

**Recreation and Conservation Office  
2025-2035 Capital Budget**

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Project Class: Program		Estimated		Prior	Current	Reapprop	New	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
Agency	Project by Account-EA Type	Total	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	2025-27	Approp	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33
0	40000050 2021-23 - Family Forest Fish Passage Program	5,956,989	3,321,419	1,515,570	1,120,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State					1,120,000				
0	40000068 2023-25 Family Forest Fish Passage Program	7,780,000		1,179,000	6,601,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					6,601,000				
0	40000069 2021-23 Salmon Recovery Investment from Operating	50,000,004	1,343,444	8,925,560	39,731,000					
	06A-1 Salmon Recovery Acct-State					39,731,000				
0	40000070 2021-23 Grants For Watershed Projects from Operating	25,000,002	599,382	4,780,620	19,620,000					
	06A-1 Salmon Recovery Acct-State					19,620,000				
0	40000071 2021-23 Duckabush Estuary Restoration Project from Operating	25,000,000			25,000,000					
	06A-1 Salmon Recovery Acct-State					25,000,000				
0	40000503 Planning for Recreation Access Grants	5,000,000		663,000	4,337,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State					4,337,000				
0	91000448 Coastal Restoration Grants	11,184,946	10,562,946		622,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State					622,000				
0	91001663 Springwood Ranch in Kittitas County	21,600,000		1,622,000	19,978,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State					19,978,000				
	355-1 St. Bld Const Acct-State	2,400,000			2,400,000					
	Project Total:	24,000,000		1,622,000	22,378,000					
0	91001679 Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Riparian Grant Program	25,000,000		70,000	24,930,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					24,930,000				
0	92000131 Recreation & Conservation Office Recreation Grants									

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0	92000131 Recreation & Conservation Office Recreation Grants									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	29,169,966	24,088,736	1,137,230	3,944,000					
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State	5,611,131	5,178,131	80,000	353,000					
	070-B Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>34,781,097</b>	<b>29,266,867</b>	<b>1,217,230</b>	<b>4,297,000</b>					
0	92000448 Statewide Multi-modal Trails Database									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	200,008	129,398	46,610	24,000					
0	92000458 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	5,900,000			5,900,000					
	818-1 Youth Athletic Facil-State	6,600,000		33,000	6,567,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>12,500,000</b>		<b>33,000</b>	<b>12,467,000</b>					
0	92000461 City of LaCenter Breezee Creek Culvert Replacement									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	1,000,000			1,000,000					
	<b>Total: Program</b>	<b>227,403,046</b>	<b>45,223,456</b>	<b>20,052,590</b>	<b>162,127,000</b>					

<b>Project Class: Grant</b>										
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0	30000220 Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants									
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State	22,697,023	20,510,893	662,130	1,524,000					

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0	30000220 Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants									
	070-B Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit	4,379,007	3,152,947	263,060	963,000					
	09C-1 Farm and Forest Acct-State									
	09C-B Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit	5,547,925	5,430,925		117,000					
	09G-1 Riparian Protection-State									
	09G-B Riparian Protection-Debt Limit	22,699,019	21,780,539	258,480	660,000					
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State									
	244-B Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>55,322,974</b>	<b>50,875,304</b>	<b>1,183,670</b>	<b>3,264,000</b>					
0	30000221 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	49,845,416	45,745,416		4,100,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	16,500,002	15,206,492	130,510	1,163,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>66,345,418</b>	<b>60,951,908</b>	<b>130,510</b>	<b>5,263,000</b>					
0	30000227 Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	8,000,026	7,603,306	374,720	22,000					
0	30000229 Recreational Trails Program									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	4,587,027	4,073,757	95,270	418,000					
0	30000408 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs									

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0	30000408 Salmon Recovery Board Programs									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	46,501,990	28,638,550	2,004,440	15,859,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	19,710,991	17,417,581	1,285,410	1,008,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>66,212,981</b>	<b>46,056,131</b>	<b>3,289,850</b>	<b>16,867,000</b>					
0	30000409 2017-19 Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants									
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State	35,999,990	27,428,800	3,292,190	5,279,000					
	070-B Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit									
	09C-1 Farm and Forest Acct-State	8,000,058	4,061,058	93,000	3,846,000					
	09C-B Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit									
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State	35,999,994	27,571,334	3,243,660	5,185,000					
	244-B Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>80,000,042</b>	<b>59,061,192</b>	<b>6,628,850</b>	<b>14,310,000</b>					
0	30000410 Boating Facilities Program									
	12J-1 Boating Activities-State	10,000	10,000							
	267-1 Recreation Resources-State	15,195,188	11,872,188	826,000	2,497,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>15,205,188</b>	<b>11,882,188</b>	<b>826,000</b>	<b>2,497,000</b>					
0	30000411 Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities									
	268-1 NOVA-State	13,195,003	10,840,993	66,010	2,288,000					
0	30000412 Youth Athletic Facilities									

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0	30000412 Youth Athletic Facilities	4,077,004	2,928,874	595,130	553,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State								
0	30000413 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	1,600,245	1,083,245	9,000	508,000				
	02R-1 Aquatic Lands Acct-State								
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	10,684,986	8,598,056	474,930	1,612,000				
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>12,285,231</b>	<b>9,681,301</b>	<b>483,930</b>	<b>2,120,000</b>				
0	30000414 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	40,000,009	34,278,719	1,576,290	4,145,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State								
0	30000415 Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program	7,999,984	6,766,844	235,140	998,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State								
0	30000416 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation	812,872	422,872		390,000				
	146-1 Firearms Range Acct-State								
0	30000420 Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative	12,499,996	8,779,076	979,920	2,741,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State								
0	40000002 2019-21 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants	38,250,005	26,489,165	5,106,840	6,654,000				
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State								
	070-B Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit								
	09C-1 Farm and Forest Acct-State	8,499,989	4,554,559	19,430	3,926,000				
	09C-B Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit								

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0	40000002 2019-21 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants								
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State	38,250,002	23,552,692	2,666,310	12,031,000				
	244-B Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit								
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>84,999,996</b>	<b>54,596,416</b>	<b>7,792,580</b>	<b>22,611,000</b>				
0	40000004 2019-21 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs								
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	49,999,998	35,296,458	7,469,540	7,234,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	25,000,050	19,160,050	2,839,000	3,001,000				
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>75,000,048</b>	<b>54,456,508</b>	<b>10,308,540</b>	<b>10,235,000</b>				
0	40000005 2019-21 - Boating Facilities Program								
	267-1 Recreation Resources-State	17,871,982	9,536,182	2,419,800	5,916,000				
0	40000006 2019-21 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities								
	268-1 NOVA-State	11,410,997	9,935,777	265,220	1,210,000				
0	40000007 2019-21 - Youth Athletic Facilities								
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	11,999,996	8,790,066	670,930	2,539,000				
0	40000008 2019-21 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account								
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	6,600,000	5,002,910	150,090	1,447,000				
0	40000009 2019-21 - Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration								
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	49,506,994	35,729,814	6,759,180	7,018,000				
0	40000010 2019-21 - Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program								
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	9,999,989	7,752,209	636,780	1,611,000				

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0	40000011 2019-21 - Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative	12,086,004	10,899,084		620,920	566,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
0	40000012 2019-21 - Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board	26,490,992	19,956,092		1,803,900	4,731,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
0	40000013 2019-21 - Firearms and Archery Range	734,976	459,896		62,080	213,000				
	146-1 Firearms Range Accent-State									
0	40000014 2019-21 - Recreational Trails Program	4,999,988	3,171,838		353,150	1,475,000				
	001-2 General Fund-Federal									
0	40000015 2019-21 - Boating Infrastructure Grants	2,199,950	1,859,240		334,710	6,000				
	001-2 General Fund-Federal									
0	40000016 2019-21 - Land and Water Conservation Fund	5,999,999	3,057,289		708,710	2,234,000				
	001-2 General Fund-Federal									
0	40000019 2021-23 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants	45,000,007	10,628,027		10,312,980	24,059,000				
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State									
	09C-1 Farm and ForestAcct-State									
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State									
		45,000,016	12,921,856		5,394,160	26,684,000				
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>99,999,993</b>	<b>24,500,023</b>		<b>16,698,970</b>	<b>58,801,000</b>				
0	40000021 2021-23 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs	65,000,007	13,872,077		12,759,930	38,368,000				
	001-2 General Fund-Federal									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
		30,000,000	9,277,240		9,318,760	11,404,000				



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<b>Project Total: 95,000,007 23,149,317 22,078,690 49,772,000</b>										
0	40000023 2021-23 - Boating Facilities Program									
	267-1 Recreation Resources-State	14,950,111	2,000,111	4,633,000	8,317,000					
0	40000025 2021-23 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities									
	268-1 NOVA-State	10,000,006	2,731,046	4,214,960	3,054,000					
0	40000027 2021-23 - Youth Athletic Facilities									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	11,227,021	2,894,611	2,811,410	5,521,000					
0	40000029 2021-23 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account									
	02R-1 Aquatic Lands Acct-State	417,997	106,267	148,730	163,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	9,099,997	1,051,177	2,414,820	5,634,000					
<b>Project Total: 9,517,994 1,157,444 2,563,550 5,797,000</b>										
0	40000031 2021-23 - Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	52,807,013	11,138,463	9,653,550	32,015,000					
0	40000033 2021-23 - Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	10,312,987	5,315,247	2,366,740	2,631,000					
0	40000035 2021-23 - Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	26,795,007	7,900,807	4,587,200	14,307,000					
0	40000037 2021-23 - Firearms and Archery Range									
	146-1 Firearms Range Acct-State	629,988	102,798	261,190	266,000					
0	40000045 2021-23 - Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	15,707,997	4,091,437	5,605,560	6,011,000					

