



STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

MEETING DATE: November 2009 **ITEM NUMBER:** 9
TITLE: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Grant Funding
PREPARED BY: Marguerite Austin, Recreation Section Manager
APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR:

Proposed Action: Decision

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) received eight Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) projects to review for funding consideration. The requests total more than \$300,000, which is less than the amount available for program funding.

At the November 2009 Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) meeting, staff will ask the board to approve the ranked list and funding for projects recommended by the FARR Advisory Committee. This memorandum highlights the process used to assess these applications, the evaluation results, and funding recommendation.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these grant awards supports the board's strategy to provide funding to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance recreation opportunities statewide.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ranked list and funding for projects as shown in *Table 1, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Ranked List, State Fiscal Year 2010* via Resolution #2009-32 .

Program Description

The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation program provides funding to support firearm and archery recreation. This includes facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun, and archery activities.



Program Policies

Established by the Legislature in 1990, the primary goal of the FARR program is to increase general public access to firearm and archery range facilities. The program is guided by policies outlined in board *Manual #11, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program: Policies and Project Selection*. Key policies related to this program are as follows:

Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State and local agencies and qualified nonprofit shooting organizations may apply.• Applicants may submit multiple applications each grant cycle.
Eligible Project Types	Acquisition, development, and renovation projects are eligible.
Match Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant matching shares are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 33% for safety or noise abatement elements in range renovation projects.○ 50% for all other project costs.
Funding Limits	Grant requests are limited to \$50,000 per project.
Public Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities must be open to the general public for a minimum of eight hours per month, with special emphasis on access for the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hunter and safety education classes○ Law enforcement personnel○ Members of the public with concealed weapons permits• Funded facilities must be kept open and available for public use for a minimum of 10 years after project completion.
Other Program Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liability insurance is the only operational expense eligible for funding• A public hearing or meeting is required for projects that will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Acquire or develop a range facility where one does not currently exist.○ Result in substantial new external impact on the surrounding area of an existing range.

Estimated Funds Available

The FARR program receives funds from the sale of concealed pistol licenses. The RCO receives three dollars from each permit sold, and typically conducts a grant round in the odd year of each biennium.

For state fiscal year 2010, \$495,000 is available for FARR grants, but sponsors requested only \$300,000 for projects, making the program undersubscribed.

Evaluation Summary

The RCO director appoints members of the FARR Advisory Committee to include representatives from various shooting disciplines and interest groups as provided in statute. Members of the committee who evaluated projects in 2009 were:

Evaluator	Organization	Discipline
Jerry Bentler	Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club	Rifle
Eric Biebesheimer	WA Hunter Education Instructor's Assn.	Hunter Education
Tim Chestnut	Northwest Sportsman's Club	Shotgun
James E. Clem	Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club	Law Enforcement
Robert Jaeger	Interlake Sporting Association	General Public
Linda Parker	WA State Archery Association	Archery
Colonel Jeff Pflug	Washington Military Department	Military
Pamela A. Schmitz	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club	Hunters
Jim Sell	Tri-County Gun Club	Pistol
Patricia Sprague-Binder	Peninsula Long Rifles	Black Powder

The program was undersubscribed in 2009, so the RCO director authorized staff to conduct the evaluations through a written review process, as permitted by a policy approved by the board in July 2009 (Resolution #2009-16).

The results of the evaluations are shown in *Table 1, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Ranked List, State Fiscal Year 2010*.

Attachments

Resolution #2009-32

Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Evaluation Ranked List, State Fiscal Year 2010*

- A. FARR Evaluation Criteria Summary
- B. FARR Evaluation Scoring Summary
- C. FARR Project Synopses in Ranked Order

RESOLUTION #2009-32
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Funding
State Fiscal Year 2010

WHEREAS, eight Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program projects were submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) for consideration for fiscal year 2010 funds, and

WHEREAS, all eight projects were evaluated by the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Advisory Committee using evaluation criteria approved in an open public meeting by the board, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the RCO has \$495,000 available for projects in this program and the amount of requested grant funds is less than the amount of funding available; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire and/or develop public outdoor recreation facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list and funding of projects depicted in *Table 1 -- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program State Fiscal Year 2010*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

Table 1
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Evaluation Ranked List
State Fiscal Year 2010

