



AMERICAN RIVERS-NOAA COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATION PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP NOW ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR RIVER RESTORATION GRANTS

American Rivers seeks proposals for river restoration project grants as part of its partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-based Restoration Program. Program funding is provided through NOAA's Open Rivers Initiative, which seeks to enable environmental and economic renewal in local communities through the removal of stream barriers.

This Partnership funds stream barrier removal projects that help restore riverine ecosystems, enhance public safety and community resilience, and have clear and identifiable benefits to diadromous fish populations.¹ Projects in the Northeast (ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI), Mid-Atlantic (NY, NJ, PA, DE, VA, MD, DC), Northwest (WA, OR, ID), and California are eligible to apply. Projects located within the St. Lawrence/Great Lakes Basin are not eligible for funding at this time.

Eligible applications will be evaluated based upon four priority criteria: (1) ecological merits of the project, (2) technical feasibility of the project, (3) benefits provided to the local community, and (4) financial clarity and strength of the application. Grants are provided for three distinct project phases: Construction, Engineering Design and Feasibility Analysis. Proposals for Construction phase funding may request a maximum award of \$100,000. Proposals for Engineering Design or Feasibility Analysis phases may request a maximum award of \$75,000. Proposals requesting more than the maximum allowable amounts will be rejected. Successful applicants for one project phase will not be eligible to receive additional funding for that same project phase in future grant rounds. See the Funding Guidelines for more details.

Applications are currently being accepted for 2010 project funding with a deadline of December 18, 2009. Applications for projects must be received by the deadline for consideration in this funding cycle. Potential applicants must contact American Rivers to discuss projects prior to submitting an application. See Funding Guidelines for additional details. Applicants can expect notification about funding decisions in March 2010.

Obtain the Application for Financial Assistance and Funding Guidelines on the American Rivers web site www.americanrivers.org/NOAAGrants or contact us at the addresses below.

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¹ "Diadromous" fish migrate between freshwater and saltwater during their life cycle. Examples include alewife, American eel, American shad, blueback herring, salmon, steelhead, shortnose sturgeon and striped bass.