**Kennet Catchment: fisheries and habitats grants**

*The Kennet Catchment Fisheries and Habitats grant is for projects that deliver habitat and fisheries improvement focussed on the better recruitment of fish stocks, community benefit and angling access to the Kennet river system between Newbury and Reading. Projects costing between £3k and £5k are eligible. Exceptional projects to a maximum value of £8k, and joint partnership bids will be considered. Projects on open access waters, projects that engage volunteers and projects that can attract additional funding will be encouraged where this is possible.*

*ARK’s project officer Martin Kent is available to help with every stage.*

*Contact:* *martin.kent@riverkennet.org* *or 07850450695*

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|  | *Project Ref: (leave blank)* |  |
|  | Lead organisation |  |
|  | Project (Working) Title |  |
|  | Project Officer/Contact(Name, email & tel. no) |  |
|  | Finance Officer/treasurer Contact(Name, email & tel. no) |  |
|  | Catchment/River/ Tributary |  |
|  | Where is your project?Give a National Grid Reference if possible ( www.streetmap.co.uk) |  |
|  | Brief Description of the works (you can include maps and photos with this)  |  |
|  | Brief description of the need for this project. What evidence do you have to demonstrate this need? |  |
|  | Who owns the land , water or structure where you’d like to work? |  |
|  | What consents will be needed?(e.g. flood consent, planning permission, landowner agreement). Are any consents in place already? |  |
|  | List any fish species or other wildlife you expect the work to benefit. |  |
|  | Are you aware of any designations e.g. SSSI, SAC? |  |
|  | Are there other contributions that add value (volunteer time contribution/ loan of machinery / other non-financial input)? |  |
|  | Grant requested (£k) |  |

Please save the completed form with an abbreviated name for your organisation & project included e.g. RDAAbackwater.docx

Once complete submit your application to martin.kent@riverkennet.org

We will ask you to monitor the success of your project.

At this stage please indicate how you would do this. Tick any applicable.

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| **Monitoring option** | **Tick applicable** | **Notes** |
| Before and after photographs |  |  |
| Riverfly surveys |  |  |
| Catch records |  |  |
| Number of volunteers participating |  |  |
| Length of river habitat improved |  |  |
| Angling participation |  |  |
| Other |  |  |

Martin Kent, ARK’s lower Kennet project officer is available to help you design, fund and do your project. Please contact him by phone or email: martin.kent@riverkennet.org or moblie: 07850 450695.

This grant is to support you to do great projects and we have tried to make the application process as straightforward as possible, if you need any help or support please do get in touch.