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0	40000047 2021-23 - Community Forest Grant Program	16,298,993	5,349,733	4,426,260	6,523,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
0	40000049 2021-23 - Outdoor Recreation Equity	4,000,001	166,291	2,119,710	1,714,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State									
0	40000053 2023-25 Washington Wildlife Recreation Program	54,000,000		6,943,000	47,057,000					
	070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State									
	09C-1 Farm and ForestAcct-State	12,000,000		3,379,000	8,621,000					
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State	54,000,000		2,563,000	51,437,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>		<b>12,885,000</b>	<b>107,115,000</b>					
0	40000054 2023-25 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs	75,000,000		1,986,000	73,014,000					
	001-2 General Fund-Federal									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	20,000,000		5,746,000	14,254,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	25,000,000			25,000,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>		<b>7,732,000</b>	<b>112,268,000</b>					
0	40000055 2023-25 Boating Facilities Program	13,800,000		284,000	13,516,000					
	267-1 Recreation Resources-State									
0	40000056 2023-25 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities	12,063,000		1,005,000	11,058,000					
	268-1 NOVA-State									
0	40000057 2023-25 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation	840,000		116,000	724,000					
	146-1 Firearms Range Acct-State									
0	40000058 2023-25 Youth Athletics Facilities									

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0	40000058 2023-25 Youth Athletics Facilities									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	10,440,000		508,000	9,932,000					
	818-1 Youth Athletic Facil-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>10,440,000</b>		<b>508,000</b>	<b>9,932,000</b>					
0	40000059 2023-25 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account									
	02R-1 Aquatic Lands Acct-State	3,500,000		259,000	3,241,000					
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	2,358,000		39,000	2,319,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>5,858,000</b>		<b>298,000</b>	<b>5,560,000</b>					
0	40000060 2023-25 Community Forest Grant Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	7,807,000		3,397,000	4,410,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	5,770,000			5,770,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>13,577,000</b>		<b>3,397,000</b>	<b>10,180,000</b>					
0	40000061 2023-25 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	49,050,000		13,562,000	35,488,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	10,115,000			10,115,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>59,165,000</b>		<b>13,562,000</b>	<b>45,603,000</b>					
0	40000062 2023-25 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	14,309,000		3,370,000	10,939,000					
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	11,110,000			11,110,000					
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>25,419,000</b>		<b>3,370,000</b>	<b>22,049,000</b>					

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0	40000063 2023-25 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative			1,422,000	8,712,000				
	057-1 State Bldg	10,134,000							
	Constr-State								
	26D-1 Natural Clim	7,928,000			7,928,000				
	Solu Ac-State								
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>18,062,000</b>		<b>1,422,000</b>	<b>16,640,000</b>				
0	40000064 2023-25 Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board			1,491,000	25,824,000				
	057-1 State Bldg	27,315,000							
	Constr-State								
	26D-1 Natural Clim	43,290,000		2,604,000	40,686,000				
	Solu Ac-State								
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>70,605,000</b>		<b>4,095,000</b>	<b>66,510,000</b>				
0	40000065 2023-25 Recreational Trails Program				5,000,000				
	001-1 General								
	Fund-State								
	001-2 General	5,000,000			5,000,000				
	Fund-Federal								
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>			<b>5,000,000</b>				
0	40000066 2023-25 Boating Infrastructure Grants			459,000	4,541,000				
	001-2 General	5,000,000							
	Fund-Federal								
0	40000067 2023-25 Land and Water Conservation Fund			34,000	19,966,000				
	001-2 General	20,000,000							
	Fund-Federal								
0	91000958 Upper Quinault River Restoration Project			1,849,270	2,000,000				
	057-1 State Bldg	6,000,004	2,150,734						
	Constr-State								
1	40000548 2025-27 Washington Wildlife Recreation Program								
	070-1 Outdoor	337,500,000							
	Recreation-State								
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>		<b>67,500,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>		<b>67,500,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>	<b>67,500,000</b>

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<b>Project Class: Grant</b>										
Agency Priority	Project by Account-EA Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
1	40000548 2025-27 Washington Wildlife Recreation Program									
	09C-1 Farm and Forest Acct-State	75,000,000				15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
	244-1 Habitat Conservation-State	337,500,000				67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>750,000,000</b>				<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>
2	40000550 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	380,000,000				80,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	625,000,000				125,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>1,005,000,000</b>				<b>205,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>
3	40000552 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Riparian Grant Programs									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	125,000,000				25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>125,000,000</b>				<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>
4	40000554 2025-27 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	545,935,000				109,187,000	109,187,000	109,187,000	109,187,000	109,187,000
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>545,935,000</b>				<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>
5	40000556 2025-27 Youth Athletics Facilities									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	135,000,000				27,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000
	818-1 Youth Athletic Facil-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>135,000,000</b>				<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>
6	40000558 2025-27 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities									

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6	40000558 2025-27 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities	31,500,000				31,500,000				
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	31,500,000								
7	40000568 2025-27 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative	69,213,000				16,713,000	17,500,000	17,500,000	17,500,000	
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	69,213,000								
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>69,213,000</b>				<b>16,713,000</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	
8	40000562 2025-27 Community Forest Grant Program	151,100,000				31,100,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	151,100,000								
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>151,100,000</b>				<b>31,100,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>
9	40000564 2025-27 Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board	436,790,000				76,790,000	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	436,790,000								
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>436,790,000</b>				<b>76,790,000</b>	<b>90,000,000</b>	<b>90,000,000</b>	<b>90,000,000</b>	<b>90,000,000</b>
10	40000566 2025-27 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program	137,670,000				27,534,000	27,534,000	27,534,000	27,534,000	27,534,000
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	137,670,000								
	26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>137,670,000</b>				<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>
11	40000560 2025-27 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	18,050,000				3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000
	02R-1 Aquatic Lands Acct-State	18,050,000								

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11	40000560 2025-27 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	18,050,000				3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000
	057-1 State Bldg									
	Constr-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>36,100,000</b>				<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>
12	40000582 2025-27 Planning for Recreation Access	25,000,000				5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	057-1 State Bldg									
	Constr-State									
	818-1 Youth Athletic									
	Facil-State									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>				<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
13	40000570 2025-27 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities	60,870,000				12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000
	268-1 NOVA-State									
14	40000572 2025-27 Boating Facilities Program	68,090,000				13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000
	267-1 Recreation									
	Resources-State									
15	40000574 2025-27 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation	3,225,000				645,000	645,000	645,000	645,000	645,000
	146-1 Firearms Range									
	Accnt-State									
16	40000576 2025-27 Recreational Trails Program	25,000,000				5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	001-1 General									
	Fund-State									
	001-2 General									
	Fund-Federal									
	<b>Project Total:</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>				<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
17	40000578 2025-27 Boating Infrastructure Grants	25,000,000				5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	001-2 General									
	Fund-Federal									
18	40000580 2025-27 Land and Water Conservation Fund	100,000,000				20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
	001-2 General									
	Fund-Federal									

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Total: Grant	5,310,014,788	632,053,848	182,388,940	765,079,000	768,481,000	744,878,000	744,878,000	744,878,000	727,378,000
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**Project Class: Grant - Pass Through**

Agency Priority	Project by Account-EA Type	Estimated Total Expenditures	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
0	40000001 Family Forest Fish Passage Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	4,999,698	4,902,698		97,000					
0	40000017 2019-21 Family Forest Fish Passage Program									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,021	4,691,651	178,370	130,000					
0	40000039 2021-23 - Recreational Trails Program									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	5,000,003	1,649,323	1,123,680	2,227,000					
0	40000041 2021-23 - Boating Infrastructure Grants									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	2,199,997	171,947	90,050	1,938,000					
0	40000043 2021-23 - Land and Water Conservation Fund									
	001-2 General Fund-Federal	19,999,982	1,704,192	4,548,790	13,747,000					
0	91001662 Fish Barrier Removal Projects in Skagit County									
	057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	2,000,001	82,381	483,620	1,434,000					
<b>Total: Grant - Pass Through</b>		<b>39,199,702</b>	<b>13,202,192</b>	<b>6,424,510</b>	<b>19,573,000</b>					

**Total Account Summary**

Account-Expenditure Authority Type	Estimated Total Expenditures	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35
001-1 General Fund-State									
001-2 General Fund-Federal	891,334,357	139,240,087	31,967,270	190,127,000	110,000,000	105,000,000	105,000,000	105,000,000	105,000,000
02R-1 Aquatic Lands Acct-State	23,568,242	1,189,512	416,730	3,912,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000



