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# GHCOC Public Funding Notification Alert

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## PUBLIC GRANTS AND LOANS SCHEDULE JANUARY TO JUNE 2012

### IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE RECREATION & CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD

**NEW**

#### **New Deadlines and Big Changes!**

The RCO has made major changes to their funding programs. Grant funds will only be available in **EVEN** number years. The deadline for submittal for comprehensive recreation plans for all programs is March 1st.

January 31, 2012 is an application workshop webinar, register at: <http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/saw/wkshpRes.shtml>

Check the RCO website to find out if your park plan is on file and your agency is eligible to apply for funding in 2012: [http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/planning\\_requirements.shtml](http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/planning_requirements.shtml)

**Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCO)**  
<http://www.rco.wa.gov/index.asp>

May 1st: Application deadline for the following programs:

- **ALEA** - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account: acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands.
- **BIG** - Boating Infrastructure: facilities for vessels 26ft or longer
- **LWCF** - Land & Water Conservation Fund: parks, trails, athletic fields, skate parks, tennis courts, and wildlife habitat protection.
- **WWRP** - WA Wildlife & Recreation Program. Applications are evaluated in one of several categories.  
Recreation Grants: Local Parks, Trails, & Water Access  
Habitat Conservation Grants: Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, Riparian Protection, Urban Wildlife Habitat, & Farmland Preservation Account

July 2nd: Application deadline for the following programs:

- **BFP** - Boating Facilities: facilities for vessels less than 26ft.
- **FIRE** - Firearms and Archery Range Recreation: acquire, develop, and renovate firearm range and archery training and practice facilities.
- **NOVA** - Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities: backcountry ORV, biking, hiking, and equestrian.
- **RTP** - Recreational Trails Program: backcountry trails.

#### **Plan ahead - the earlier the better!**

Funding agencies want to finance projects that are well thought out, support area-wide strategic plans, are completed in a timely manner, and will be adequately maintained into the future. **Disclaimer**: program availability and deadlines were collected from information available as of **Jan. 5, 2012**.



### WATER QUALITY

**Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**  
[http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our\\_main\\_pages/dwsrf.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/our_main_pages/dwsrf.htm)

*Low interest loans for public water system capital improvements, rate of 1.0 - 1.5%.*

Jan 1 to Mar 1: Applications accepted

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/site/806/default.aspx>  
<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/site/314/default.aspx>

#### **General Purpose Grants**

CDBG general purpose grants help small cities and counties with community and economic development projects that benefit low and moderate income (LMI) persons.

Mar 1: Application due

#### **Planning-Only Grants**

CDBG planning-only grants assist community planning efforts that principally benefit low and moderate income (LMI) persons.

Applications are available March 1 and will be accepted starting May 1 until funds run out.

### HISTORIC & CULTURAL PROGRAMS

#### **Humanities Washington**

<http://www.humanities.org/programs/grants/funding-priorities>

Humanities Washington provides funding for projects which interpret art, or use art or artistic performance, to enhance humanities programs.

**Project Grants**: Maximum of \$7,500 for projects serving a local or regional audience, maximum of \$10,000 for projects serving a state-wide audience.

Mar 25: Application due, letter of intent due Feb 11

**Opportunity Grants**: year-round to small or rural organizations for program planning or implementation, up to \$1,000.

**Our Town Grant**, National Endowment for the Arts  
<http://arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>

The Our Town grant program provides a limited number of grants from \$25,000 to \$150,000 for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of the community.

Mar 1: Application due. Applicants are encouraged to apply 10 days prior to the Mar 1 deadline.

## TRANSPORTATION

### Highway Bridge Program (WSDOT)

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/Bridge/Funding.htm>

Preserve and improve the condition of bridges that are physically deteriorated or structurally deficient through replacement, rehabilitation and systematic preventive maintenance.

Apr 30: Application due

### Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)

<http://www.tib.wa.gov/>

Urban and Small City programs funding for transportation projects for improved road safety, rehabilitation & maintenance, and sidewalk safety & connectivity.

June: funding workshops, applications due August

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

<http://www.choosewashington.com/business/financing/revitalization/Pages/default.aspx>

Low interest loans and grants funding feasibility studies and public infrastructure improvements that encourage job creation and retention.

Jan 30: Application due (Board meets Mar 15)

Apr 4: Application due (Board meets May 17)

Jun 4: Application due (Board meets July 19)

### Construction Loans, Public Works Board

<http://pwb.wa.gov/>

Financing for critical infrastructure.

May: Application usually due.



## ORV RECREATION

### Yamaha OHV Access Initiative

[www.yamaha-motor.com/ohvaccess](http://www.yamaha-motor.com/ohvaccess)

Yamaha accepts applications from non-profit or tax-exempt organizations including OHV riding clubs and associations, national, state and local public land use agencies and other members of the OHV community in the United States. A committee then reviews each application and awards GRANTS to deserving projects.

Applications accepted quarterly. 2012 schedule:

Jan 1 - March 31; Apr 1 - June 30

July 1 - Sept 29; Oct 1 - Nov 30

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**[jdobney@ghcog.org](mailto:jdobney@ghcog.org)**

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

### Traffic Safety Commission

<http://www.wtsc.wa.gov/grants/>

Traffic safety grants to state and local government, law enforcement agencies, schools and non-profit organizations. Priority funding for public education campaigns, equipment or materials, implementation of traffic safety strategies or training.

### Annual Traffic Safety grants

May: Proposals will be due

### Traffic Safety Mini grants

On-going: Mini grants fund small projects up to \$1,000



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Department of Commerce

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov/>

Administers various local government support programs and provides limited grant and loan research assistance.

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### USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa/>

Variable interest loan and grant programs. USDA programs provide funding to: private business to promote job creation; local governments for essential community facilities; local governments & PUDs for electric, water, and sewer utilities; individuals for housing loans & repairs; farmers for valued added production.

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### Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT)

American Planning Association WA Chapter

<http://washington-apa.org/programs/cpat/>

CPAT assist communities that lack planning resources. CPAT members include planners with expertise in land use, transportation, economic development, urban design, natural resources, parks and recreation, historic preservation, and other areas.

### Service Washington - WA Commission for National and Community Service

<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa/>

The Commission implements AmeriCorps programs in Washington.

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