



## News Release

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### Yakima Basin Seeks Salmon Recovery Proposals

The [Salmon Recovery Funding Board](#) (SRFB) has initiated its annual grant process, which provides state and federal funding to habitat projects that aid the recovery of salmonids (salmon, trout, & steelhead). All proposals for SRFB funding must be reviewed and ranked by a local [Lead Entity](#) before being submitted to the state for final approval. In the Yakima Basin, 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 support local salmon recovery efforts. Projects are reviewed and ranked by a [Technical Advisory Group](#) that evaluates the scientific efficacy of projects and a [Citizen Committee](#) that evaluates any socioeconomic benefits or disadvantages. A ranked list of projects recommended for funding is forwarded to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board at the end of the grant process. Yakima Basin SRFB grant proposals must meet YBFWRB recovery goals as outlined in the [2009 Yakima Steelhead Recovery Plan](#), the [2012 Yakima Bull Trout Action Plan](#), and its associated [2017 Action Update](#), as these plans forest local priorities for SRFB grants.

If you are considering submitting an application, please note:

- Projects must be located in the Yakima Basin (most of Kittitas, Yakima and Benton Counties.)
- Eligible applicants include Cities, Counties, Conservation Districts, Native American Tribes, Nonprofit Organizations, Private Landowners, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups, Special Purpose Districts, and State Agencies:
- The SRFB funds projects that protect or restore salmon, steelhead and bull trout 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.

Pre-applications are due by **March 5, 2021**, and the deadline for full proposals is **April 16, 2021**.

Please visit the [SRFB Grant Program](#) section of the YBFWRB website to review the full Request for Proposals and find additional details about the program and its requirements. For more information regarding the Yakima Basin's salmon recovery strategy or past projects, please contact the YBFWRB office.

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