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Account-Expenditure Authority Type	Estimated Total	Prior Expenditures	Current Expenditures	Reapprop 2025-27	New Approp 2025-27	Estimated 2027-29	Estimated 2029-31	Estimated 2031-33	Estimated 2033-35	
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	2,966,648,672	305,984,142	98,959,530	261,447,000	478,434,000	459,831,000	459,831,000	459,831,000	442,331,000	
06A-1 Salmon Recovery Acct-State	100,000,006	1,942,826	13,706,180	84,351,000						
070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State	539,058,156	90,235,016	26,397,140	84,926,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	
070-B Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit										
09C-1 Farm and Forest Acct-State	117,879,024	12,718,704	4,746,320	25,414,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	
09C-B Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit										
09G-1 Riparian Protection-State	5,547,925	5,430,925		117,000						
09G-B Riparian Protection-Debt Limit										
12J-1 Boating Activities-State	10,000	10,000								
146-1 Firearms Range Acct-State	6,242,836	985,566	439,270	1,593,000	645,000	645,000	645,000	645,000	645,000	
244-1 Habitat Conservation-State	533,449,031	85,826,421	14,125,610	95,997,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	
244-B Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit										
267-1 Recreation Resources-State	129,907,281	23,408,481	8,162,800	30,246,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	
268-1 NOVA-State	107,539,006	23,507,816	5,551,190	17,610,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	
26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	135,993,000		3,853,000	132,140,000						
355-1 St. Bld Const Acct-State	2,400,000			2,400,000						
818-1 Youth Athletic Facil-State	17,040,000		541,000	16,499,000						
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,576,617,536</b>	<b>690,479,496</b>	<b>208,866,040</b>	<b>946,779,000</b>	<b>768,481,000</b>	<b>744,878,000</b>	<b>744,878,000</b>	<b>744,878,000</b>	<b>727,378,000</b>	

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Project Classification	*	All Project Classifications
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**DAHP and Tribal Review Letter and exempt project list  
Recreation and Conservation Office, 2025-2035**

In accord with Executive Order 21-02, Archeological and Cultural Resources, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) must regularly consult with the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and affected tribes to help ensure the protection of Washington's heritage. RCO coordinates this process and ensures documentation is in place to verify that the appropriate DAHP and tribal consultations have occurred. Unless exempt<sup>1</sup>, the documentation must be in place before most - ground disturbing activities may occur.

The above applies to the following grant programs:

Recreation and conservation grant programs: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Boating Facilities Program, Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Community Forests, Planning for Recreation Access, Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities and Youth Athletic Facilities

Salmon and restoration grant programs: Family Forest Fish Passage Program, Puget Sound Acquisition–Restoration, Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program, Salmon Recovery, Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative, Riparian Grant Program and Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board

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<sup>1</sup> What projects may be exempt?

- a. Those that trigger compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106. These projects involve those:
  - With federal grants administered by RCO (Boating Infrastructure Grants, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Recreational Trails Program, Salmon Recovery)
  - Where a federal grant is used as match
  - That require a federal permit (for example, Army Corps of Engineers; if the project includes upland work, that portion is not exempt and must go through the EO 05-05 review)
  - Those located on federal lands
  - Those submitted by a federal applicant.
- b. Those listed as exempt in the Programmatic Agreement between RCO and the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

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**FTEs by Job Classification**

<u>Job Class</u>	Authorized Budget		2025-27 Biennium	
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	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Administrative Assistant			4.4	4.4
Agency Operations Specialist			0.8	0.8
Chief Financial Officer			0.8	0.8
Chief Information Technology Officer			0.8	0.8
Compliance Specialist			0.8	0.8
Data Specialist			2.8	2.8
Deputy Director			0.8	0.8
Fiscal Analyst 2			0.6	0.6
Fiscal Analyst 3			1.0	1.0
Fiscal Analyst 4			2.0	2.0
Fiscal Technician 2			1.0	1.0
IT System Admin - Journey			4.2	4.2
IT Technical Support Specialist			2.0	2.0
Outdoor Grants Manager			23.5	23.5
Outdoor Grants Manager Senior			6.0	6.0
Policy Analyst			4.2	4.2
Section Managers			2.8	2.8
Volunteer and Grants Process Coordinator			1.0	1.0
<b>Total FTEs</b>			<b>59.5</b>	<b>59.5</b>

**Account**

<u>Account - Expenditure Authority Type</u>	Authorized Budget		2025-27 Biennium	
	2023-25 Biennium		2025-27 Biennium	
	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
001-1 General Fund-State			1,486,000	1,486,000
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State			1,486,000	1,486,000
070-1 Outdoor Recreation-State			1,306,000	1,306,000
244-1 Habitat Conservation-State			1,306,000	1,306,000
<b>Total Funding</b>			<b>5,584,000</b>	<b>5,584,000</b>

**Narrative**

These FTEs are required to complete the capital grant projects.

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Project Number: 30000220

Project Title: Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for grants to eligible applicants for acquisition, restoration, development, or a combination thereof, of state lands, local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, riparian areas, farmland and forests.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for grants for the protection and restoration of salmon habitat.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

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Project Number: 30000227

Project Title: Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

**Description**

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program to continue to restore the Puget Sound nearshore ecosystem.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for grants to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities for a backcountry experience.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants for the protection and restoration of salmon habitat.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Number: 30000409

Project Title: 2017-19 Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

**Description**

also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants to eligible applicants for acquisition, restoration, development, or a combination thereof, of state lands, local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, riparian areas, farmland and forests.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants to acquire, develop and renovate boating facilities, including boat launches and ramps, transient moorage and upland boating support facilities on lakes, rivers, and saltwater.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for the Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities project to develop and manage recreational opportunities for users of nonhighway roads (including hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads). Nonhighway roads are those roads not supported by state fuel taxes.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides



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Project Title: Youth Athletic Facilities

**Description**

leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants for projects that develop new, and improve or renovate existing community athletic facilities to get youth through the age of 18 to participate in outdoor athletics.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants for projects involving or adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands throughout Washington.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program for grants for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat, and for other salmon recovery programs and activities within the Puget Sound Basin.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018  
Project Class: Grant

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Project Number: 30000415

Project Title: Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

**Description**

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program to continue to restore the Puget Sound nearshore ecosystem.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (nonprofit) firearm ranges, and archery training and practice facilities.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for coastal restoration projects that enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve

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Project Number: 30000420

Project Title: Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative

**Description**

salmon access and rearing potential on the Washington coast.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2018

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2017-19 biennium for grants for correcting small forest landowners' fish passage barriers on a "worst-first" basis.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2020

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants for a range of acquisition, restoration and/or development of state lands, local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, riparian areas, farmland, and forests.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It

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Project Number: 40000004

Project Title: 2019-21 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs

**Description**

also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants that protect or restore salmon habitat, and for other salmon recovery programs and activities across the state. This funding focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat statewide. These funds are also used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities, including boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities on lakes, rivers and saltwater. This project is funded by the percentage of the state gasoline tax revenue attributable to recreational boating (Chapter 79A.25 RCW).

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to develop and manage recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads that are not supported by state fuel taxes.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

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Project Number: 40000007

Project Title: 2019-21 - Youth Athletic Facilities

**Description**

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants for projects that develop new, and improve or renovate existing community athletic facilities to get youth through the age of 18 to participate in outdoor athletics.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants for projects involving or adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands throughout Washington. The projects funded include reestablishing the natural, self-sustaining ecological functions of the waterfront, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants specifically for the protection and/or restoration of salmon habitat in the Puget Sound Basin. In particular, a large portion of these projects protect and restore habitat necessary for

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**Project Number:** 40000009

**Project Title:** 2019-21 - Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration

**Description**

Chinook salmon.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to protect and restore the Puget Sound nearshore ecosystem for salmon recovery.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for coastal restoration projects that enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve salmon access and rearing potential on the Washington coast.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It

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**Project Title:** 2019-21 - Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board

**Description**

also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for competitive grants for fish barrier removal projects that match the principles established by the Legislature in the fish passage barrier removal program. The fish barrier removal projects are prioritized by the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (nonprofit) firearm and archery training, practice, and recreational facilities. Facilities receiving grants must be open for public use on a regular basis and made available to law enforcement personnel, members of the general public possessing Washington concealed weapon permits, and those with Washington hunting licenses. This program is funded with a portion of concealed pistol license fees (Chapter 79A.25 RCW).

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to nonprofit organizations, local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, and federal agencies to develop or maintain recreational trails and trailside or trailhead facilities. Funds are allocated annually by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Map-21 (Chapter 79A.25 RCW).

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2020

**Project Class:** Grant

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Project Title: 2019-21 - Boating Infrastructure Grants

**Description**

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. Related to Puget Sound Recovery

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, private marinas with facilities open to the general public, and nonprofit organizations for projects that support recreational boating facilities for boats 26 feet and longer. Projects include renovating guest docks, adding utilities to moorage docks, and building moorage docks and floats. Federal funds are provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2020

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for competitive grants to state and local recreation agencies to preserve and develop access to outdoor recreation resources, including but not limited to parks, trails, wildlife areas, and other lands and facilities desirable for outdoor recreation. Federal funds are provided by the National Park Service.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2020

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.



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**Project Title:** 2019-21 Family Forest Fish Passage Program

**Description**

**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium for grants to assist small, family forest landowners to continue the replacement or removal of forest road stream crossing structures, primarily culverts that are barriers to fish passage, allowing salmon, trout, and other fish to access upstream habitat.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2022

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 WWRP

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants for a range of land protection and outdoor recreation projects, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation and restoration, farmland and forest preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities, including parks, trails, water access, and campgrounds.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2022

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 Salmon Federal and State

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat, and for other salmon-recovery programs and activities across the state. This funding focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat statewide. These funds are also used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2022

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 BFP

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to acquire, develop and renovate boating facilities, including boat launches and ramps, transient moorage and upland boating support facilities on lakes, rivers and saltwater. This project is funded by the state gasoline tax revenue attributable to recreational boating, RCW 79A.25.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2022

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 NOVA

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for the development and management of recreation opportunities for hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters and other users of non-highway roads statewide. Non-highway roads are those roads not

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Project Number: 40000025

Project Title: 2021-23 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities

**Description**

supported by state fuel taxes.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 YAF

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to projects that develop new, and improve or renovate existing, community athletic facilities to get youth through the age of 18 to participate in outdoor athletics.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 ALEA

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for projects involving or adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands throughout Washington. The projects funded include re-establishing the natural, self-sustaining ecological functions of the waterfront, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 PSAR

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants that specifically protect and/or restore salmon habitat in the Puget Sound Basin. In particular, a large portion of these projects protect and restore habitat necessary for Chinook salmon. The program is managed jointly by the Puget Sound Partnership and the Recreation and Conservation Office.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 WCRI

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for coastal restoration projects that protect tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve salmon access and rearing potential on the Washington coast.

