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Request for Salmon Habitat Recovery Project Applications in Water Resource Inventory Area 21

The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity is soliciting Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant applications for salmon recovery projects in Watershed Resource Inventory Area 21 (WRIA 21).

WRIA 21 is located on the central Washington Coast from Connor Creek in the south to Kalaloch Creek in the north and east to the crest of the Olympic Mountains (Figure 1). Watersheds include the Queets, Clearwater, Quinault, Raft, Moclips and Copalis, plus a dozen smaller coastal systems.

A guiding document for salmon habitat recovery in WRIA 21 is the Queets/Quinault Salmon Habitat Recovery Strategy (Strategy). The purpose of the Strategy is to help prioritize habitat restoration activities in watersheds and recover the highest priority salmon populations. The Strategy helps both new and returning project sponsors identify which types of projects have the best chance to secure a SRFB grant.



To download the Strategy, please visit the Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity website:
<https://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/get-to-know-us/quinault-indian-nation-lead-entity/>

Funding Availability: The SRFB allocates approximately \$340,000 in grant funding for salmon recovery projects in WRIA 21 each year. In addition to the regular funding allocation, \$314,516 in carry-over SRFB grant funds are also available this grant round. The total amount of SRFB grant funding available for the 2023 QIN Lead Entity SRFB Grant Round is \$654,516. The minimum grant amount project sponsors can apply for is \$5,000 and while there is no limit to the maximum amount, most of the successfully funded projects are phased or scaled to fit within funding allocation constraints.

For more information about eligible projects and match requirements, please see Manual 18 for Salmon Recovery Grants: <https://rco.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/SAL-Manual18.pdf>

How to Apply: The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity follows a 4-step process for applicants to apply for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant:

Step 1: Prospective applicants must submit a Project Information Form for their proposed project to the lead entity coordinator no later than **February 10, 2023** in order to initiate the SRFB grant application process and be eligible for SRFB grant funding.

Please visit the Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity website to download the Project Information Form:
<https://www.coastsalmonpartnership.org/get-to-know-us/quinault-indian-nation-lead-entity/>

Step 2: Following review and approval of the applicants Project Information Form by the lead entity coordinator, the information provided will be entered into the Salmon Recovery Portal Database within ten (10) business days. After entry, a project number will be provided to the applicant by email.

The applicant will then be able to complete and submit a grant application using PRISM Online:

<https://rco.wa.gov/recreation-and-conservation-office-grants/apply-for-a-grant/prism/>

Step 3: Application materials must be submitted in PRISM Online no later than **March 1, 2023**. Applicants who meet the deadline will be invited to attend and participate in a project site visit with SRFB review panel members and the lead entity technical review group **one-day during the week of March 13, 2023**. Applicants must participate in the project site visit to remain eligible for SRFB grant funding.

Step 4: Applicants will receive technical comments and questions to address for their proposed project a few weeks after the project site visit. Applicants review and respond to the technical comments and questions by updating their project applications in PRISM Online. Applicants submit all final SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online by 5 pm on **April 30, 2023**.

The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity SRFB grant application time schedule is as follows:

November 21, 2022	Request for Proposed Projects
February 10, 2023	Deadline for submission of Project Information Forms to Lead Entity Coordinator
March 1, 2023	Deadline for entry and submission of SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online
Week of March 13, 2023	Project site visits. The Lead Entity Coordinator will contact project applicants after the date is scheduled by RCO.
April 30, 2023	Deadline for submission of final SRFB grant application materials in PRISM Online

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