



FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR GRASSROOTS FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Application Deadline November 6, 2017

The FishAmerica Foundation is the American Sportfishing Association's conservation and research foundation. The FishAmerica Foundation unites the sportfishing industry with conservation groups, government natural resource agencies, corporations and foundations to invest in sportfish and habitat conservation and research across the country.

The FishAmerica Foundation is soliciting projects from grassroots, nonprofit organizations conducting projects designed to improve sportfish populations, aquatic habitat or water quality. Projects must be in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee or Washington state.

Grants are limited to a maximum of \$25,000, however, smaller projects are encouraged to apply. Matching funds are desirable but not required.

Who is eligible? Non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations and state and local governments are invited to apply. Proposals submitted by government agencies must include the participation of volunteer local organizations.

What types of projects will be considered? Grassroots, community-based projects designed to directly improve fish populations, water quality or aquatic habitat improvement are eligible for funding.

Are education or research projects eligible? Projects that are purely educational, research or outreach based are not eligible for funding.

Projects which clearly demonstrate direct improvement to fisheries resources and which incorporate research or education as a minor component may be considered for funding. See the application materials for additional types of projects which are not eligible for funding.

How can we apply? A completed application, letter of endorsement from a state natural resources agency and evidence of non-profit status are the minimum materials needed to apply. Supplemental materials may be submitted in support of this application.

What is the deadline for applications? Applications will be accepted up until midnight (Eastern time) Monday, November 6, 2017. This deadline may be extended at the discretion of the FishAmerica Foundation.

When do projects need to be completed? Ideally, projects should be completed by July 31, 2018, but may be extended to December 1, 2018.

How much funding is available? The FishAmerica Foundation is seeking to support three-five projects with a maximum award of \$25,000 per project.

How do I get more information? For more information about this grant application, please email dcarpenter@asafishing.org or go to www.asafishing.org/fish-america-foundation.



FishAmerica Foundation General Grant Application Guidelines

The FishAmerica Foundation does accept grant requests from non-profit organizations, agencies and other institutions. On occasion, FishAmerica may contract with individuals or institutions for specific project deliverables fitting within our mission area.

The foundation generally does not provide support for programs which solely monitor the condition of the resources but which do not directly improve fish populations or water quality.

FishAmerica does not donate equipment or products or provide funding for such programs.

The FishAmerica Foundation reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the eligibility of a project for support.

What types of grants fit within the foundation's parameter?

Grassroots, community-based projects fitting within our mission area include:

- Promoting participation and improving conditions in recreational fishing and related activities.
- Reducing pollution in waterways and lakes thereby attaining cleaner water.
- Increasing fish abundance and conservation of fish populations.

What types of grants are not typically supported by the FishAmerica Foundation?

In general, the Foundation does not provide funds for:

- Individuals other than contracts for specific project deliverables that we solicit
- Political activities or activities which intervene in any political campaigns or which are designed to influence legislation
- Loans of any kind
- Endowment purposes
- Trips, tours, tickets or advertising

What materials do I need to submit for funding?

At a minimum, grant applicants must submit:

- A completed Application Form - available from the FishAmerica Foundation
- A Letter of Determination from the I.R.S. stating the tax-exempt status of the requesting organization, preferably 501(c)(3) status.
- Letter from the appropriate state natural resources agency (on agency letterhead) stating their approval of the project. NOTE - although the applicant is responsible for acquiring any special permit(s) that are required, a permit approval alone is not sufficient for this purpose.
- Applicants are welcome to submit additional materials with the grant application.

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