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Project Title: 2021-23 - Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board

**Description**

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 BAFBRB

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for fish barrier removal projects, prioritized by the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board, based on watershed and transportation project considerations related to maximizing the benefit of barrier removal.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 FARR

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (nonprofit) firearm and archery training facilities, including practice and recreational facilities.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 RTP

**Project Description**

Expenditure authority is provided for competitive grants to nonprofit organizations, local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, and federal agencies to develop or maintain recreational trails and trailside or trailhead facilities. Funding comes from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 BIG

**Project Description**

Expenditure authority is provided for grants to local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, private marinas with facilities open to the general public, and nonprofit organizations for projects that support recreational boating facilities for boats 26 feet and longer, for projects that renovate guest docks, add utilities to moorage docks, and build moorage docks and floats. Funding is provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 LWCF

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Project Title: 2021-23 - Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Description**

**Project Description**

Expenditure authority is provided for competitive grants to state and local recreation agencies to preserve and develop access to outdoor recreation areas, including but not limited to, parks, trails, wildlife areas, and other lands and facilities desirable for outdoor recreation. Funding is provided by the United States National Park Service.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**  
21-23 ESRP

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to protect and restore the Puget Sound nearshore ecosystem for salmon recovery. The program is managed cooperatively by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Recreation and Conservation Office, and the Puget Sound Partnership.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**  
21-23 CFP

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to communities to protect and enhance their surrounding forest lands by acquiring land and developing collaborative models of community-based forest management and use.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022  
Project Class: Grant  
Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is provided for a new Outdoor Recreation Equity Program. Of the \$5 million total, \$3.3 million is provided for planning, technical assistance, and predesign grants, with a focus on increasing access to outdoor recreation facilities and resources for racially diverse neighborhoods within dense urban areas and small, rural communities. The remaining \$1.7 million is provided for specified park and outdoor equity-related projects.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022  
Project Class: Program

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Project Number: 40000050

Project Title: 2021-23 - Family Forest Fish Passage Program

**Description**

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

21-23 FFFPP

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for grants to assist small, family-forest landowners to continue the replacement or removal of forest road stream crossing structures, primarily culverts, that are barriers to fish passage, allowing salmon, trout, and other fish to access upstream habitat.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland and forest preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities (RCW 79A.15). The WWRP was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire the best recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population. The purpose of the WWRP program is to provide public access to these lands before they are converted to other uses and to develop or renovate existing public recreational lands and facilities to meet the needs of present and future generations. From 2010-2020 the State’s population grew by over 900,000 people and expected to add another 700,000 in the next decade. That’s another 1.6 million people who will add to the demand for parks, trails and open space and who will also continue the encroachment on wildlife habitat.

Past projects include an urban park development project in east Wenatchee that serves a primarily Latino community to a farmland project that protects a way of life in the Okanagan to an acquisition of new open space in Federal Way – each project uniquely has value to the people of Washington and collectively serves a diverse and changing demographic. This program provides for healthier Washingtonians and contributes to the state’s \$26.5 billion outdoor recreation economy. Funding is divided into twelve categories: local parks, state parks, water access, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, farmland protection, forestland protection, riparian protection, state lands development and renovation, and state lands restoration and enhancement. This program is funded by state general-obligation bonds.

Projects in several categories (riparian protection, urban wildlife habitat, critical habitat, state land restoration, and natural areas) support Puget Sound recovery priorities and efforts. RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission. In addition, the request helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state’s 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, including getting youth outside, planning for culturally-relevant parks and trails to meeting our state’s changing demographics, and providing more opportunities for outdoor recreation to all residents of the state.

The program also supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the recommendations of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and is in alignment with the Puget Sound Action

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Project Number: 40000053

Project Title: 2023-25 Washington Wildlife Recreation Program

## Description

Agenda.

Puget Sound strategies include: Working Lands, Healthy Shorelines, Outdoor Recreation Stewardship, Responsible Boating, and riparian areas.

### Project Description

The WWRP provides grants to eligible applicants for acquisition, restoration and/or development of state lands, local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, riparian areas, farmland, and forests. It is the state's premier conservation and outdoor recreation grant program, which provides matching funds to create new local and state parks, protect wildlife habitat and preserve working farms and forests. Projects funded by this grant program contribute significantly to the economic opportunities and a healthier population in Washington State.

The request will fund the acquisition, development, renovation, and restoration of local and state parks, trails, water access sites, natural areas, farmlands and forests around the state. Most projects will begin on July 1, 2023 and be completed within 2 to 4 years.

Grant sponsors submit applications to RCO in May of even numbered years. RCO organizes citizen advisory committees to evaluate and score each application per a set of rigorous evaluation questions (developed by RCO), ensuring that the projects are ranked by an objective but knowledgeable committee of citizens. This provides assurance that the best projects are funded first.

Once appropriated, program funds are then passed through RCO to local governments, other state agencies, nonprofit conservancy based organizations and tribes. Ranked project lists are submitted to OFM that support this request. Eligible Grant Recipients include:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties and special districts (ports, parks and schools);
- \* State agencies: WDFW, State Parks, DNR, and DES;
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Lead entities (eligible for riparian protection grants); and
- \* Non-profit conservancy based organizations

Local and tribal governments, non-profits, and lead entity grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Since the program's beginning, WWRP funding has been used to bring in more than \$500 million in matching funds. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

### Project Summary

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### Project Description

#### Project Summary

Habitat loss continues to be one of the most important factors directly limiting the recovery of salmon and indirectly limiting the recovery of southern resident killer whales in Washington. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant program

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Project Title: 2023-25 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

## Description

implements the Salmon Recovery Act (RCW 77.85) and provides funding for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs and activities across the state. While other grant programs focus on a particular geographic region or bring in other non-salmon values, this is the one grant program in Washington that focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat state-wide. Projects are developed locally and evaluated to assess if and how well they will implement priorities addressed in federally-adopted salmon recovery plans. Funds are primarily derived from two sources: state general-obligation bonds and federal appropriation through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. State funds are used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds, and higher SRFB appropriations at the state level increases our competitiveness for federal funding. *Since 1991, state SRFB funding has been used to match nearly \$400 million in federal funds. The state funds have also been used to leverage more than \$215 million in sponsor match.* This grant program provides the foundation for all of our salmon recovery efforts in Washington State. It reaches across the state, funding projects to restore all species of listed salmon populations and provide protections to the healthy populations of salmon that still exist. Projects brought to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for approval are required to meet the goals of the regional salmon recovery strategies, which have been developed in coordination with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the projects located in Puget Sound directly support the salmon habitat strategic initiative and other salmon recovery goals recently adopted as part of the Action Agenda by the Puget Sound Partnership. These projects, and the salmon they support and enhance, are also critically important to the Indian tribes whose rights were established in treaties signed with the federal government to allow their continued right to fish, gather shellfish, hunt and exercise other sovereign rights.

The work of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, through this grant program, funds habitat restoration efforts that benefits not only salmon but the Southern Resident killer whales that depend on the salmon. Since their creation in 1999, the board has funded 1057 projects have provided a benefit to Chinook salmon – about 39 percent of all projects funded. In the current grant round and existing active projects, about half benefit Chinook (262 projects). While this funding history shows the emphasis put on projects that benefit Chinook, it also reveals the work towards recovery that remains given the critical state of both salmon and Southern Residents in Washington. A study conducted in 2011 by the Evergreen Funding Consultants (known as the ‘Canty Report’) concluded that the current funding levels at the time (state and federal) were sufficient to support only 15 percent of the true need of recovery effort identified in the regional recovery plans. Since then, the current funding levels have been held at that low level, and we continue to fund only a small percentage of projects needed for recovery. This request represents an effort to raise the bar on the past funding levels to begin making significant strides forward.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission. In addition, the request supports the strategic direction of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and is in direct alignment with the Puget Sound Action Agenda and mission and work of the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery and Task Force.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

### Project Description

As Washington’s population has grown and altered the natural landscape, our salmon populations have dwindled. In 1991, the federal government declared the first salmon in the Pacific Northwest, Snake River sockeye, as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. In the next few years, sixteen more species of salmon were listed as either threatened or endangered. As more salmon became listed, state leaders realized they needed a coordinated effort. By the end of the decade, the Legislature had created the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to administer state and federal funds to protect and restore salmon habitat.

The board has created an approach unique in the nation for the recovery of salmon. Local communities work together to write recovery plans that are approved by the federal government. The communities develop projects, vet them locally, and submit them to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for scientific and technical review. This bottom-up approach engages local communities in salmon recovery and the state oversight ensures that only the best, most scientifically sound projects are funded. Washingtonians rely on salmon for food, recreation, jobs, cultural identity, and social tradition. These iconic fish

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Project Title: 2023-25 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

**Description**

evoke the best Washington has to offer – pristine water, rich landscapes, a healthy environment, and a thriving natural resource economy.

