

Are Conservation or Recreation Grants in Your Future?

RCO accepts grant applications in even-numbered years. Organizations may apply next in 2014. Possible applications could be for parks and athletic fields, trails, boating facilities, farmland preservation, or habitat conservation and restoration. To ensure your organization is ready to apply, you might need to prepare a parks and recreation or conservation plan.

Four of the grant programs have a planning requirement: Boating Facilities Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (except education/enforcement and maintenance/operation), and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (except farmland preservation). [Learn more about grants.](#)

Completed planning materials are due to RCO by March 3, 2014. [Learn more.](#) The RCO staff contact is [Lorinda Anderson](#).

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Approves Projects

On December 6th, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board approved funding for 145 projects. RCO staff will be working with successful applicants to place these projects under agreement as quickly as possible. RCO staff are responsible for completing a cultural resources review and may need to request additional information about the project.

Please note: Those projects on state-owned aquatic lands have been identified and the sponsor contacted. These projects will have to work directly with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to obtain permission to implement the project. RCO staff is planning a successful applicant online meeting in the next few months to review grant recipient obligations, reimbursement process, and answer any questions. If you had not had the opportunity yet, please call your RCO grants manager. They would love to hear from you to help make your project implementation as smooth as possible. [Press Release.](#)

Manual 18 Draft Available for Comment Until January 14th

RCO is drafting administrative updates and minor policy changes and incorporating recommendations by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board Review Panel into Manual 18, the guidance manual for salmon recovery grants. We want your comments by **January 14, 2013** before we finalize and release the manual on January 31, 2013. Manual 18 was a topic at the December Salmon Recovery Funding Board meeting. [Review the memo.](#)

The memo includes a summary of administrative changes identified to date. In the [2012 SRFB Funding Report](#), the review panel has made recommendations on several items for the 2013 grant round. We have a “track changes” version of [Manual 18](#) available for review, and a summary of changes

You will notice that we have several areas marked “under construction” throughout the manual. We will be finalizing the manual throughout the rest of December and January. We need to receive your comments by Monday, January 14th to be considered in the final Manual 18 update. Please send your comments to:

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You also may contact your RCO grants manager and provide comments.