

By law, all revenue raised by the NSW recreational fishing fee is placed into two Trust Funds dedicated to improving recreational fishing:

- the Recreational Fishing (Freshwater) Trust Fund; and
- the Recreational Fishing (Saltwater) Trust Fund.

The following guidelines are provided to assist with the preparation of applications for funding from the Trust Funds.

Who can apply?

Anyone can apply for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups, individuals and so on. Joint applications are also encouraged.

Who decides how the Trust Funds are spent?

The Minister for Primary Industries receives advice on Trust Fund expenditure from the Advisory Council on Recreational Fishing, which consists of people with expertise in all aspects of recreational fishing. Two sub-committees of the Advisory Council, the Recreational Fishing Saltwater and Freshwater Trust Expenditure Committees assess funding applications and then the Advisory Council makes recommendations for funding priorities to the Minister.

Eligibility and Priority Areas

Funding applications must relate to the improvement of recreational fishing. Successful projects are usually funded for one year however funding may be provided for up to a maximum of three years from the initial grant.

Priorities for funding from the Trust Funds include:

- recreational fisheries enhancement;
- angler education, information and training;
- research on popular recreational species;
- recreational fisheries access and facilities; and
- recreational fisheries sustainability.

The Expenditure Committees are also interested in proposals which:

- maximise the benefits to geographic areas or numbers of recreational fishers;
- leverage off other projects;
- incorporate matched funding or in-kind contribution by the applicant.

Projects that would not receive favourable consideration, or would be considered a low priority include:

- Commercial ventures or materials developed for a primarily commercial purpose.
- Requests for funding the business of organisations/clubs.
- Construction of boat launching ramps (alternative funding sources exist e.g. Maritime Infrastructure Program.)
- Ongoing maintenance e.g. dredging (responsibility of local authority). Initial dredging works undertaken during the construction of new recreational fishing facilities would be eligible for funding as part of the project; and
- Projects with a very narrow focus.

Small grants (funding up to \$10,000)

Small grants enable fishing clubs, councils and other community members to submit freshwater and saltwater proposals for small, local or regional projects to enhance recreational fishing. Grants are limited to \$10,000 and proposals should include matched funds or contributing in-kind support (such as voluntary labour, material, salaried staff) from the applicant or other sources. Small grant applications can be submitted at any time during the year. Previously funded small grant projects have included the establishment of fish cleaning tables, fishing platforms and fish measuring stations.

Large grants (funding of more than \$10,000)

A call for grant applications is advertised by NSW DPI every year, usually around February, although applicants can submit a large application at any time during the year. Short pre-proposals for feedback can be submitted anytime prior to submitting a large grant application. Pre-proposals should outline the program objectives, the program budget and the benefits of the program to recreational fishing. Feedback provided on pre-proposals in no way guarantees that the final large grant application will be successful.

Examples of programs previously funded by large grants can be viewed at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

How to apply

Applications can be made by completing the attached Funding Application and forwarding it to the:

Recreational Fishing Trusts Executive Officer
NSW Department of Primary Industries
PO Box 21
CRONULLA NSW 2230

Receipt of applications will only be acknowledged on request.

Additional information

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Enter into a Recreational Fishing Trust Funding Agreement;
- Submit written progress reports on the funded project on request from NSW DPI;
- Submit written reports on completed milestones and an invoice as a condition of receiving funding instalments
- Submit a final project and financial report on the project to NSW DPI within 60 days of completing the project;

For assistance in filling out your application and to ensure applications are consistent with priorities for funding:

Contact: Recreational Fishing Trusts Executive Officer, NSW Department of Primary Industries, PO Box 21, Cronulla, NSW, 2230. ☎ 02 9527 8411; fax 02 9527 8536; e-mail recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au or visit the Department's website at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au.

SALTWATER AND FRESHWATER TRUST FUNDS FUNDING APPLICATION

7. Project objectives (what you plan to achieve)

8. Project consultation (include any stakeholders or community organisations that support the proposed project)

Who has previously assessed this proposal? Attach any expert advice or letters of support.

9. Methods (provide maps, plans, diagrams where possible)

10. Site project ownership and activities (give name of the owner of private land or Management agency for public land, if applicable and approvals or permits obtained to undertake the project)

SALTWATER AND FRESHWATER TRUST FUNDS FUNDING APPLICATION

11. Milestones

Example

Proposed Milestone Date (insert timeframe in months)	Milestone description	Funding Payment
0 months	<i>Execution of Funding Agreement</i>	50% of Total Funding
3 months	<i>Eg Obtain quotes for fishing platform and finalise plans.</i>	-
6 months	<i>Eg Approvals for construction works obtained. Progress report submitted to DPI.</i>	25% of Total Funding
9 months	<i>Eg Fishing platform construction commenced.</i>	-
15 months	<i>Eg Completion of program and submission and approval of final report by DPI and RFSTEC</i>	25% of Total Funding

For completion by applicant

Proposed Milestone Date (insert timeframe in months)	Milestone description	Funding Payment
0 months	Execution of Funding Agreement	
months		
months		
months		
months		
months	Completion of program and submission and approval of final report by DPI and RFSTEC	

**add more rows if necessary*

SALTWATER AND FRESHWATER TRUST FUNDS FUNDING APPLICATION

12. Budget (attach a separate budget if required)

Activity Line	Description of item, quantity & cost per unit	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Operating expenses (please specify)				
Materials (please specify)				
Salaries (please specify)				
Other (please specify)				
TOTAL				
Other funding contributions (e.g. in kind, local council, FRDC, NHT etc)				
TOTAL (requested from Trust)				

13. Benefits

Describe direct benefits to recreational fishing and any flow-on of benefits to other sectors or the community in general.

Please mark confidential and forward to:

Recreational Fishing Trusts Executive Officer
NSW Department of Primary Industries
PO Box 21
CRONULLA NSW 2230

Email: recreational.fishingtrust@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Ph: (02) 9527 8411