

2022 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Supplemental Grant Round

Coast Salmon Partnership Request for Proposals

Goal

This grant opportunity is for large capital projects which are defined as having a total project cost greater than \$5 million and which will have a preliminary design complete by December 1, 2022. Proposed projects should make a significant contribution towards salmon sustainability and recovery in the Washington Coast Salmon Recovery Region (WRIA 20 – 24). The Coast Salmon Partnership will submit a ranked list of habitat projects for the Washington Coast Region by October 1, 2022.

Background

In the 2022 supplemental session, the legislature appropriated \$75 million in new funding for salmon recovery to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). The legislative language from the operating budget states:

- *\$25,000,000 of the salmon recovery account—state appropriation is provided solely for the salmon recovery board to provide grants for watershed projects typically valued at less than \$5,000,000 each that will benefit salmon recovery*
- *\$50,000,000 of the salmon recovery account—state appropriation is provided solely for the salmon recovery board to provide grants for projects valued at greater than \$5,000,000 each that will benefit salmon recovery.*

At their June 2022 meeting, the SRFB decided to provide each region, except the Northeast Region, a percentage of the \$50 million funding. Based on the SRFB allocations, the Coast Salmon Partnership will receive \$4,794,000 in funding to support salmon habitat projects in the Washington Coast Region. We are required to submit a ranked list of habitat projects to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) by October 1, 2022.

Importantly, regions may not carry-over their allocations. The large project supplemental funding must be obligated by the December 2022 board meeting. If a region does not fully obligate its large project supplemental funding, then the SRFB may determine where to utilize the unobligated funds.

Project Eligibility

In addition to eligibility requirements found in RCO Manual 18, Section 2 (Eligible Projects), each project proposal must satisfy all of the following eligibility criteria:

1. **Impact:** Make a significant contribution towards salmon sustainability and recovery in the Washington Coast Salmon Recovery Region (WRIA 20 – 24).
2. **Project Type:** Restoration and acquisition projects are eligible. This funding may not be used for cost increases, assessments, monitoring, or capacity.
3. **Project Cost:** The total project cost needs to be greater than \$5 million. Separate worksites within a reach or small watershed may be bundled together to reach \$5 million, but to be eligible, the sponsor must show how they build on each other to make a substantial contribution to salmon recovery and sustainability, and each site needs to meet the RCO Manual 18 policies.

4. **Match:** Based on the allocation to the Washington Coast Region of \$4.794 million, eligible projects must have a minimum of \$206,000 in matching funds.
5. **Partial Funding:** Projects over \$5 million which are partially funded through another source are eligible to apply for additional funds from this funding source.
6. **Preliminary Designs (Restoration Projects):** Preliminary designs (per Appendix D-2, Manual 18) will be required for all restoration projects and must be completed by December 1, 2022. If your project includes more than one worksite, then each site needs to meet the RCO Manual 18 policies and preliminary design requirements to be eligible.
7. **Indirect:** Indirect costs are not eligible.

Proposal Submittal Process

2022 Schedule

Date	Action	Description
July 1	RFP Released	PRISM will open for applications.
July 1-30	DUE: Conceptual Project Form	Applicants must submit a conceptual project form to LE Coordinator; Salmon Recovery Portal Data Steward will provide PRISM number to applicants.
July 21	Ranking criteria	Developed by Coast Salmon Partnership Implementation Committee
August 1	DUE: Completed application in PRISM	Applicants must submit a complete application in PRISM (see Application Checklist)
August 1-23	Project Score by Lead Entity	Lead Entity scores projects submitted for any watershed in their Lead Entity area
August 24-31	Regional Ranked List	Completed by the Coast Salmon Partnership Implementation Committee
September 23	Comment form	Applicants receive SRFB Review Panel comments identifying projects as “Clear”, “Conditioned”, “Needs More Information”, or “Project of Concern”
September 26-30	Regional Ranked List Approval	Coast Salmon Partnership Board of Directors
October 1	DUE: Regional Ranked List	Coast Salmon Partnership submits to the Recreation and Conservation Office
December 1	DUE: Preliminary design DUE: Revised application	Completed per Manual 18, Appendix D-2 criteria. Applicants must submit their revised application in PRISM.
December 7-8	Funding decision	SRFB selects projects for funding and awards grants.

Proposal Process

- Applicants must fill out the Conceptual Project Form relevant to their local Lead Entity Coordinator.
- After the Conceptual Project Form is approved by the Lead Entity Coordinator, the applicant will receive a project number and notice via email to begin their application using PRISM Online.
- Applications follow RCO Manual 18 guidelines, and information must be electronically entered into PRISM.

Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated in four steps:

1. Lead Entities will score any submitted projects that are proposed for watersheds covered by their Lead Entity.
2. Coast Salmon Partnership Implementation Committee will score and rank all projects submitted to Lead Entities in the Washington Coast Region.
3. The SRFB Review Panel will evaluate the technical merit and identify projects as “Clear”, “Conditioned”, “Needs More Information”, or “Project of Concern”.
4. The Coast Salmon Partnership Board of Directors will approve the ranked list of projects to be submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The Coast Salmon Partnership board will follow their respective Lead Entity process to prepare for this approval.

Contact Information

PRISM Application

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Conceptual Project Form, Lead Entity endorsement

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General Questions, Regional Evaluation & Ranking

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