Another unique feature of this grant program is the emphasis placed on monitoring the effectiveness of projects. While the funding levels have not kept up with the need (as mentioned above), we know from monitoring data that projects do restore habitat and, from them, we get more fish. An example includes the estuary restoration projects in the South Fork Skagit River delta that have cumulatively restored 682 acres of tidal wetlands that nurture approximately 160,000 young Chinook salmon every year. In general, system-wide monitoring of Chinook densities in the Skagit delta show an increase of 690 smolts per hectare in restored habitat. Restoration efforts also increased the overall length of time juvenile Chinook spent in estuaries in the Skagit. Similarly, in the Nisqually River delta, where state and federal funds have been used to restore approximately 900 acres of estuary habitat, monitoring of channels pre and post restoration showed fish access increased from 30 percent of the time present to 75 percent of the time present.

The board’s funding request for 2023-2025 is based on three important elements:

- Matching Federal grants
- The planned project forecast list—which anticipates capacity for entities to implement projects
- Recent grant application levels

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Private Landowners (in limited circumstances);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Conservation Districts; and
- \* Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Applicants must provide at least 15% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

Revenue Source: State funding has been provided through general obligation bonds and is used to meet the required 33% match for the federal salmon recovery funds. Federal funds are appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). Each state applies for a share of this account. The state funds are also critical to having a sufficient project funding pool to be competitive with other states seeking PCSRF allocations.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) is to provide grants to acquire, develop, and renovate facilities for motorized recreational boating. The program creates more opportunities for boating in Washington and contributes to getting



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Project Title: 2023-25 Boating Facilities Program

**Description**

people outdoors. Boating is a large contributor to our state’s economy, bringing in more than \$4 billion in consumer spending per year. Projects eligible for funding in this program includes boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities. The program operates out of the Recreation Resources Account, and the grants are divided equally between state and local agencies. The account is funded by the percentage of the state gasoline tax revenue attributable to recreational boating (RCW 79A.25).

**Project Description**

This program provide grants to acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities, including boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities on lakes, rivers and saltwater.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, parks, and school districts);
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* State agencies.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Funding is divided equally between state and local agency projects. Local and tribal government grant recipients must provide a match of at least 25% of the total project cost. The match may be either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: Acquisition, development, and design/permitting projects for motorized boating access. Projects may include boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities.

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This package is related to Puget Sound Recovery. Puget Sound strategies include: Responsible Boating

Revenue Source: The portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax attributable to recreational boating and not refunded to boaters as allowed by law.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program is to provide grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities for hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads. It provides greater opportunity for outdoor recreation experiences, bringing more kids and adults outdoors. The funded projects are intended to satisfy user needs, be environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict between user groups. The projects

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Project Title: 2023-25 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities

**Description**

funded by NOVA grants have contributed significantly to the \$26.5 billion in outdoor recreation economy in Washington state. The grants are funded from the NOVA Account, which in turn is funded by 1% of the state gasoline tax revenue (the amount attributable to nonhighway use) and by off-road vehicle permit fees (RCW 46.09).

**Project Description**

Provide grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities for users of nonhighway roads (including hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads). Nonhighway roads are those roads not supported by state fuel taxes.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: Trails, trail heads, parking lots and other related capital improvements, planning, maintenance and operation, and education and enforcement, including noise enforcement.

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Revenue Source: The portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax attributed to off-road, nonhighway road use by motorized vehicles and a portion of ORV permit fees.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program is to provide grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (non-profit) firearm and archery training, practice, and recreation facilities. These projects provide safe places for people to shoot firearms and archery. All such facilities receiving grants must be open for public use on a regular basis and made available to law enforcement personnel, members of the general public possessing Washington concealed weapon permits, and those with Washington hunting licenses. Facilities receiving FARR grants must also be available for hunter safety education classes on a regular basis. This program is funded with a portion of concealed pistol license fees (RCW 79A.25).

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Project Title: 2023-25 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

**Description**

Provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (non-profit) firearm range and archery training and practice facilities.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* Private non-profit organizations (sport and gun clubs); and
- \* State agencies.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

To qualify for funding, firearm and archery ranges must be open on a regular basis to law enforcement personnel, hunter safety education classes, and the general public. Grant recipients must provide 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. For noise abatement or safety improvements, the match is 33%. Except for state agencies, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: The FARR program provides grants for projects that acquire, develop and renovate range and archery training and practice facilities. Funding can also be used for capital equipment purchases, safety or environmental improvements, noise abatement, and liability protection. Priority is given to noise abatement and safety improvement projects.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: \$3 from each concealed pistol license fee.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The Youth and Community Athletic Facilities grant program funds improvements to or renovation of existing outdoor athletic facilities to increase their availability for competitive play. The program focuses on serving youth through the age of 18, who participate in sports and athletics. RCO, however, strongly encourages sponsors to design facilities to serve all ages and multiple activities. Typical projects include:

- Adding lights to a field to allow evening games
- Changing an underused court to a high-demand court
- Changing the field surface, such as installing artificial turf, to allow more games per season or extend the number of seasons the field is in use
- Expanding a youth-sized softball field to accommodate broader community uses
- Reorienting a softball field so it can accommodate another athletic activity such as soccer

**Project Description**

This program provides grants for projects that improve or renovate community athletic facilities and get people to participate

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Project Title: 2023-25 Youth Athletics Facilities

## Description

in athletics outdoors. Outdoor recreation participation surveys show increasing demand for these facilities, and they tie directly to other public policy efforts to reduce childhood obesity and increase fitness. This grant program fills a niche not served by other RCO grant programs because it continues or expands the competitive playing capacity of existing facilities rather than funding construction of new facilities, which is the primary focus of other RCO grant programs (e.g., WWRP Local Parks category). Also, non-profit sports organizations are eligible to apply, but they are not eligible for funding in other RCO programs. Allowing non-profit organizations to apply for funds leverages public-private partnerships that focus on competitive sports play. In 2015, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board created a match waiver policy in this program to address the needs of traditionally underserved communities.

In 2018 the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board adopted the *2018 Washington State Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Plan* to ensure there is an adequate supply of athletic facilities for competition and casual play. A key priority to meeting this goal is to identify gaps in the number and types of athletic facilities across the state. It includes a mapped inventory of existing athletic facilities (that RCO keeps updated on its website), which is a resource used to identify where new facilities may be needed based on demand. The plan also provides recommendations to provide for multi-age facilities and those that support a variety of athletic opportunities (e.g., athletic facilities that accommodate multiple sports such as football, soccer and lacrosse and new or renovated facilities that accommodate players and spectators with disabilities).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: Those that improve or renovate existing athletic facilities for competitive play including basketball, tennis, disc golf, volleyball, tennis, softball, soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, rugby, swimming, track and field, and skateboarding. The primary focus is on facilities that serve youth through age 18, however compatible play by adults is also encouraged.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Cities and towns;
- \* Counties;
- \* Metropolitan park districts;
- \* Native American tribes; and
- \* Non-profit sports organizations

Project sponsors must provide a one-to-one match. The match may be either cash, volunteer labor, or in-kind contributions. A match reduction policy has been developed to reduce the match burden to underserved communities and/or jurisdictions.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2018-2022 Washington State Recreation and Conservation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

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Project Title: 2023-25 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

## Description

### Project Summary

The purpose of the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) is to provide grants for projects involving or adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands throughout Washington. The program is targeted at re-establishing the natural, self-sustaining ecological functions of the waterfront, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a finite natural resource and irreplaceable public heritage. Project examples include removing a bulkhead to restore natural beach functions, replacing a waterfront boardwalk, and developing a waterfront park. This program is funded from income earned through DNR's leasing of state-owned aquatic lands or sale of products harvested from state-owned aquatic lands. Funded projects located in Puget Sound through the ALEA grant program support the habitat restoration and protection goals of the Puget Sound Action Agenda by preserving unspoiled land and restoring damaged areas.

### Project Description

In 1984, the Washington State Legislature created the ALEA program to ensure that money generated from aquatic lands was used to protect and enhance those lands (RCW 79.105.150). The statutory language states that after deduction for management costs as provided in RCW 79.64.040 and payments to towns under RCW 79.115.150(2) all moneys received by the state from the sale or lease of state-owned aquatic lands and from the sale of valuable material from state-owned aquatic lands shall be deposited in the aquatic lands enhancement account. The statute further states that the funds are to be used solely for aquatic lands enhancement projects; for the purchase, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes; for providing and improving access to the lands; and for volunteer cooperative fish and game projects. As such, the ALEA grants provide for the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes. They also are used to provide or improve public access to the waterfront.

Over the past several biennia, funds from the ALEA account have been used for purposes other than those originally conceived by the Legislature, resulting in the ALEA grant program being backfilled with bond funds. This bond backfill has proven to put the ALEA program in a vulnerable funding position, with those bonds being swept by the Legislature last session in the final budget. Given the outpouring of support for this program and projects from multiple stakeholder groups and the Legislature, we strongly encourage the Governor to maintain ALEA funds in this grant program rather than backfilling it with bonds.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies; and
- \* Tribal governments

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Local and tribal government grant recipients must provide a match of at least 50% of the total project cost. The match may be either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: The ALEA Grant Program provides grants for projects that acquire, restore, or improve state-owned aquatic lands and adjacent lands for public purposes, and for projects that provide and improve public access to aquatic lands and associated waters. All projects must be consistent with the local shoreline master program and must be located on lands adjoining a water body that meets the definition of "navigable." Projects intended primarily to protect or restore salmon habitat must be consistent with the appropriate lead entity strategy or regional salmon recovery plan. In Puget Sound, these projects also support key elements of the Action Agenda, including the Salmon Habitat strategic initiative.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: Funds come from revenue generated from Department of Natural Resources managed state-owned aquatic lands.

