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Yakima Basin Seeks Salmon Recovery Grant Proposals

March 14, 2013 – YAKIMA - The [Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board](#) (SRFB) has initiated its annual grant process which aims to administer state and federal funding and assist with a broad range of salmon-related activities. Its primary goal is to aid the recovery of salmonids (salmon, trout, and steelhead) by providing grants.

Some important points to consider:

- The Yakima Basin region includes Kittitas, Yakima and a portion of Benton Counties.
- The SRFB funds projects that protect or restore salmon habitat.
- Applicants must request at least \$5,000.
- Applicants must provide money or resources to match 15 percent or more of the grant (with a few exceptions).
- Applicants must demonstrate a 10-year. stewardship commitment for the project.
- Projects must be completed within two to three years.
- There is no upper dollar limit for a grant request; however available funding is approximately \$1.5 million for the Yakima Basin annually.

Pre-applications are due by **April 15, 2013**, and the deadline for full proposals is **May 20, 2013**.

The local grant review process is coordinated by the [Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board](#) (YBFWRB), a consortium that include tribes, local governments, technical and biological experts and citizens all working together to spearhead local salmon recovery efforts. They encourage and review project proposals and make recommendations about which projects to forward to the SRFB for funding. Yakima Basin SRFB grant proposals must be submitted through the YBFWRB, and must meet YBFWRB recovery goals as outlined in the [2009 Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan](#), as it forms the basis for SRFB grants. For more information regarding the Yakima Basin's salmon recovery strategy or past projects, please contact the YBFWRB office.

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