

# 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.<sup>1</sup>

### 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 an \$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.

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## INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

### 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 Sportsmen's Club  
Ferry County  
Fire Mountain Archers  
Fort Colville Gun Club  
Gig Harbor Sportsmen's Club  
Granite Falls Sportsmen's Club  
Interlake Sporting Association  
Issaquah Sportsmen's Club  
Jefferson County Sportsman'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 Sportsmen 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 Sportsmen's Association  
Tri-Cities Shooting Association Inc.  
Tye Bowmen  
Walla Walla Gun Club  
Wenatchee Gun Club

West Seattle Sportsman's Club  
Whatcom County  
Wildlife Committee of Washington Inc.  
Wolverton Mountain Gun Club  
Yakima Valley Sportsman's Association



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.

<sup>1</sup>Amanda C. Ritchie et al., "Outdoor Recreation in Washington: The 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan," Responsive Management, Harrisonburg, VA, May 2013, pp. 160-165.