



Department of
**Primary Industries and
Regional Development**



Round 8 - RECREATIONAL FISHING INITIATIVE FUND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INFORMATION

Background

Upon the introduction of the Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence in March 2010, the State Government made a commitment that all funds generated by the licence would be expended on recreational fishing related activities in Western Australia.

These funds, together with other funds contributed by the State Government, are held in the Recreational Fishing Account administered by the Minister for Fisheries. 25% of these funds are quarantined into the Recreational Fishing Initiatives Fund (RFIF) and made available to selected projects aligned to the priorities of the Recreational fishing sector.

This package provides details of the RFIF process together with a Round 8 RFIF expression of interest form.

Selection from the RFIF

Grants will be made to projects selected through a competitive application process as described below.

1. Expression of interest (EOI) for Round 8 of the RFIF funding opens on 21st December 2018 and closes at midnight (WST) on Sunday the 17th February 2019.
2. The Recfishwest Board selects EOIs to progress to full application.
3. Applicant develop full application with input from Recfishwest, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and key stakeholders.
4. The Recfishwest Board and DPIRD provide project recommendations to the Minister for Fisheries.
5. The Minister will select projects to receive funding through the RFIF.

To assist with the assessment of projects, where appropriate, Recfishwest may rely upon:

- Input from the RFIF Application Advisory Group and
- Guidance as to strategic priorities from Recfishwest stakeholders and DPIRD.

The Minister has absolute discretion in evaluating all applications and making a final decision in the application of funds. The Minister is not bound to accept any recommendation from Recfishwest.

Expression of interest for Round 8 RFIF project grants

Expression of interest (EOI) for Round 8 of the RFIF must be made on the RFIF Round 8 EOI form. It is important that all sections of the EOI form are completed. Additional information may be appended to the EOI form if required.

RFIF Round 8 EOI forms can be downloaded by clicking [EOI application form for RFIF Round 8](#)

EOI Forms cannot be completed online and need to be downloaded, completed and submitted to Recfishwest by e-mailing info@recfishwest.org.au

EOI applications must be received on or before midnight (WST) Sunday the 17th February 2019.

It is recommended applicants contact Recfishwest to discuss potential project ideas prior to developing an Expression of Interest Application.

Applicants

Applicants may be individuals or organisations. Applicants must provide a valid ABN or be sponsored by an organisation with a valid ABN. Applicants must disclose any relationship or association with DPIRD, Department personnel or Recfishwest.

Quantum of Grants

Grants may be awarded for projects which are considered meritorious. A grant can be spread over a period of up to 3 years (Maximum).

10% of the grant may be withheld until after delivery of the final report on the implementation of the project. It should be noted that grants for community based projects are also available from Recfishwest through a separate community grant scheme.

In assessing EOI's for Round 8 RFIF, regard will be given to the extent to which projects:

- are likely to deliver a significant or diverse benefit to recreational fishing in Western Australia;
- have synergies with Recfishwest Strategic Plan. It is recommended applicants contact Recfishwest to discuss their project idea.
- have synergies with DPIRD Fisheries Division Strategic Plan;
http://www.fish.wa.gov.au/Documents/corporate_publications/strategic_plan_2016-2020.pdf
- have synergies with other initiatives being pursued by the DPIRD or Recfishwest;
- are proposed by applicants who:
 - are recreational fishers or can demonstrate support by recreational fishers;
 - can demonstrate that they have the expertise to deliver the project;
 - have a track record of timely, cost effective and successful project delivery;
- are funded in addition to the grant, by financial or in kind contributions by the applicant or third parties;
- apply grant funds directly towards project implementation not to indirect costs such as overheads and administration;
- have clear set of project objectives;
- display projected financial summary of project;

Assessment Criteria

Grants will only be made to projects that promote or benefit recreational fishing in Western Australia. All grant applications should address one or more of the following broad strategic areas.

- Stocking and stock enhancement of recreationally important species;
- Habitat protection, enhancement and ecology with particular reference to key recreational species.
- Improving recreational fishing safety;
- People development/capacity building / succession planning;
- Management, access, data collection and governance of recreational fishing;
- Extension, communications and promotion of recreational fishing;
- Improving fishing experiences;

In addition to the broad strategic areas shown above the Recfishwest Board has expressed an interest for applications in this round of funding to address strategic priorities shown in the table on the following page.

Defined projects

The Recfishwest Board has expressed an interest in receiving applications that address the following defined projects.

- A stock enhancement program focused on key marron fishing dams of the Southwest.
- A project to improve the natural productivity of Cockburn Sound such as seeding mussels for breeding snapper, installing spawning reefs, seagrass seeding and/or snapper/crab stocking.
- Installation of a floating jetty for all ability access at a popular fishing location such as Big Brook Dam or the Swan-Canning river.
- A project focussed on reducing plastic/ rubbish in Western Australia's aquatic environment.
- Carnarvon nearshore artificial reef *
- A project to develop an event or festival centred on celebrating Western Australian Salmon.
- A project that tests methods to counteract shark bite-off (depredation) impacts on fishing experiences in Western Australia.

*It is noted that large capital projects such as artificial reef where the state will retain liability for aquatic structures are likely to be required to progress through a separate process that aligns to governmental procurement guidelines. If your EOI is centred on this defined project idea it is recommended you contact Recfishwest to register your interest in this priority and be informed about the process pathway for this defined priority.

Grant Agreement

Following the completion of Round 8 RFIF selection process, applicants must sign a grant agreement prior to the release of funds. The Minister for Fisheries reserves the right to vary the terms of the grant agreement, including incorporating grant specific conditions.

Contact

Recfishwest encourages all applicants to contact the Recfishwest office to discuss potential projects before submitting an EOI. For further information is required, please contact the Recfishwest Office on 9246 3366 or email info@recfishwest.org.au

Key Dates for RFIF Round 8 applicants

21st December 2018 -17th February 2019 (8 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expression of Interest (EOI) period. The EOI period will open on Friday 21st December 2018 and close at midnight Sunday 17th February 2019.
1st March – 26th April 2019 (8 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants advised whether they have been requested to proceed to full application or if their EOI was unsuccessful for this round of funding.• Applicants invited to submit a full application will be provided with advice about essential elements a full application will need to address. Recfishwest and DPIRD with provide guidance in the development of full applications.
July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister selects projects chosen to receive RFIF Funding for RFIF Round 8.• Successful and unsuccessful applicants informed.• Contracts develop and signed by recipient and Grantor.• Projects can commence and first invoices can be processed.