

## **FISHAMERICA FOUNDATION'S FUNDING GUIDELINES**

The FishAmerica Foundation provides funding to non-profit organizations such as sporting clubs, civic associations, conservation groups, and state agencies, in the United States and Canada. FishAmerica reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the eligibility of a project for support.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Additional guidelines may exist when applying for funding through specific FishAmerica Foundation partnerships with other organizations and governmental agencies.

Potential applicants with specific questions about the application process are encouraged to contact the foundation at (703) 519-9691 ext 247 or [fishamerica@asafishing.org](mailto:fishamerica@asafishing.org).

### **Applying for Funds**

Conservation project applications may be submitted at any time except for project applications associated with specific Request for Proposals.

FishAmerica's review period is nine months to one year. Additional information may be requested before an award is finalized. All projects are funded for one year only.

When applying for funds, applicants should include, at a minimum, the following:

- **Completed application** with detailed budget and timeline.
- **Letter of Support** from the appropriate state resource agency (a fisheries biologist);
- Evidence of the recipient organization's **tax-exempt status** (i.e. 501(c)(3) letter);

### **Projects Considered for Funding**

The Foundations' Conservation Projects Committee funds hands-on, action-oriented projects that have clear and identifiable benefits to sport fish populations and the sport of fishing. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the Conservation Projects Committee only funds projects that directly enhance water quality, habitat and/or sportfish populations. The average conservation grant is \$7,500.

Funds for non-labor costs are provided for the following:

Habitat improvement

Streambank stabilization

Aeration systems

Fishing reefs

Silt removal

Planting of trees and vegetation

Fish passage improvements (i.e., culvert removal/replacement, fish ladders  
installation/repair, dam removal)

Hatchery construction/renovation

Stocking and rearing projects with long-term value

Litter cleanups

Heavy equipment rental and operation (i.e., removal of silt from fishing ponds, construction of fish ladders and bypasses, demolition and removal of dams, placement of large wood).

**Projects That Are Not Funded**

The foundation does not provide funds for the following projects or purposes:

Donations of fishing tackle

Salaries, administration, overhead or travel for conservation projects

Monitoring related to conservation projects

Individuals

Political activities which attempt to influence political campaigns or legislation

Access projects such as road construction, boat ramps or fishing piers

Loans, endowments, trips, tours, tickets, advertising or publications

Permits