

WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS – 2021 GRANT CYCLE

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

Letter of Intent for All Proposals: March 5, 2021

SRFB Applications in PRISM: April 22, 2021 (Applications submitted by this date must be complete with the exception of the Authorizing Resolution, which can be submitted by June 28, 2021)

This document provides information for the WRIA 1 Lead Entity process for regular SRFB grant proposals. Applicants are responsible for understanding and complying with all local and regional requirements for the grant source.

SRFB Projects

WRIA 1 SRFB 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 2021 SRFB 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 2021 SRFB grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds typically available through SRFB are approximately \$643,103; it is not expected that 2021 funding will exceed that amount and there has not been confirmation that past amounts will be available.

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 2021 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.
- 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 2021 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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All Projects

It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all of the requirements of the process associated with the SRFB grant round. There are required local process steps that applicants must comply with in order for the application to be eligible for funding consideration. Additionally, all projects must have complete applications by April 22, 2021 (excluding Authorizing Resolution). Projects will be evaluated based on the applications in PRISM by this date and responses to comments from local and state reviewers during the review process.

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