

2021 Salmon Recovery Grant Round

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is pleased to announce the start of the 2021 salmon recovery grant round and would like to provide a few highlights as you get started. Please share this information with all project sponsors and potential applicants.

In September 2021 The Salmon Recovery Funding Board will distribute grant funding from Washington State and from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund administered through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. PRISM, RCO's project management system, will be open for applications in mid-January 2021. Contact your RCO salmon grants manager if you have specific questions.

Application Workshop - Wednesday, January 20th, 2021 from 10-12 pm.

RCO staff will host a two-hour, interactive online workshop to highlight changes to Manual 18 for the 2021 grant round. For those who cannot attend, we will record the workshop and post it on the RCO Web site. You can also view a previously conducted on-line application workshop (PDF and narrated PowerPoint options) on our Web site.

Salmon Recovery Application Online Workshop -Zoom Information:

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021 10:00-12:00 PM PST

Topic: Salmon Application Workshop 2021 Register in advance for this zoom webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN H1rQ I5IQjSeE3CjlCeWmQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

What's New for 2021?

The Salmon Recovery Grant Manual (Manual 18) for 2021 and all relevant materials for applying can be found on the <u>Salmon page</u> of the RCO Web site. The primary changes this year focus on aligning the monitoring panel review timeline with the review panel timeline and some important updates to the eligibility section of regional monitoring projects. It is important to check with your salmon recovery region prior to submitting a regional monitoring project this year. The application requirements, all project proposal questions and the review and evaluation process are all integrated into the PRISM online application wizard. Be advised **PRISM will no longer function in Internet Explorer** and you must use other web browsers such as Microsoft Edge. You will learn more about these changes and others as part of the January 20th application workshop.

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Successful Applicant Workshop (for those with new SRFB or PSAR grants)

RCO has a recorded a workshop that walks a sponsor through agency policies and expectations to help you manage your funded SRFB/PSAR grant. It complements the information provided in Manual 18, Section 6, *Managing Your SRFB Grant*. You can view or download the workshop from our Web site: Salmon page. Please scroll down to find the nine Successful Application Workshop modules under the Salmon Grants section. You may address additional questions to your assigned grants manager.

Where are the SRFB Grant Application Materials?

Make your way to the <u>Salmon page</u> of RCO's Web site to find required grant application forms and project proposals, templates for cost estimate spreadsheets, application checklists, landownership and stewardship forms, Limit 8 Streamlined ESA forms, and grant training presentations.

Manual 18 - Salmon Recovery Grants

The 2021 Salmon Recovery Grants Manual 18 is now available online. You can find the 2021 Grant Round Schedule in the manual but please note applicants should check with the local salmon lead entity for their schedule and process to submit a proposal, as it may differ. All required application forms and project proposal templates are included in Manual 18 and you may find links to all the forms and materials you will need in the Application Checklist.

Why is Manual 18 Important?

Manual 18 has everything an applicant needs to know, including: the grant round schedule, eligibility requirements, how to apply, what to expect during the review process, and what to know about managing your grant if awarded funding. While you do need to be familiar with the entire manual, key sections that we recommend you pay close attention to include:

Section 2: Eligible Applicants and Projects

Section 3: How to Apply

Section 6: Managing your SRFB grant

Appendix F: SRFB Review Panel Evaluation

Final Thoughts

The amount of funding available in the 2021 Salmon Recovery Grant Round is not yet known. The funding level will depend on Washington State receiving an annual award from NOAA's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board will meet in June 2021 to determine direction and funding for the grant round. Funding in past years has allowed us to hold an \$18 million grant round.

All projects require a <u>Grant Application Authorizing Resolution Form</u> approved by the sponsor's governing body attached to PRISM, and due at final application submission.

We look forward to seeing some great salmon recovery projects in 2021 and, as always, we are here to help you be successful.

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