

Volunteer now!



Why Should I Volunteer?

- **Be an Active Member of a Statewide Community**
Grow professionally, challenge yourself, and enhance your resume
- **Become a Better Grant Writer**
Learn what makes a good project and how to score well in RCO's evaluations
- **See What's Happening Before it Happens**
Learn where recreation and conservation progress is occurring
- **Make a Positive Impact**
Improve Washington's quality of life by helping to shape what is funded
- **Make New Contacts**
Many team members include executive directors, program managers, and experts in all manner of conservation and recreation pursuits

Help Make a Difference

Every year, the state Recreation and Conservation Office works with more than 100 volunteers, who provide important advice on grant policies and funding.

Participation helps to ensure that the funding process remains fair, and that public dollars are spent only on the best projects.

Volunteers are divided among more than two-dozen advisory committees, project evaluation teams, and technical review panels. Membership includes the public, agency professionals, and recreationists.

Advisory committees provide:

- **Grant Scoring**
Evaluators review applications and score them, creating ranked lists that are the foundation for funding recommendations.
- **Policy Advice**
Volunteers may give advice on grant program goals and objectives, state plans, evaluation questions, eligibility criteria, and cost increases.
- **Project Technical Review**
Volunteers coach applicants on ways to improve projects before evaluations.

For many of RCO's committees, charter documents are available that detail administration, duties, pay, membership, attributes, and other information.



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RCO's Advisory Committees and Evaluation Teams

Advisory Committee

Committee Work

Boating

Boating Programs Advisory Committee

Evaluates grants that acquire, develop, and renovate facilities for motorized boats on both freshwater and saltwater.

Farmland Preservation

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Farmland Preservation Advisory Committee

Evaluates grants for farmland preservation through voluntary land preservation agreements.

Firearms and Archery Ranges

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Advisory Committee

Evaluates grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private nonprofit firearm range and archery training and practice facilities.

Habitat Conservation

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Advisory Committee

Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

- Critical Habitat Evaluation Team
- Natural Area Evaluation Team
- Riparian Protection Evaluation Team
- State Lands Restoration and Enhancement Evaluation Team
- Urban Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Team

Evaluates grants to buy land for waterfront access and wildlife habitat.

Parks

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Advisory Committee

Land and Water Conservation Fund Advisory Committee

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

- Local Parks Advisory Committee
- State Lands Development and Renovation Advisory Committee
- Water Access Advisory Committee

Youth Athletic Facilities Advisory Committee

Evaluates grants to buy land and develop outdoor facilities for the public including parks, ball fields, swimming pools, and waterfront access.

Trails

Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Advisory Committee

Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

- Trails Advisory Committee

Evaluates grants to develop and maintain backcountry and urban trails, as well as support intensive use areas, such as off-road vehicle sports parks.