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Project Title: 2023-25 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

### Project Summary

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### Project Description

#### Program Description

In 2020, the Washington State Legislature directed the Recreation and Conservation Office to establish eligibility criteria and a list of community forest projects for funding consideration. Community forests provide many public benefits including timber and non-timber forest products, forest management and forest products manufacturing jobs, revenue to fund public services, environmental services such as clean air and water, carbon sequestration, climate resiliency, and opportunities for recreation, education, and cultural enrichment. As the population and urban footprint of the state continues to grow, the community forest program provides communities with a valuable tool for preserving forested lands for the benefit of current and future generations.

The purpose of this program is to protect and maintain actively managed forestlands, consistent with local land use planning. Fragmentation and development of forestlands results in greater risks of impact to communities from wildfire and climate change and deprives communities of the economic, environmental, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities a community forest can provide. The Community Forests Program provides a source of funding to help communities protect and enhance their surrounding forest lands by acquiring land and developing collaborative models of community-based forest management and use.

This project is related to Puget Sound Recovery. Recovery Strategies include: Puget Sound strategies include: Working Lands and Outdoor Recreation Stewardship

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: All projects must purchase forestland and may include the following: development for public access such as trailheads, campgrounds, and picnic areas; restoration for forest health, reforestation, and removing fish barriers.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

\* Cities, towns, and counties

\* Native American Tribes

\* Metropolitan park districts

\* Special purpose districts, public development authorities, or other political subdivisions of the state; and

\* Non-profit nature conservancy organizations.

Project sponsors must provide 15% match, which may include grants, cash, volunteer labor, or in-kind contributions. RCO's

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Project Number: 4000060

Project Title: 2023-25 Community Forest Grant Program

## Description

mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

### Project Summary

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### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The purpose of the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Funds (PSAR) program is to provide grants for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs and activities within the Puget Sound basin. In particular, these projects protect and restore habitat necessary for Chinook salmon, which provide one of the most critical food sources for Southern resident killer whales. All projects must be identified as high priority in the Puget Sound salmon recovery plan. Projects are evaluated, locally and regionally, to assess whether they will implement the priorities addressed in the adopted salmon recovery plans. The evaluation process is the same as the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) funding process with an additional step of sequencing large capital projects by the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council through a pre-proposal process. All PSAR projects are also approved by the Leadership Council of the Puget Sound Partnership prior to being presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding board for approval. The program is jointly managed by the Puget Sound Partnership and the Recreation and Conservation Office.

#### Project Description

Puget Sound Chinook were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the federal government in 1999. Puget Sound steelhead were listed as threatened in 2007. To comply with ESA, the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan was developed by local and tribal governments, non-profits and others to identify the highest priority salmon recovery actions. The federal government approved the plan as the official Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan in 2007.

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Program provides grants specifically for the protection and/or restoration of salmon habitat in the Puget Sound basin. This region in our state is the most complicated and costly in which to address salmon recovery, and this special program was created to focus solely on these highly complex projects. Funding also supports feasibility assessments and designs for future projects and other related activities. Projects identified through the Puget Sound salmon recovery plan as the highest priority projects are eligible for PSAR funding.

Funding the PSAR program ensures that the most critical, timely, priority projects to implement the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan are implemented. In many cases, these projects give protection to critical areas at immediate risk of degradation. Projects work directly toward the goals set out in the federal recovery plan and toward the delisting of threatened salmon populations in the Puget Sound. Funds are distributed among all Puget Sound lead entities in such a way as to provide resources to all 22 listed salmon populations.

Without this program, it is likely that salmon, including Chinook salmon, would continue to decline and be re-classified from threatened to endangered, potentially triggering burdensome and expensive actions from the federal government. In addition, opportunities for salmon fishing would continue to decline, significantly impacting Washington resident's quality of life and the many businesses that rely on recreational fishing for a major portion of their income, estimated at \$100 million a year in

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Project Title: 2023-25 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration

## Description

economic impact in Puget Sound. This funding request is a major piece of implementing the Puget Sound Action Agenda. The Habitat Strategic Initiative has two major sub-strategies associated with it: Protect habitat through regulations and incentives and remove barriers to habitat restoration. These funds would help increase available incentives for protection of habitat and would address one of the major barriers to habitat restoration listed in the Action Agenda: lack of funding for the large-scale, more expensive projects that are necessary to restore the whole Puget Sound ecosystem.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts));
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Private Landowners (in limited circumstances);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Conservation Districts; and
- \* Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups.

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RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery plan and supports the strategic direction of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Applicants typically provide at least 15% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

## Project Summary

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## Project Description

### Project Summary

The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) is Washington's only restoration program that focuses solely on the entirety of Puget Sound's nearshore. Puget Sound's 2,500 miles of shoreline are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington's natural resources. Over the past 100 years, this shoreline has been dramatically altered, largely through the impacts of the built environment including dikes, earthen fill, and shoreline bulkheads. Nearly 75% of Washington's historical estuary lands have been lost and approximately one third of Puget Sound beaches have been armored.

ESRP provides grants to protect and restore the Puget Sound near-shore. The program was created by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to support the emerging priorities of the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Program and is managed cooperatively by WDFW, RCO, and the Puget Sound Partnership. All phases of project development from feasibility through implementation monitoring are eligible for funding. These projects support the goals set forth in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.



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**Project Title:** 2023-25 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

## Description

Estuaries provide particularly important habitat for Chinook salmon to rest, eat, and grow before heading to the ocean. As one example, effectiveness monitoring on an estuary restoration project in Fisher Slough (Skagit River) showed that the 60-acre restored area of estuary provided habitat for nearly 52,000 young Chinook per year compared to the 4,300 Chinook that had been using the degraded site before restoration – an increase of over 1200 percent.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

### Project Description

The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program provides grants to enhance protection and restoration specifically of the Puget Sound near-shore, a uniquely critical area for salmon recovery. Not taking action to complete these projects would result in continued degradation of Puget Sound's natural shoreline function and the recreational and commercial resources that depend on it. Local communities throughout Puget Sound and recreational and commercial fishers are impacted by these restoration efforts. ESRP projects are identified by working closely with local communities and multiple stakeholders. Tribes who are working to maintain federally-protected tribal treaty rights benefit from ESRP nearshore project implementation. Efforts to restore the priority nearshore habitat support the efforts to recovery salmon and to implement the regional salmon recovery plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

In the Puget Sound Action Agenda, the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program is identified as an "ongoing program" that supports key vital signs, strategies, and priorities. ESRP is one of six state programs listed that make important contributions to Puget Sound recovery programs. A majority of ESRP projects are identified as Near Term Actions. ESRP primarily supports Action Agenda Ecosystem Strategy 16 – Protect and restore nearshore and estuary ecosystems.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Federal agencies;
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Academic institutions;
- \* Private institutions; and
- \* Nonprofit organizations.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

ESRP requires a 30% cost-share match from local sponsors, some of which must be non-state funding. Typically, projects seek funding from multiple sources in order to find full funding for restoration or protection projects. Often, federal funding sources are leveraged for ESRP projects.

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2024

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

### Project Summary

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Project Title: 2023-25 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative

**Description**

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI) was created and funded in the 2015-2017 capital budget. This program was created not only to address the conservation needs of our state’s coastal region but to provide jobs to people in counties with very high unemployment rates. The program leverages existing federal, state, and private resources from across the Coast and has contributed to a large scaling up of restoration efforts. Restoration efforts in the region will have significant benefits to salmon, given the strong hold of wild salmon populations along the coast, and provide sustainable jobs for local communities. For those populations of salmon on the coast that remain viable and healthy, it is as critical to our efforts to recover threatened and endangered salmon species that we continue to provide for their protection and preservation.

**Project Description**

This program provides grants to restore aquatic and terrestrial habitat on the Washington Coast, which serves to protect the existing strong-hold of salmon populations there and provide jobs for local communities. Projects within the WCRRI package will bring improvements to the communities through job creation, more work options for local contractors, flood control, access improvement, climate resiliency and more. The conservation benefits of WCRRI projects are not limited by species or type.

WCRRI proposes to enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve salmon access and rearing potential.

Project awards are competitive, and projects are evaluated similarly to the lead entity technical advisory process.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- \* State agencies;
- \* Non-profit organizations;
- \* Private or public corporations;
- \* Special purpose districts;
- \* Fishery enhancement groups; and
- \* Tribal governments.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients are not required to provide match in this program, but bringing additional funds to the project is a positive factor in the evaluation process.

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Title: 2023-25 Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board

## Description

### Project Summary

In 2014, the Washington State Legislature established the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) to develop a coordinated fish barrier removal strategy that maximizes the habitat recovery value of other fish passage investments that have been made by public and private entities statewide. The FBRB grant program, administered jointly by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and renamed as the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board in 2018, distributes funding to fish barrier removal projects that match the principles provided in RCW 77.95.180 and have been approved and prioritized by the FBRB. This request funds these fish barrier removal projects.

### Project Description

Salmon populations have been in decline, with recent years being amongst the worst on record for population abundance, and commercial, tribal, and recreational fishing opportunities. Human-made migratory barriers have caused habitat fragmentation and are a major contributor to this decline. Restoring access to historic spawning and rearing areas, through the removal of fish passage barriers, helps recover threatened and endangered salmon and supports the sustainability of these salmon populations that have great cultural, social, and economical importance to the people of Washington State. While fish passage has been aggressively addressed by private forest landowners in the headwaters and through implementation of the state's obligations under the federal court injunction, barriers persist downstream and upstream that minimize or completely nullify the benefits of those fish passage investments. WDFW estimates there are still **18,000 - 20,000** barriers to salmon and steelhead across Washington State, most of which are owned by local governments and private landowners with limited financial ability to correct them. The FBRB identifies and expedites the removal of these barriers in the most efficient manner practical by implementing a coordinated approach that corrects barriers upstream and downstream of other fish passage investments.

