



Request for Proposals: 2025 Salmon Monitoring Projects

Letters of Intent Due: **March 31, 2025**

Application Due: **May 1, 2025**

Full Proposal Due: **June 23, 2025, noon**

Background

The Washington State Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) annually awards grants to projects that help recover salmonids (salmon, trout, and steelhead) in Washington State. This Request for Proposals solicits projects for the SRFB's complimentary regional monitoring program, which awards grants to projects that generate information about salmonids and their habitats and is used to direct restoration investments, provide accountability, and build understanding. The SRFB expects to have \$973,000 available for grants.

Eligible Applicants

Regional salmon recovery organizations or their designated partners are the only eligible sponsors for this program.

A regional organization may not submit more than two applications.

This request solicits SRFB monitoring grant proposals for projects in the seven regional salmon recovery organizations: The Pend Oreille Salmonid Recovery Team in the northeast region and the Spokane Lead Entity, both of which are not part of a regional organization, are not eligible for federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funding and therefore cannot receive monitoring grant funding.

Important Things to Know

Applicants should download and review the SRFB's [Manual 18M: Salmon Monitoring Grants](#) before starting applications. This is the primary guide to the state's requirements for SRFB monitoring projects and applications will be evaluated using the schedule, processes, and criteria detailed in it.

Some important points to consider:

- An applicant may request between \$5,000 and \$300,000.
- Regional organizations are encouraged to collaborate on projects. A project that benefits multiple regions may exceed \$300,000.
- No match is required.
- The monitoring project must be completed in three years. If work is not, the grant recipient, also called the project sponsor, may request a one-year, no-cost time extension or submit a new application to continue the project.
- An application must be submitted electronically through PRISM Online.

Strategic Priorities

To maximize the potential for learning and use at different scales, the SRFB adopted the strategic priorities below for the 2025 and 2027 grant rounds. To be eligible to receive a grant, proposals must address one or more of these strategic priorities.

- **Monitor survival bottlenecks** (species and life stage): A survival bottleneck is a specific stage in the salmonid life cycle that experiences high mortality or habitat capacity limitations, ultimately limiting future production. Populations can experience more than one survival bottleneck.
- **Monitor limiting factors** (e.g., habitat quality and quantity, food webs, and biological interactions such as competition and predation): The limiting factor is the event, events, or conditions that cause the survival bottleneck to occur.
- **Monitor project effectiveness:** Effectiveness monitoring addresses whether habitat restoration projects are achieving their goals effectively by measuring environmental conditions, habitat characteristics, and biological indicators. The applicant is encouraged to explore questions about the effectiveness of novel monitoring techniques, novel restoration approaches, and restoration programs specifically aimed at alleviating survival bottlenecks and limiting factors.

Application

Regional organizations are encouraged to work with tribes, tribal organizations, lead entities, state and federal agencies, and other science and monitoring entities to develop monitoring projects. Identifying the greatest areas of need and projects that address those needs are important to consider in this grant program. Each region has its own process for identifying and selecting projects. An organization should contact its [regional representatives](#) if it is interested in partnering on a monitoring application. An applicant submitting a project on behalf of a region must submit a [Regional Monitoring Project Certification Form](#) in the final application.

If an applicant plans to apply for a grant, a Letter of Intent must be submitted by March 31. RCO will make an initial decision about whether the project is eligible and email the applicant within two weeks of submittal. If the project is eligible and supported by the region, the applicant then will be asked to complete an application in PRISM. In addition to the information entered into PRISM, the applicant must submit several other documents for a complete application. Please see [manual 18M](#).

Applications are due in PRISM by **May 1, 2025**.

After submitting an application, the applicant will be asked to present to the Science Advisory Panel and respond to comments. The science panel members are experts in the fields of salmon recovery, natural resources management, and monitoring science. The applicant may revise the application and re-submit it by **June 23, 2025**. Regions are asked to rank all final applications submitted in PRISM.

The science panel will score and rank projects and submit a final funding recommendation to the SRFB. The SRFB will review the ranked list of projects and awards grants on September 16-17, 2025.

Schedule for 2025

Date	Action	Description
February to March	Letter of Intent and Eligibility Screening	The applicant must email the monitoring grants manager a Letter of Intent between February 1 and March 31 to determine eligibility. RCO will respond within two weeks of receiving the letter with a determination of initial eligibility.
May 1	Due Date: Complete Application Materials Due	The applicant must submit a complete application in PRISM, including required attachments.
May (Date TBD)	Screening and Presentations	RCO screens the application for completeness. The science panel and RCO convene a virtual presentation meeting with the applicant. The

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		applicant uploads the presentation to PRISM after the presentation.
May (date TBD)	Science Panel Meeting	The science panel and RCO meet to discuss the project. The science panel evaluates the project using the SRFB's evaluation criteria in manual 18M's appendix B and completes comment forms.
May 30	First Comment Form	The applicant receives the science panel's comments, which identify the project as "Clear," "Conditioned," "Needs More Information," or "Project of Concern." RCO accepts a "Clear" application and returns all others so the applicants may update and respond to comments.
June 9-10	Conference Calls (optional)	The applicant may email the science coordinator to schedule a conference call with the science panel to discuss the comments.
June 23, Noon	Due Date: Final Applications Due and Regional Rankings Due	The applicant submits the final application materials in PRISM. Regions also must email a ranked list of monitoring projects to the science coordinator if more than one application is submitted.
July 16-17	Science Panel Review and Scoring	The science panel and RCO meet to discuss the project and complete comments. The science panel scores and ranks the project using the scoring criteria in manual 18M's appendix C .
July 25	Final Comment Form	The applicant receives the final science panel comments, which identify the project as "Clear," "Conditioned," or "Project of Concern."
August 7	Due Date: Accept Science Panel Condition	An applicant with a "Conditioned" project must indicate whether the condition will be accepted or the project withdrawn.
September 2	Final Grant Report Available for Public Review	The final funding recommendation report is available online for SRFB members and public review.
September 16-17	Board Funding Meeting	The SRFB reviews the ranked list of projects and awards grants. Public comment period available.

More Information

For questions about the SRFB monitoring grant program, contact [Greer Maier](#), science coordinator, at 360-890-0804 or Washington Relay, dial 711.