



RECREATIONAL FISHERIES CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

INFORMATION BRIEF

The purpose of the **Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program (RFCPP)** is to bring like-minded partners and their resources together with the common long-term goal of enhancing the sustainability and ongoing productivity of recreational fisheries. The RFCPP seeks partners to **restore, rebuild and rehabilitate** Canada's recreational fisheries habitat by providing support to recreational fishing and angling groups, as well as conservation organizations, to undertake projects that support these objectives.

Eligibility:

The RFCPP funding is limited to recreational fishing/angling groups, conservation groups or Indigenous groups/ organizations. An eligible recipient must be a legal entity (i.e., must have a business or charity number).

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

Activities directly related to rebuilding, restoring or rehabilitating recreational fisheries habitat in Canada are eligible for funding under the RFCPP.

Examples of Eligible Activities:

- Removing barriers to restore habitat
- Enhancing/restoring fishways
- Bank stabilization using bio-engineering techniques
- Re-connection and/or construction of off-channel areas
- Fish habitat complexing (e.g., installation of large woody debris or boulders)

Examples of Ineligible Activities:

- Education or awareness-raising
- Studies and fish habitat assessments
- Activities required to meet regulatory requirements
- Website development

Eligible Costs:

- Human resources costs, including salaries and benefits (limited to temporary/seasonal employees hired specifically to undertake the project)
- Contract and professional service costs that are directly attributable to carrying out the project (excludes litigation or audit costs)
- Travel and related expenses
- Insurance expenses related to RFCPP activities under the agreement
- Purchase, lease, maintenance or repair costs for equipment, material and supplies, as directly related to carrying out the activities in the agreement
- Vehicle rental and operation costs

Note: *Salaries for existing/core personnel and overhead cost are NOT eligible.*



Support:

- Total federal government cash support to the project must not exceed 50% of the total project value and federal, provincial and municipal cash support, combined, must not exceed 75% of the total project value. *These maximums include the RFCPP funding amount requested.*

- Examples of government funding / funding sources:
 - Grants & contributions funding
 - Students paid via federal or provincial job grants
 - Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program and Atlantic Ecosystem Initiative
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program
 - Provincial & municipal funding initiatives
 - Expenditures required to meet government regulatory requirements (e.g., construction of compensatory fish habitat under a Fisheries Act s.35(2)(b) authorization)

Note: *To be eligible for RFCPP funding, a minimum of 25% of the total value of your projects must come from matching sources not identified above.*

- Examples of matching funding sources:
 - Federal, provincial, territorial, municipal government in-kind support (i.e. services in lieu of cash)
 - Trust funds
 - Endowment funds
 - Hydro companies
 - Crown corporations
 - Universities

Application Deadline:

The application deadline for Round 5 of the RFCPP funding is **April 22, 2016**. Please visit the website listed below for the application document and further information on the RFCPP.
<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/rfcpp-ppcpr/index-eng.asp> .

Contribution Amounts and Funding Duration:

Maximum request under the RFCPP is \$250,000 per project per fiscal year. *Preference will be given to funding requests in the \$20,000 to \$100,000 range.*

This project funding request is for activities taking place between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2019. Please note, however, that projects must start before March 31, 2017 to be eligible for funding in this application round.

Contact:

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