



WASHINGTON STATE
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

Salmon Recovery
Funding Board



Community Salmon Fund – Northeast Washington Region

Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: **April 12, 2010**

Background

The Community Salmon Fund (CSF) is a unique small-grants program designed to stimulate smaller-scale, community-oriented habitat restoration and protection projects in support of salmon recovery in Washington State. CSF is funded through a partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

CSF provides funding through a competitive application process for projects that have a substantial benefit to watershed health and are consistent with local and/or regional salmon recovery plans. Projects are required to have a strong community involvement component as a way to encourage landowners, business owners, and the community at large to become engaged in salmon recovery.

Eligible Project Types

- Restoration of habitat within and along salmon-bearing rivers, streams, and the marine nearshore.
- Project design and development that will lead to an on-the-ground restoration project within 18 months.
- Creative partnerships for salmon recovery that engage new communities in salmon recovery and enlist prospective landowners willing to participate in on-the-ground restoration work. *(Examples of eligible projects under this category include: coordinating a group of farmers interested in riparian restoration, organizing salmon workshops with streamside businesses, and introducing neighborhoods to local restoration options through demonstration projects coupled with targeted outreach.)*
- Maintenance of previously funded Community Salmon Fund projects. *(Only grantees funded under previous CSF grant rounds are eligible to apply for funds to conduct on-site maintenance of CSF-funded project activities and deliverables.)*

Note: Grant funds cannot be used for full fee acquisition, less-than-fee acquisition, free-standing educational projects not associated with restoration activities, general planning and feasibility studies, lobbying or litigation activities, or to support projects resulting from legally mandated mitigation projects.

Eligible Applicants

Local, state, and federal government; non-profit organizations; educational institutions; tribes; community groups; business associations; RFEs, Conservation Districts, and other regional organizations. Groups without non-profit tax status will need to secure an eligible financial sponsor. Successful applicants will demonstrate:

- Credibility and connections within their target communities;
- A history of successful implementation;
- Innovative and creative solutions to conservation problems; and
- A diverse list of project partners.

Geographic Scope

The Community Salmon Fund – Northeast Washington Region offers grants for projects within the Northeast Washington Salmon Recovery Region: WRIA 62.

Funding Availability

Approximately \$75,000 is available for the Northeast Washington Region in 2010. CSF will award grants of up to \$75,000, with average awards ranging from \$35,000-\$50,000.

Application Process and Schedule

Applications for the Community Salmon Fund – Northeast Washington Region are due **April 12, 2010**.

CSF uses the Foundation's online application interface: Easygrants. To start an application, please visit <http://www.nfwf.org/easygrants> and select the Community Salmon Fund – Northeast Washington Region funding opportunity. New users to the system will be prompted to register before starting an application.

A technical team made up of regional experts familiar with salmon recovery needs, techniques, and the local communities involved will review proposals based on their potential benefit to salmon habitat, level of community involvement, and strength of budget and leveraged match. Projects will be selected for funding and administered by the Foundation. Applicants will be notified of the results by July 15, 2010. *Note:* Funded projects must be completed by September 30, 2012.

Match Requirement

CSF projects require a minimum 50% match of non-federal funds or contributed goods and services (in-kind). The ratio of matching funds offered by the applicant is one criterion considered during the review process. Match raised by the grantee up to one year prior to the proposal deadline is eligible. To be eligible, matching contributions must be:

- Raised and dedicated specifically towards the project;
- Voluntary in nature (mitigation, restitution, or other permit or court-ordered settlements are ineligible for use as match); and

- Applied only to the Foundation's grant to your organization and not used for other federal matching programs.

Note: Land can be used as match only if it is being placed in an easement during the award period. Waiver of university indirect costs and/or general administrative overhead costs is not eligible for match.

Further Information

For more information about the Community Salmon Fund application process, contact Brian Ferrasci-O'Malley

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