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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 has allocated approximately \$500,000 in habitat grant funding and \$449,423 for riparian grant funding for salmon recovery projects in WRIA 21 in 2024. New in 2024 is an opportunity to use habitat grant funding for monitoring of regional importance. In addition, the SRFB has opened a new Targeted Investments grant round for regional and large-scale habitat projects greater than \$1,000,000 and less than \$5,000,000 total grant request that must be submitted through the local lead entity. The Coast Salmon Partnership has released a parallel Request for Proposals for these large-scale projects.

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> and the Coast Salmon Partnership website for the Targeted Investments RFP.

How to Apply: The SRFB grant round schedule for WRIA 21 has been posted on the lead entity website (link above). The Quinault Indian Nation Lead Entity follows a structured 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 **March 8, 2024** 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 applicant's 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 PRISM 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 **April 9, 2024**. 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 in late April. 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 noon on **June 24, 2024**.

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