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total	Cummulative Request	RCO Staff Recommends
1 of 8	74.700	09-1204D	TCSA Hunter Education Range	Tri-Cities Shooting Assn Inc	\$23,986	\$32,438	\$56,424	\$23,986	\$23,986
2 of 8	73.500	09-1430D	KRRC Utilities and Restrooms	Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club	\$50,000	\$59,000	\$109,000	\$73,986	\$50,000
3 of 8	69.100	09-1412D	Silver Arrow Bowmen Range Improvements	Silver Arrow Bowmen	\$49,727	\$41,943	\$91,670	\$123,713	\$49,727
4 of 8	66.700	09-1436D	Evergreen Sportsmen's Club Sporting Clays	Evergreen Sportsmens Club	\$26,847	\$26,843	\$53,690	\$150,560	\$26,847
5 of 8	66.300	09-1555D	Sporting Clays Improvements 09	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$50,000	\$53,835	\$103,835	\$200,560	\$50,000
6 of 8	66.200	09-1737D	Evergreen Sportsmen's Club - Restroom Renovation	Evergreen Sportsmens Club	\$34,871	\$36,294	\$71,165	\$235,431	\$34,871
7 of 8	65.800	09-1434D	Roadway Improvement-Phase two	North Cascades Sportsmen Club	\$42,550	\$51,040	\$93,590	\$277,981	\$42,550
8 of 8	64.800	09-1376D	Walla Walla Gun Club Renovation Project Ph II	Walla Walla Gun Club	\$23,782	\$23,782	\$47,564	\$301,763	\$23,782
					\$301,763	\$325,175	\$626,938		\$301,763

FARR funds available \$495,000 for 2009-2011 biennium.

Date Created: 10/21/09

ATTACHMENT A: FARR EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY

Evaluation Criteria

FARR Program Criteria Summary				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	A/D
Team	1	Need	3/15	A/D
Team	2	Immediacy of threat	2/10	A
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Impact on surrounding property*	1/5	A/D
Team	5	Expansion/renovation	1/5	A/D
Team	6	Health & safety	3/15	A/D
Team	7	Budget development	1/5	A/D
Team	8	Mandated uses	2/10	A/D
Team	9	Public access	3/15	A/D
Team	10	Need satisfaction	2/10	A/D
RCO Staff	11	Applicant match	-/5	A/D
RCO Staff	12	GMA preference	-/0	A/D
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Existing sites			95	A or D
New sites			90	A or D

KEY:

- Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team
- IAC Staff = Criterion scored by RCO staff
- Number = Item number
- Item = Criteria title
- Mult/Mx = *M*ultiplier and *m*aximum points possible for this criterion.
- A/D = Criterion applicable to either acquisition or development project

* Applies only to qualified existing sites and projects certified as qualifying for a higher funding level. See question 3.

**Evaluation Summary
 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
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		Question and Question Number												
Proj. Num		Need	Immediacy of Threat	Project Design	Impact on Surrounding Property	Expansion Renovation	Health & Safety	Budget Dev.	Mandated Use	Public Access	Need Satisfaction	Applicant Match	GMA Pref.	Total
Rank	Project Name and Sponsor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1	09-1204D TCSA Hunter Education Range, Tri-Cities Shooting Assn Inc	12.900	0.000	8.800	2.500	4.800	10.500	3.900	8.400	12.900	10.000	0.000	0.000	74.700
2	09-1430D KRRC Utilities and Restrooms, Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club	12.000	0.000	8.800		4.100	12.000	3.900	8.800	14.100	8.800	1.000	0.000	73.500
3	09-1412D Silver Arrow Bowmen Range Improvements, Silver Arrow Bowmen	12.300	0.000	6.400	3.200	4.400	11.400	3.600	6.600	12.600	7.600	1.000	0.000	69.100
4	09-1436D Evergreen Sportsmen's Club Sporting Clays, Evergreen Sportsmens Club	10.800	0.000	8.000		4.300	11.100	4.500	7.400	11.400	8.200	1.000	0.000	66.700
5	09-1555D Sporting Clays Improvements 09, Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	10.200	0.000	8.000	2.500	4.100	9.600	4.000	7.600	12.300	8.000	0.000	0.000	66.300
6	09-1737D Evergreen Sportsmen's Club - Restroom Renovation, Evergreen Sportsmens Club	9.900	0.000	8.000		3.900	10.500	4.100	8.000	12.600	8.200	1.000	0.000	66.200
7	09-1434D Roadway Improvement-Phase two, North Cascades Sportsmen Club	10.200	0.000	7.600		4.100	10.200	3.800	7.800	12.300	8.800	1.000	0.000	65.800
8	09-1376D Walla Walla Gun Club Renovation Project Ph II, Walla Walla Gun Club	10.800	0.000	8.000		4.000	11.100	3.800	6.600	11.700	8.800	0.000	0.000	64.800

