

## **Grant News You Can Use – August 2011**

### **Planning Deadline Changes to March 1, 2012**

RCO has revised its planning policies and now has one deadline for submitting your comprehensive parks and recreation plans for grants programs that require them.

March 1 will be the standard planning deadline for all programs where a plan is required. This ensures applicants have completed the planning process before applying for grants.

Many grant programs require grant applicants to have comprehensive plans to be eligible for grants. You need to have a plan on file with RCO for grant applications in these programs:

- Boating Facilities Program (BFP)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)\*
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)\*

*\*Some exceptions apply in the NOVA program – no plans are needed for maintenance and operation and education and enforcement projects. In WWRP, no plans are needed for farmland preservation projects. Note that habitat grants in WWRP require a habitat or conservation plan for grants eligibility, not a parks and recreation plan.*

If you are thinking about potential 2012 grant applications, consider whether your organization has a current plan or if your planning process be complete by March? Check your [eligibility status](#).

If you are working on a plan, we suggest you e-mail a draft for review to [Lorinda Anderson](#) before formal adoption occurs.

### **Detailed Project Information Now Viewable on the Web**

Have you ever wanted to see information on projects, but not want to install RCO's PRISM software? Well now you can.

RCO recently launched a new [Project Search](#) feature that allows Web visitors to select different criteria for projects (grant recipient, project location, grant program, type of project, project status, etc.) and have grant information displayed graphically in charts or graphs. Clicking on the graphics provides details of individual projects, called Project Snapshot. Web visitors can get a full range of information on funding, status, milestones, as well as see photographs, maps, and other grant agreement documents. These new features don't require visitors to download PRISM, and greatly improves the ability of visitors to learn about, and track, projects in their neighborhoods.

### **Grant Reimbursement Training Offered**

RCO highly recommends that all successful grant applicants take the grant reimbursement training. We provide this training through the Internet using online meeting software. From the

comfort of your own desk (or wherever your computer resides), you can receive the training. This training goes over the basics in grant reimbursements, the forms, the processes, and the theory behind it all. [Register](#) online.

### **Coming Soon! Salmon Projects Metrics Update**

You soon will have the opportunity to update information related to your completed salmon recovery projects.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service, which administers the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, recently revised the metrics required from all salmon recovery projects, including those that are completed.

RCO will contact all affected grant recipients about which projects require an update, and will provide detailed instructions on what to do. Our goal is to make this process as easy as possible for all concerned!

NOAA has provided funding for a staff member, Sarah Gage, who will be spearheading this effort in Washington.

Adding these metrics into the PRISM database will help all of us better tell the story of salmon recovery projects in Washington—and will help us reach our many audiences, from people at the local level doing the projects, to decision-makers in the state Legislature and Congress.

If this update affects one of your projects, you'll be hearing from us. If you have questions before then, feel free to contact your grant manager or [Sarah Gage](#), 360-902-3027.

### **Travel Rates for Using Your Own Car Hold Steady**

Given the current financial situation, the state is not adopting the mileage reimbursement rate increase set by the U.S. Treasury Department for when you use your personal vehicle to travel. The RCO mileage reimbursement rate for using your personal vehicle will remain at 51 cents per mile.