

**Range and Course Safety Policy for all Board Grant Programs  
Adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
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The following policies were adopted for all grant programs administered by the Board:

1. **Firearms and Archery Range and Course Safety Policy.** The RCO does not certify ranges or courses as being safe. However, RCO does require range and course facilities funded by the FARR Recreation and Conservation Funding Board to be acquired, planned, designed, operated, and maintained to contain bullets, shot, arrows, or other projectiles within the facility property and to minimize noise impacts to adjacent and nearby properties. Therefore, all funded projects that directly benefit shooting activities or noise and safety abatement projects must be constructed to contain all projectiles. Depending upon the type of facility, the design must meet guidance published by the National Rifle Association (NRA), National Field Archery Association (NFAA), and the Archery Trade Association (ATA).

For projects using guidance from the Archery Trade Association: 1) projects must be acquired, planned, designed, operated, and maintained to ensure projectiles do not leave the range property the sponsor has demonstrated its control and tenure over; and 2) all safety buffer zones must be on property the sponsor has demonstrated its control and tenure over.

To determine whether a project meets RCO policy, projects that directly benefit shooting activities and noise and safety abatement projects must be evaluated by a certified advisor from one of the associations identified above or a professional engineer or other qualified professional consultant with experience and expertise in the evaluation and design of ranges and courses. Project sponsors must provide documentation of the project's evaluation by one of the above reviewers before receiving reimbursement from RCO. Costs associated with meeting this requirement are eligible administration expenses in the grant.

2. For Range and Course Safety policy certifications, evaluations, and reports, RCO limits the number eligible for reimbursement to two, one at design and one at project completion. The RCO Director may approve reimbursements for additional certifications, evaluations, and reports on a case by case basis.