Evaluation Team Score Questions: 1-10
 RCO Staff Scored Questions: 11-12

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Tri-Cities Shooting Association Inc. \$23,986**Developing a Hunter Education Range**

The Tri-Cities Shooting Association will use this grant to develop a hunter education range and a practical field course inside the 1,100-acre Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility. The ranges will be built on land owned by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and leased to Benton County, which manages the shooting facility. The new facilities will enable the shooting association to offer hunter education and safety training classes. The association will contribute \$32,438 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1204)

Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club \$50,000**Providing Utilities and Restrooms**

The Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club will use this grant to improve the range by adding utilities and lighting. Crews will drill a well to provide water for an accessible restroom, complete with a septic system and drain field. Crews also will install lights for the parking area and target line, and pave the access area to better connect the entrance into the range. Kitsap Rifle and Revolver Club will contribute \$59,000 in cash, equipment, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1430)

Silver Arrow Bowmen \$49,727**Improving the Silver Arrow Bowmen Range**

The Silver Arrow Bowmen will use this grant to upgrade the archery range to improve safety, and durability of the meeting house. The city of Mount Vernon wants to use the west 100 feet of the range for a hiking and biking trail. To keep trail users safe, much of the trails and targets need to be moved. Crews will install a fence along the west and north portions of the range to allow for the city trail, realign range trails, repair small foot bridges, remove or rebuild targets, add backstops to many targets, and build backstop fencing on portions of the flat range for safety. Warning signs will be installed along the edges of the archery range. Additionally, crews will re-roof the clubhouse, install a vault toilet, add lighting to the flat range, and buy three dimensional targets. Silver Arrow Bowmen will contribute \$41,943 in donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1412)

Evergreen Sportsmen's Club \$26,847**Renovating the Sporting Clays Shooting Area**

The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to expand and renovate its sporting clays course and skeet range. With 36 trap fields, it is the largest trap range west of the Mississippi River and host of the annual Washington State Championships and the Grand Pacific Trap Shooting events. Sporting clays shooting has become very popular

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throughout the state and the number of users each year at the club has grown. To accommodate the growth, the club will extend electrical power to the sporting clays check-in station, build a short segment of road, and lay gravel on an existing road and walking path that access the course. The club also will buy new trap throwing machines, build an open shelter, install shooting station benches and gun racks, buy two portable restrooms, and construct shooting stands and thrower houses. The grant also will allow the club to re-roof the skeet towers, buy or build signs, and landscape by removing Scotch broom and planting trees to reduce noise and provide shade. Evergreen Sportsmen's Club will contribute \$26,843 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1436)

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club **\$50,000**
Improving Sporting Clays Course

The Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will use this grant to build a 17-station sporting clays course and provide access to the existing five-stand field. Crews will create easier access to the sporting clays course, install fences and signs, improve the road so it is assessible to wheelchairs, buy 11 trap machines and a lift, and build four target shelters. The sporting clays course will be the first in Washington to be set up permanently. It will be open to the public every day the club is open. Seattle Skeet and Trap Club will contribute \$53,835 in cash and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1555)

Evergreen Sportsmen's Club **\$34,871**
Renovating Restrooms

The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club will use this grant to renovate the restrooms inside the main clubhouse. Crews will tear out the old restroom, which date back to 1971, and replace it with a new facility. The new restroom will have toilets and counters that are accessible to people with disabilities, as well as new plumbing, mirrors, floors, and sinks. The Evergreen Sportsmen's Club will contribute \$36,294 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1737)

North Cascades Sportsmen Club **\$42,550**
Roadway Improvement-Phase Two

The North Cascades Sportsmen Club will use this grant to improve its roads so they are useable year-round, and to provide adequate, usable parking for all range areas. In this second of two phases of road work, crews will pave the remaining area from the already paved surfaces to the club's front gate. The rifle range and trap and skeet range parking area will be graveled. North Cascades Sportsmen Club will contribute \$51,040 in equipment, labor, materials, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1434)

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**Walla Walla Gun Club
Renovating the Gun Club**

\$23,782

The Walla Walla Gun Club will use this grant to install four new trap machines with voice pulls to accommodate increased use of the range. The club has been an active recreation center for more than 117 years. This project will allow the club to upgrade its facilities to meet the demands of users locally as well as those who participate in annual shooting competitions. The Walla Walla Gun Club will contribute \$23,782 from a private grant. This grant is from the Firearms and Archery Recreation Range Program. (09-1376)