

DESERT FISH HABITAT PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCES A CALL FOR DESERT FISH CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY PROJECT PROPOSALS

Pre-proposal Due Date: Year round
Full Proposal Due Date: As Needed Basis

The Desert Fish Habitat Partnership (DFHP) is requesting submission of project proposals for the 2010 National Fish Habitat Action Plan funding cycle and other potential funding sources.

DFHP requests parties interested in the conservation of desert fish coordinate with local, NGO, state, tribal, and federal agency biologists to submit project proposals that address habitat needs or other conservation or recovery needs of desert fish identified in the Framework for Strategic Conservation of Desert Fish (Framework), available online at: http://www.nature.nps.gov/water/Fisheries_Partnership/Documents/dfhp_final_LOWRES2.pdf

One of the major goals of the DFHP is to serve as a clearing house for matching proposed fish habitat projects to available funding sources. These sources include the National Fish Habitat Board, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and other federal agency program appropriations. The US Fish and Wildlife Service and DFHP will maintain a list of projects submitted and continually update as projects are completed, revised, and/or new projects are added. This list of DFHP projects may also be helpful in seeking Congressional funding in the future.

Decisions on which projects are moved forward for National Fish Habitat Board and US Fish and Wildlife Service funding will take place in late Fall, in accordance with the guidance provided by the National Fish Habitat Board. For all other funding sources, decisions will be made by NFHP on an as needed basis.

Pre-proposals will be evaluated and ranked initially by regional sub-committees and finally by the DFHP Executive Committee according to the priorities and criteria outlined below. The strongest pre-proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal. If invited for a full proposal, applicants will be required to fulfill the requirements of that request. Full proposal applicants will be supported by DFHP through a formal letter of support to the funding requestor.

Proposals should include descriptions of the following (see attached):

- All desert fish species the project will assist in conserving. (Included fish species are listed in the Framework).
- All on-the-ground habitat actions needed to restore, protect, and enhance the populations and how this proposed project either initiates or fits into larger conservation efforts in the watershed. If this is a stand-alone project, specify how it will succeed in protecting, restoring or enhancing the species population(s). Please be time specific in addressing these questions.
- The factors or threats that have caused a decline in the species population that this proposal will mitigate.
- The significant short term (1 year or less) or longer-term benefits (2 or more years) that result or will result from the project being implemented.
- The impacts of no action(s) taken over the short- or long-term.
- Existing planning document priorities which the project implementation will address.

- How the project supports the priorities of the DFHP:
 1. Integrating State Wildlife Action Plan priorities with the National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP) strategies to include the following:
 - Protect intact and healthy habitats.
 - Restore and maintain flow and water levels.
 - Restore connectivity, while protecting native populations at-risk from nonnative encroachment.
 - Remediate and minimize sediments and excessive input of nutrients to habitats supporting species at-risk.
 2. Implementing on-the-ground projects that focus actions to protect the most under-served, imperiled desert fish species identified in SWAPs to enhance their conservation status and prevent their extirpation and extinction.
 3. Prioritizing projects to conserve and restore habitat for the most under-served, imperiled desert fish species.
- Monitoring objectives and best management practices.
- A list of the partners and interests that will be involved in the project, including private landowners, state fish and wildlife agencies, tribal fish and wildlife agencies, and federal fish and wildlife agencies.
- A budget that describes how all funds and match will be used to support the project's goals (Word table).
- Identify all partners and land ownerships this project has a nexus with.

For further information please contact the DFHP Coordinator, or one of the four Desert Fish Regional Representatives listed below. Completed pre-proposals should be submitted in electronic format to the Regional Representative for the area where the project will be located. DFHP Region boundaries are also described in the Framework:

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Desert Fishes Habitat Partnership – Project Pre-Proposal

Name of Project:

DFHP Sub-Region:

Summary Description: 100 words max

Anticipated Start/Completion Dates:

State Project Contact:

Local Project Contact:

Federal Project Contact:

Implementing Organization:

Partner Organizations:

Total Project Cost:

DFHP Funds Requested:

Partner Match:

In-Kind Contributions:

DFHP Strategic Priority Addressed: see http://www.nature.nps.gov/water/Fisheries_Partnership/Documents/dfhp_final_LOWRES.pdf page 10: (1). Protect intact and healthy habitats, 2. Restore and maintain flow and water levels, (3) Restore connectivity, while protecting native populations, or (4) Remediate and minimize sediments and excessive nutrients to habitats

DFHP Habitat Addressed: bulleted
Landownership:

DFHP Species Addressed: bulleted with rank

Wildlife Action Plan, Multi-species Conservations Plans, Habitat Plans, or Recovery Plan Priorities Addressed: cite states, bulleted

Need for Project: 250 words

Objectives: 250 words

Benefits/Expected Results: 250 words

Effectiveness Monitoring Plan and Reporting Schedule: 200 words

Methods/Schedule: bulleted