Planning Eligibility

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What Grant Programs Require Plans?

- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Boating Facilities Program
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities

When are Plans Due?

March of even-numbered years

How Do I Submit My Plan?

E-mail plans and required forms to katie.pruit@rco.wa.gov

Where Can I Get More Information?

Visit www.rco.wa.gov and search for *Manual 2, Planning Policies and Guidelines.*

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grants

RCO is a state agency that manages multiple grant programs to create outdoor recreation opportunities, protect the best of the state's wildlife habitat and working lands, and help return salmon from near extinction. Several RCO grant programs require a plan to be adopted before a grant application is submitted.

Planning is Key

Planning is vital to the success of any effort to provide recreation opportunities or conserve habitat. Planning that engages people, supporters and opponents alike, will help ensure that the right actions are taken for the right reasons at the right time.

Fundamental to good planning is the collection of data. Good, quantitative data will strengthen the results of the planning effort, help inform budget discussions, and assist in justifying actual needs (as opposed to perceived needs) in grant applications.

Required Plan Elements

RCO has no requirements on the numbers of pages or format for an organization's plan. We do however look to ensure a plan has the following key elements:

- Goals and objectives

- An inventory of current facilities and/or properties

- Public involvement in the process

- A demand and need analysis

- A capital improvement program

- Adoption by the organization's board, council, etc.