



# Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Member Recruitment

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The Governor is looking to appoint a new member to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board beginning in January. Interested individuals should submit applications directly to the Governor's office. Applications should be received by December 1<sup>st</sup>. This opportunity to serve is a chance to be part of a great organization that helps determine where investments should be made in Washington's great outdoors.

## **To Apply: Fill Out the Online Application at**

[www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.asp](http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/application/default.asp). It is also helpful to submit a cover letter and resume to the Governor's Office.

## **The Governor is Looking for Citizens with these Skills:**

- Experience in local parks, land conservation, or outdoor recreation
- Ability to look at the big picture
- Ability to work well on a board
- Experience working with people from all walks of life
- Good listener, thoughtful decision-maker

## **Making a Difference**

The board plays a significant role in keeping Washington a great place to live, work, and play. Since 1964, the board has awarded more than \$1 billion for more than 4,700 projects in every county of the state. Consider:

- The board's grants are the largest source of funding for most city and county park departments' capital projects (outside of local levies).
- The board is a significant financial contributor to conserving some of the state's most pristine natural areas for plants and animals at risk of extinction.
- The board offers some of the few state grants for protecting important farmland from being converted for development.

## **Founded by Citizens**

The board began in 1964 when citizens voted for Initiative 215, which created the board and gave it authority to spend gas taxes from boaters to develop boating facilities. In the succeeding 47 years, the board has been given nine additional grant programs that

offer grants to build parks, trails, ball fields, and boating facilities; to conserve and restore wildlife habitat; and to protect farmland.

Funding for the grants comes from a variety of federal funds, state gas taxes, fees, and the state's sale of general obligation bonds.

### **Role of the Board**

The board sets policies for grant programs and ensures that the grants are awarded to the best projects in a manner that is fair, accountable, and open to the public.

Applications generally are submitted every other year and reviewed by evaluation committees, which are made up of staff and citizen experts. The committees score projects based on criteria established by the board and submit ranked lists to the board for funding consideration.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The board typically meets four times a year. Current meeting schedule is at [www.rco.wa.gov/boards/rcfb\\_meetings.shtml](http://www.rco.wa.gov/boards/rcfb_meetings.shtml). Three of the four meetings are in Olympia. Board members receive \$50 a day for each meeting and are reimbursed for travel costs.

### **Learn More**

- About the board at [www.rco.wa.gov/boards/rcfb.shtml](http://www.rco.wa.gov/boards/rcfb.shtml)
- The board's staff at the Recreation and Conservation Office at [www.rco.wa.gov](http://www.rco.wa.gov).
- This recruitment at [www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact\\_sheets/RCFB\\_Recruitment.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/fact_sheets/RCFB_Recruitment.pdf)

### **Strategic Plans and Work Plans**

- Board Strategic Plan: [www.rco.wa.gov/documents/strategy/rcfb\\_strategic\\_plan.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/strategy/rcfb_strategic_plan.pdf)
- RCO Strategic Plan: [www.rco.wa.gov/documents/strategy/RCO\\_Strategic\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.rco.wa.gov/documents/strategy/RCO_Strategic_Plan.pdf)