

WRIA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS – 2022 GRANT CYCLE

Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)

Letter of Intent for All Proposals: February 22

Application Due Date: 1) April 4 PSAR Large Capital Projects and Targeted Investment Program, 2) April 22 SRFB and Regular PSAR Projects

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. The funding sources for the 2022 grant round include Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB), Regular Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR), PSAR Large Capital Projects, and Targeted Investment program.

SRFB and Regular PSAR Projects

WRIA 1 SRFB/PSAR 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 2022 SRFB/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 2022 SRFB/PSAR grant cycle is not known at this time. Funds available in 2022 through SRFB was approximately \$700,000 and for the 2020 PSAR regular project grant round approximately \$2.3 million.

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 2022 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 using locally relevant data 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. Habitat objectives should link to the habitat targets developed for the Salmon Recovery Plan update.
- 3) For the 2022 grant round, proposals will be considered for up to 10% of the SRFB allocation for monitoring that addresses Nooksack Chinook Life History Monitoring Priorities and that address regional monitoring priorities. Proposals for monitoring must 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 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.

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 2023-2025 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/ws3qr9dk9es6w09e71a4qaeg1oigsgj4)** (<https://pspwa.app.box.com/s/ws3qr9dk9es6w09e71a4qaeg1oigsgj4>).

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 2023-2025 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.

Targeted Investments Program

Each biennium the SRFB chooses one or more policy priorities to target investments if funds are available. The SRFB determines the priorities and criteria for the Targeted Investment Program. Each regional organization may submit one project application. For Puget Sound, the regional organization is the Puget Sound Partnership.

For Lead Entities in the Puget Sound region, one application from each Lead Entity may be submitted to the Puget Sound Partnership. The project submitted must be supported by the Lead Entity. The timeline and process for submitting a project to the Targeted Investments Program is the same as the Large Capital PSAR Project. The PSP Review Panel will use the SRFB criteria to evaluate projects from the Puget Sound region to forward to SRFB.

If you are applying to the Targeted Investments Program, it is your responsibility to review and understand the requirements, process and timelines for the regional process as well as the relevant dates in the local grant timeline. Information on the criteria and priorities for the Targeted Investments Program is Appendix J of [Manual 18](https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf) (<https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf>).

All Projects

It is the applicant's responsibility to comply with all the requirements of the process associated with the 2022 SRFB/PSAR grant process and for each of the program funding sources available through the grant round. There are required local process steps that applicants must comply with for the application to be eligible for funding consideration. Projects will be evaluated based on the applications in PRISM by the date(s) shown in the 2022 WRIA 1 Grant Round schedule 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 February 22. Submit to WRIA 1 Watershed Management Board c/o Becky Peterson, genevaconsulting@comcast.net.