



## **Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Yakima Basin**

### **Request for Proposals**

Pre-Application Due Date: **March 18, 2016**

Full Proposal Due Date: **April 22, 2016**

### **Background**

The Washington State Legislature established the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) in 1999 to fund projects that help the recovery of salmonids (salmon, trout, and steelhead) by providing grants. In the Yakima Basin, SRFB grant proposals must be submitted through the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board (YBFWRB) Lead Entity, and must meet YBFWRB recovery goals as outlined in the [2009 Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan](#) and [Bull Trout Action Plan](#). The YBFWRB Lead Entity uses its recovery plan as a guide to review proposed habitat restoration and protection projects. Proposals are reviewed by our Technical Advisory Group (TAG) s to ensure they are technically sound and address priority needs. The Board's Citizen Committee (CC), which is composed of people with diverse community interests, then uses information from the TAG and its own assessment of social, economic, and cultural values to recommend a ranked list of projects for submittal to the SRFB for funding. Please see our [Lead Entity Manual](#) for a detailed description of our local review process.

### **Eligible Project Types**

SRFB projects must address an important habitat condition or watershed process. Eligible project types include:

- Acquisitions
- Restoration
- Non-Capital Projects: Assessments, Designs, Inventories, and Studies
- Combination Projects: Acquisition & Restoration or Acquisition & Planning
- Phased Projects

All applicants should download and review [RCO Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#) before starting the application process. This is the primary reference for applying for SRFB grants.

### **Technical Advisory Group's Focused Projects List**

The Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board's [Focus Project List](#) is a tool developed by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to help identify the most timely/urgent of the high priority SRFB projects and apply funding resources to projects that represent the most immediate needs of priority species. The list:

- Gives the TAG a way to proactively guide Yakima Basin SRFB funding towards high priority and/or urgent projects
- Provides guidance to sponsors deciding what types of projects to pursue and propose
- Strengthens the link between the SRFB project review criteria and Recovery Plan priorities

Project proposal that clearly implement a Focus Project will receive 10 bonus points. If a proposal is not a Focus Project, zero bonus points are awarded. It is important to emphasize that the TAG uses this approach as a way to recognize and reward proposals that implement identified Focus Projects, but not as a way to exclude other SRFB proposals. Projects that are Focus Projects, but have other significant weaknesses will have their score brought down by other elements in the TAG review process. Projects that do a strong job of addressing real needs, even if not identified as a Focus Project, will still compete for funding based on all of the other TAG scoring criteria.

### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include Cities, Counties, Conservation Districts, Native American Tribes, Nonprofit Organizations, Private Landowners, Special Purpose Districts, and State Agencies. State Agencies must work with a local partner that is independently eligible to be a grant applicant. Federal agencies may not apply directly, but may partner with eligible applicants. Projects may occur on federal lands. Take into account federal restrictions on using federal money for match when applying for a grant.

### **Geographic Scope**

This RFP is for projects in the Yakima Basin (WRIA 38 and 39, and WRIA 37). This includes most of Benton, Kittitas, and Yakima Counties, and the Yakama Reservation, but excludes the portion of the Yakima Basin in Klickitat County.

### **Funding Availability**

Approximately \$1,500,000 is expected to be available for the Middle Columbia River Region in 2016.

### **Key SRFB Dates for 2016**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Grant Kick-Off Meeting	February 17
Pre-Applications Due	March 18
Pre-Application Conference	March 28-30
Full Applications Due	April 22
State Review Panel Site Visits	Week of May 16-20
Presentations to TAG/CC	June 14

[\(Complete Schedule\)](#)

All meetings will be held at the YBFWRB office, located at 1200 Chesterly Drive, Suite 280, in Yakima.

### **Application**

[Pre-applications](#) should be submitted by email to Darcy Batura ([dbatura@ybfwrb.org](mailto:dbatura@ybfwrb.org)) by **March 18, 2016**.

Full proposals must be submitted electronically through the PRISM computer system. You'll first have to get a password, which can take two days, so allow enough time. Next, you will need a PRISM project #. Work with Darcy Batura to obtain this number prior to beginning your application. Once you receive your project number(s), please visit [http://www.rco.wa.gov/prism\\_app/about\\_prism.shtml](http://www.rco.wa.gov/prism_app/about_prism.shtml) to complete your application. In addition to the data you enter into PRISM, there are several other documents required for a complete application. Please see [RCO Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#) sections 3, 6, and 7. The application deadline is **April 22, 2016**.

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## **Match Requirement**

Applicants must provide a minimum of 15 percent of the project value, known as “match,” from non-SRFB funds. The SRFB believes that a match demonstrates local commitment and support of the project. The exception to this requirement is that no match is required for applications for design only projects requesting \$200,000 or less and completed within 18 months of funding (see Section 2, Eligible Projects of [RCO Manual 18: Salmon Recovery Grants](#)). The SRFB will not provide special consideration or preference in its evaluation process for projects with matches greater than 15 percent.

## **Further Information**

- The SRFB funds projects that protect or restore salmon habitat.
- Applicants must request at least \$5,000.
- Applicants must provide money or resources to match 15 percent or more of the grant (there are exceptions for design-only projects).
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to 10 years or more of stewardship for the project.
- Projects must be finished within two to three years.
- There is no upper dollar limit for a grant request; however total funding available each year ranges from \$1 - \$1.5 million for the Yakima Basin.
- Examples of previously-funded SRFB projects in the Yakima Basin can be found at <http://www.ybfwrb.org/grant-program/funded-project-summary/>.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit [www.ybfwrb.org](http://www.ybfwrb.org). If you have questions about the Yakima Basin SRFB application process, contact Darcy Batura at the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board at [dbatura@ybfwrb.org](mailto:dbatura@ybfwrb.org), or 509-453-4104 x2.