This request will fund the engineering design of 102 approved and prioritized applications through a competitive grant process to design or correct 163 fish passage barriers. Out of the applications submitted for 2023-25 biennial funds, 35 are design projects and 67 are construction projects. Funded design projects are expected to be eligible for construction through the program's future grant rounds. The projects proposed for funding correct barriers of state or local government ownership (72), and private ownership (30). The completion of all projects will restore access to 250 miles of salmon habitat. The FBRB, WDFW, Salmon Recovery Regions, and Lead Entities prioritized fish passage projects that open access to entire streams and/or coordinate with other fish passage projects. This approach helps rebuild whole salmon populations by opening entire watersheds and coordinating opportunistically with other fish passage investments so that the benefits of those investments are maximized.

Failure to fund the program will likely mean continued declines of salmon populations and reduced commercial and recreational fisheries opportunities. The NOAA Fisheries Economics and Social Analysis Division estimated that Washington State's commercial and recreational fisheries generated over \$500M combined in 2012.

Additionally, the FBRB members (WSDOT, GSRO, DNR, and lead representatives from Washington State cities, counties, and tribes) are very supportive of this budget request by WDFW and RCO. Failure to fund the program would undermine the policies that the Legislature established in 2014, and strain the relationships that the FBRB has been building to address the environmental, financial, and legal challenges associated with fish passage barriers. The coordination of barrier corrections that maximize the habitat recovery value of investments made by the State is one of the key founding principles of the legislation that established the FBRB (RCW 77.95.180). Taking no action would be a missed opportunity to coordinate with, and build upon, the successes of past FBRB projects.

Engineering design projects that have a funding request greater than \$200,000 and for all construction projects, a minimum of 15 percent match of the grant award is required. For the 102 FBRB-approved fish passage projects, more than \$23.9M is being provided in match from various federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

This package supports Results Washington Goal 3: Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment – Protect and restore Washington's wildlife. It will increase the miles of stream habitat opened and the number of fish passage barriers corrected per year (outcome measures 2.2b and 2.2c).

This program is specifically called out in Strategy 6 of the Puget Sound Action Agenda--"Fish Passage Barriers."

The Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board received \$26.8 million in 2021-23 to fund the implementation of 21 fish passage projects. This request builds on those successes by coordinating with those projects, as well as other fish passage projects

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## Description

that have been recently implemented throughout Washington State.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- \* State agencies;
- \* Non-profit organizations;
- \* Conservation Districts
- \* Regional Fish Enhancement Groups; and
- \* Tribal governments.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2024

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 0

### Project Summary

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### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The purpose of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is to provide grants to develop or maintain recreational trails and trailside or trailhead facilities. A competitive grant cycle is held every other year. Funds are allocated annually by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Map-21 (RCW 79A.25).

#### Project Description

To provide grants to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities for a backcountry experience. Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide 20% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for federal or state agencies, or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

Eligible Projects: Projects funded by this program include the maintenance of recreational trails, development of trail-side and trail-head facilities, construction of new trails, and the operation of environmental education and trail safety programs. RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission

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Project Title: 2023-25 Recreational Trails Program

**Description**

and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state’s 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: Federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational nonhighway uses. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration and RCO.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

The purpose of the federal Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program is to provide grants for facilities for recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Such facilities include transient moorage floats, docks and buoys. Funds are federally appropriated through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (RCW 79A.25).

To provide grants for transient recreational boating facilities, targeting the needs of recreational boats 26 feet and longer. The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide at least 25% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state’s 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: A portion of the federal excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest on the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund as administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Title: 2023-25 Land and Water Conservation Fund

## Description

The purpose of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is to provide grants to assist in preserving and developing recreation facilities. The LWCF grant program distributes funding in a competitive manner to state and local recreation agencies. All LWCF funds must reflect priorities set forth in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), developed by the RCO and approved by the National Park Service. Funds are federally appropriated through the National Park Service (RCW 79A.25).

To provide grants to assist in preserving and developing access to outdoor recreation resources including but not limited to parks, trails, wildlife lands, and other lands and facilities desirable for outdoor recreation.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2018-2022 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: A portion of Federal revenue derived from sale or lease of off-shore oil and gas resources.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

## Project Summary

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## Project Description

### Project Summary

In 2014, the Washington State Legislature established the FishBarrier Removal Board (FBRB) to develop a coordinated fish barrier removal strategy that maximizes the habitat recovery value of other fish passage investments that have been made by public and private entities statewide. The FBRB grant program, administered jointly by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and renamed as the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board in 2018, distributes funding to fish barrier removal projects that match the principles provided in RCW 77.95.180 and have been approved and prioritized by the FBRB. This request funds these fish barrier removal projects.

### Project Description

Salmon populations have been in decline, with recent years being amongst the worst on record for population abundance, and commercial, tribal, and recreational fishing opportunities. Human-made migratory barriers have caused habitat fragmentation and are a major contributor to this decline. Restoring access to historic spawning and rearing areas, through the removal of fish passage barriers, helps recover threatened and endangered salmon and supports the sustainability of these salmon populations that have great cultural, social, and economical importance to the people of Washington State.

While fish passage has been aggressively addressed by private forest landowners in the headwaters and

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Project Title: 2023-25 Family Forest Fish Passage Program

## Description

through implementation of the state's obligations under the federal court injunction, barriers persist downstream and upstream that minimize or completely nullify the benefits of those fish passage investments. WDFW estimates there are still **18,000 - 20,000** barriers to salmon and steelhead across Washington State, most of which are owned by local governments and private landowners with limited financial ability to correct them. The FBRB identifies and expedites the removal of these barriers in the most efficient manner practical by implementing a coordinated approach that corrects barriers upstream and downstream of other fish passage investments.

This request will fund the engineering design of 102 approved and prioritized applications through a competitive grant process to design or correct 163 fish passage barriers. Out of the applications submitted for 2023-25 biennial funds, 35 are design projects and 67 are construction projects. Funded design projects are expected to be eligible for construction through the program's future grant rounds. The projects proposed for funding correct barriers of state or local government ownership (72), and private ownership (30). The completion of all projects will restore access to 250 miles of salmon habitat.

The FBRB, WDFW, Salmon Recovery Regions, and Lead Entities prioritized fish passage projects that open access to entire streams and/or coordinate with other fish passage projects. This approach helps rebuild whole salmon populations by opening entire watersheds and coordinating opportunistically with other fish passage investments so that the benefits of those investments are maximized.

Failure to fund the program will likely mean continued declines of salmon populations and reduced commercial and recreational fisheries opportunities. The NOAA Fisheries Economics and Social Analysis Division estimated that Washington State's commercial and recreational fisheries generated over \$500M combined in 2012.

Additionally, the FBRB members (WSDOT, GSRO, DNR, and lead representatives from Washington State cities, counties, and tribes) are very supportive of this budget request by WDFW and RCO. Failure to fund the program would undermine the policies that the Legislature established in 2014, and strain the relationships that the FBRB has been building to address the environmental, financial, and legal challenges associated with fish passage barriers. The coordination of barrier corrections that maximize the habitat recovery value of investments made by the State is one of the key founding principles of the legislation that established the FBRB (RCW 77.95.180). Taking no action would be a missed opportunity to coordinate with, and build upon, the successes of past FBRB projects.

Engineering design projects that have a funding request greater than \$200,000 and for all construction projects, a minimum of 15 percent match of the grant award is required. For the 102 FBRB-approved fish passage projects, more than \$23.9M is being provided in match from various federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

This package supports Results Washington Goal 3: Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment – Protect and restore Washington's wildlife. It will increase the miles of stream habitat opened and the number of fish passage barriers corrected per year (outcome measures 2.2b and 2.2c).

This program is specifically called out in Strategy 6 of the Puget Sound Action Agenda-- "Fish Passage Barriers." The Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board received \$26.8 million in 2021-23 to fund the implementation of 21 fish passage projects. This request builds on those successes by coordinating with those projects, as well as other fish passage projects that have been recently implemented throughout Washington State.

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Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- \* State agencies;
- \* Non-profit organizations;
- \* Conservation Districts
- \* Regional Fish Enhancement Groups; and
- \* Tribal governments.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2023

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

### Project Summary

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### Project Description

#### Project Summary

Habitat loss continues to be one of the most important factors directly limiting the recovery of salmon and indirectly limiting the recovery of southern resident killer whales in Washington. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant program implements the Salmon Recovery Act (RCW 77.85) and provides funding for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs and activities across the state. While other grant programs focus on a particular geographic region or bring in other non-salmon values, this is the one grant program in Washington that focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat state-wide. Projects are developed locally and evaluated to assess if and how well they will implement priorities addressed in federally-adopted salmon recovery plans. Funds are primarily derived from two sources: state general-obligation bonds and federal appropriation through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

State funds are used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds, and higher SRFB appropriations at the state level increases our competitiveness for federal funding. *Since 1991, state SRFB funding has been used to match nearly \$400 million in federal funds. The state funds have also been used to leverage more than \$215 million in sponsor match.*



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Project Title: 2021-23 Salmon Recovery Investment from Operating

## Description

This grant program provides the foundation for all of our salmon recovery efforts in Washington State. It reaches across the state, funding projects to restore all species of listed salmon populations and provide protections to the healthy populations of salmon that still exist. Projects brought to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for approval are required to meet the goals of the regional salmon recovery strategies, which have been developed in coordination with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the projects located in Puget Sound directly support the salmon habitat strategic initiative and other salmon recovery goals recently adopted as part of the Action Agenda by the Puget Sound Partnership. These projects, and the salmon they support and enhance, are also critically important to the Indian tribes whose rights were established in treaties signed with the federal government to allow their continued right to fish, gather shellfish, hunt and exercise other sovereign rights.

