whereas the *Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Large Capital Projects, Request for Proposals for the 2021-2023 state biennium*, 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**

It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all of the requirements of the process associated with the regular SRFB/PSAR grant round and the Large Capital PSAR grant round, whichever is relevant. There are required local process steps for both application types that applicants must comply with in order for the application to be eligible for funding consideration.

**Letters of Intent to submit a proposal are due in electronic format by 5:00 pm January 21. Submit to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board c/o Becky Peterson, [genevaconsulting@comcast.net](mailto:genevaconsulting@comcast.net).**