Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

FACT SHEET

Who may Apply?
- Local governments
- Nonprofit shooting organizations
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies

Types of Projects Funded
- Land acquisition
- Development or renovation of range facilities
- Noise abatement and safety improvements
- Liability insurance

Funding
People who use firearms pay for these grants. Funding comes from $3 of each concealed pistol license permit fee.

Leveraging State Dollars
Grant recipients must provide at least 50 percent in matching resources.

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Providing Safe Places to Shoot
In Washington, about 17 percent of the population shoots firearms and participates in archery.¹

Purpose
Recognizing a need for public facilities, the Legislature created the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program, which provides funding for places where gun and bow enthusiasts can practice and train safely.

The program's goal is to assist with the acquisition, development, and renovation of firearm and archery ranges in order to increase access by law enforcement, the public with concealed pistol or hunting licenses, and people enrolled in firearm or hunter safety education classes.

To qualify for grants, ranges must be open regularly to hunter safety classes, law enforcement, and the public.

Funding Only the Best Projects
The grant process is open and competitive to ensure that only the best projects are funded. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts applications in even-numbered years. The applications are reviewed by staff and an advisory committee made of experts in archery and shooting disciplines. The advisory committee scores the projects based on criteria established by the board and submits a ranked list to the board for funding consideration.

The Spokane Rifle Club used a $8,800 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation grant to complete its perimeter security fence. Located in Riverside State Park, the rifle club is bordered by a parkway used by cars as well as people walking, running, and bicycling.
Grant Recipients (1992-2015)

Bainbridge Island Sportsmen’s Club
Black Diamond Gun Club
Cascade Field and Stream Club
Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club
Central Washington Range Conservancy
Connell Gun Club
Cowlitz Game and Anglers
Custer Sportsmen’s Club
Darrington Archers
Ellensburg Trap and Skeet Club
Ephrata
Evergreen Sportmen’s Club
Ferry County
Fire Mountain Archers
Fort Colville Gun Club
Gig Harbor Sportmen’s Club
Granite Falls Sportmen’s Club
Interlake Sporting Association
Issaquah Sportmen’s Club
Jefferson County Sportman’s Association
KBH Archers
Kettle Falls Gun Club
Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club
Klickitat County
Lind Gun Club
Lynden Shotgun Club
Marlin Gun Club
Marysville Rifle Club
Metaline Falls Gun Club
Mount Vernon
Newport Gun Club
North Cascades Sportmen Club
Okanogan County
Poulsbo Sportsman Club Inc.
Renton Fish & Game Club Inc.
Richland
SeaTac
Seattle Rifle & Pistol Club
Seattle Skeet and Trap Club
Silver Arrow Bowmen
Skookum Archers
Spokane Gun Club
Spokane Rifle Club Inc.
Sumner Sportmen’s Association
Tri-Cities Shooting Association Inc.
Tyee Bowmen
Walla Walla Gun Club
Wenatchee Gun Club

The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen’s Club is using a $41,000 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation grant to construct a building open at one end for archery. Currently, the club uses straw bales on the range for archery activities.