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Yakima Basin Seeks Salmon Recovery Proposals

The [Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board](#) (SRFB) has initiated its annual grant process, which provides state and federal funding to habitat projects that aid the recovery of salmonids (salmon, trout, & steelhead). All proposals for SRFB funding must be reviewed and ranked by a local [Lead Entity](#) before being submitted to the state for final approval. In the Yakima Basin, the local grant review process is coordinated by the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board (YBFWRB), a consortium that include tribes, local governments, technical and biological experts and citizens all working together to support local salmon recovery efforts. They encourage and review project proposals and make recommendations about which projects to forward to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for funding. Yakima Basin SRFB grant proposals must meet YBFWRB recovery goals as outlined in the [2009 Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan](#), as it forms the basis for SRFB grants.

If you are considering submitting an application, know that:

- Projects must be located in the Yakima Basin (most of Kittitas, Yakima and Benton Counties.)
- The SRFB funds projects that protect or restore salmon, steelhead and bull trout habitat.
- Applicants must request at least \$5,000.
- Applicants must provide money or resources to match 15 percent or more of the grant (with a few exceptions).
- Applicants must demonstrate a 10-year stewardship commitment for the project.
- Projects must be completed within two to three years.
- There is no upper dollar limit for a grant request; however available funding is expected to total approximately \$1.3 million for the Yakima Basin.
- Eligible applicants include Cities, Counties, Conservation Districts, Native American Tribes, Nonprofit Organizations, Private Landowners, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, Special Purpose Districts, and State Agencies:

Pre-applications are due by **March 7, 2014**, and the deadline for full proposals is **April 23, 2014**.

Please visit the [SRFB Grant Program](#) section of the YBFWRB website and review the full [Request for Proposals](#) for additional details about the program, its opportunities and requirements. For more information regarding the Yakima Basin's salmon recovery strategy or past projects, please contact the YBFWRB office.

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