



News Release

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Yakima Basin Seeks Salmon Recovery Proposals

The Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board is excited to announce the opening of its 2023 grant round for projects in the Yakima Basin that help us recover at-risk salmon, steelhead and bull trout populations. Successful applicants will receive funding from Washington State's Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB).

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 includes tribes, local governments, technical and biological experts and citizens all working together to support local salmon recovery efforts.

Salmon recovery proposals 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 reflect local priorities for SRFB grants.

Pre-applications are due by **March 8, 2023**, and the deadline for full proposals is **April 21, 2023**. Please visit the SRFB Grant Program section of the YBFWRB website to review the full Request for Proposals and find additional details about what is eligible and how to apply.