The work of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, through this grant program, funds habitat restoration efforts that benefits not only salmon but the Southern Resident killer whales that depend on the salmon. Since their creation in 1999, the board has funded 1057 projects that have provided a benefit to Chinook salmon – about 39 percent of all projects funded. In the current grant round and existing active projects, about half benefit Chinook (262 projects). While this funding history shows the emphasis put on projects that benefit Chinook, it also reveals the work towards recovery that remains given the critical state of both salmon and Southern Residents in Washington. A study conducted in 2011 by the Evergreen Funding Consultants (known as the ‘Canty Report’) concluded that the current funding levels at the time (state and federal) were sufficient to support only 15 percent of the true need of recovery effort identified in the regional recovery plans. Since then, the current funding levels have been held at that low level, and we continue to fund only a small percentage of projects needed for recovery. This request represents an effort to raise the bar on the past funding levels to begin making significant strides forward.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission. In addition, the request supports the strategic direction of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and is in direct alignment with the Puget Sound Action Agenda and mission and work of the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery and Task Force.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

### Project Description

As Washington’s population has grown and altered the natural landscape, our salmon populations have dwindled. In 1991, the federal government declared the first salmon in the Pacific Northwest, Snake River sockeye, as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. In the next few years, sixteen more species of salmon were listed as either threatened or endangered. As more salmon became listed, state leaders realized they needed a coordinated effort. By the end of the decade, the Legislature had created the Salmon Recovery

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Project Title: 2021-23 Salmon Recovery Investment from Operating

**Description**

Funding Board to administer state and federal funds to protect and restore salmon habitat.

The board has created an approach unique in the nation for the recovery of salmon. Local communities work together to write recovery plans that are approved by the federal government. The communities develop projects, vet them locally, and submit them to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for scientific and technical review. This bottom-up approach engages local communities in salmon recovery and the state oversight ensures that only the best, most scientifically sound projects are funded. Washingtonians rely on salmon for food, recreation, jobs, cultural identity, and social tradition. These iconic fish evoke the best Washington has to offer – pristine water, rich landscapes, a healthy environment, and a thriving natural resource economy.

Another unique feature of this grant program is the emphasis placed on monitoring the effectiveness of projects. While the funding levels have not kept up with the need (as mentioned above), we know from monitoring data that projects do restore habitat and, from them, we get more fish. An example includes the estuary restoration projects in the South Fork Skagit River delta that have cumulatively restored 682 acres of tidal wetlands that nurture approximately 160,000 young Chinook salmon every year. In general, system-wide monitoring of Chinook densities in the Skagit delta show an increase of 690 smolts per hectare in restored habitat. Restoration efforts also increased the overall length of time juvenile Chinook spent in estuaries in the Skagit. Similarly, in the Nisqually River delta, where state and federal funds have been used to restore approximately 900 acres of estuary habitat, monitoring of channels pre and post restoration showed fish access increased from 30 percent of the time present to 75 percent of the time present.

The board’s funding request for 2023-2025 is based on three important elements:

- Matching Federal grants
- The planned project forecast list—which anticipates capacity for entities to implement projects
- Recent grant application levels

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Private Landowners (in limited circumstances);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Conservation Districts; and
- \* Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups

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Applicants must provide at least 15% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

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Project Title: 2021-23 Salmon Recovery Investment from Operating

**Description**

Revenue Source: State funding has been provided through general obligation bonds and is used to meet the required 33% match for the federal salmon recovery funds. Federal funds are appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). Each state applies for a share of this account. The state funds are also critical to having a sufficient project funding pool to be competitive with other states seeking PCSRF allocations.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2023

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

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Starting Fiscal Year: 2023

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Title: 2021-23 Duckabush Estuary Restoration Project from Operating

**Description**

Duckabush Estuary Restoration

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Planning for Recreation Access Grants

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

City of LaCenter Breezee Creek Culvert Replacement

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Number: 91000448

Project Title: Coastal Restoration Grants

**Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for coastal restoration projects that enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve salmon access and rearing potential on the Washington coast.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is provided for restoration work managed by the Quinault Indian Nation on the upper Quinault River. Funding is also reappropriated from the 2019-21 biennium.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Grant - Pass Through

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is provided solely for a grant to Skagit County for the design of 11 high priority fish barrier removal projects located on the County's roads. Skagit County must ensure that the projects designed with funding from this section meet applicable state and federal grant program standards.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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Project Number: 91001663

Project Title: Springwood Ranch in Kittitas County

**Description**

management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is provided for a grant to the Trust for Public Land to purchase the Springwood Ranch Property.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Riparian Grant Program

Starting Fiscal Year: 2016

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

Funding is reappropriated from the 2015-17 biennium for grants to eligible applicants for acquisition, restoration and/or development of local parks, water access sites, and trails. Unused funds may be used for replacing and repairing dock facilities at Van Riper Marina.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2022

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit

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Project Number: 92000448

Project Title: Statewide Multi-modal Trails Database

**Description**

organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

Funding is provided to develop an official statewide database of paved and unpaved multi-modal trails that displays a network of local, regional, and state-wide trails that connect, or have the potential of connecting, to provide transportation alternatives that are available to public access.

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

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**Project Description**

Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Program

**Location**

City: Olympia

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

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**Project Title:** 2021-23 Grants For Watershed Projects from Operating

**Description**

**Location**

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Project Title: Coastal Restoration Grants

**Description**

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

New Facility: No

**How does this fit in master plan**

N/A

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project description for full list of eligible recipients

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Project sponsors responded to a Request for Proposals. This RFP included 26 questions, guidelines for estimated jobs creation, the scoring criteria and a requirement for documented local support. This robust proposal process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Proposals completing the application criteria were reviewed by a 9-person panel, including biologists, a geologist, engineers, a city councilman and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited, many by the full review team. Review team members then met in person to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the RFP – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

**Application process used**

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board’s technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Growth Management impacts**

N/A

New Facility: No

**How does this fit in master plan**

N/A

**Growth Management impacts**

N/A

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Project Number: 91001679

Project Title: Salmon Recovery Funding Board: Riparian Grant Program

**Description**

New Facility: No

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

New Facility: No

**How does this fit in master plan**

N/A

**Growth Management impacts**

N/A

New Facility: No

**How does this fit in master plan**

N/A

**Growth Management impacts**

N/A

New Facility: No

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Citizen advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.85

**Application process used**

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

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Project Number: 40000054

Project Title: 2023-25 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

## Description

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

### Application process used

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee made up of boaters and representatives of boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

### Application process used

Funding is divided by formulas established in statute: Up to 30% for education and enforcement and at least 70% for NOVA recreation facilities. Of the 70% portion, at least 30% of the funds are allocated for ORV facilities, at least 30% are allocated for nonmotorized facilities, and at least 30% are allocated for nonhighway road facilities. Revenue from ORV permit fees may only be used in the ORV category. Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee of hiking, equestrian, off-road vehicle recreationists, bicycling and other outdoor recreation representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member advisory committee of firearms and archery representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 43.99N.060

### Application process used

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

### Growth Management impacts

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

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Project Number: 4000058

Project Title: 2023-25 Youth Athletics Facilities

**Description**

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.105

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this grant program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** Section 3050-2020 capit budget

**Application process used**

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted by the RCO director after extensive citizen input. The ranked list of the applications is approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in a public meeting.

**Growth Management impacts**

Acquisitions must be forest land

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.85

**Application process used**

All PSAR projects are thoroughly evaluated. Local communities convene technical and citizens committees to select PSAR projects from regionally approved watershed three-year work plans. Once projects are agreed to locally, a regional technical team reviews them for consistency with regional restoration strategies. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board's appointed Technical Review Panel then conducts a final review before projects are advanced for funding. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board are responsible for maintaining the integrity of this process. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approves final prioritized project lists, and grants are administered by RCO.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

**Application process used**

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

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Project Number: 40000062

Project Title: 2023-25 Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

## Description

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

A grant round announcement was published to advertise the opportunity to submit grant applications. This grant application included 22 questions. Grant round materials were provided via workshop and website including program guidelines, the scoring criteria, and a requirement for documented local support. This robust grant round process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Submitted applications were reviewed by a 11-person panel, natural resources practitioners and and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited and projects were presented to the review team. Review team members then met to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the program guidance – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team and program Steering Committee.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.95.160

### Application process used

In 2021-22, the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) solicited project applications to address both small and large-scale fish barrier correction projects. Project proposals were evaluated based upon cost, benefit to threatened and endangered stocks, quality of the habitat, correcting the lowest fish barrier first, the severity of the barrier (full or partial), and how well the project coordinates with other adjacent barrier correction projects. Proposals were then ranked by a technical review committee within WDFW resulting in a proposed ranked project list presented to the FBRB for approval. The board selected 102 projects as the highest priority barrier removal projects for anadromous fish state-wide. If all 102 projects are funded and implemented, more than 154 miles of new salmon habitat will be created.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee comprised of boaters and boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for



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Project Number: 40000066

Project Title: 2023-25 Boating Infrastructure Grants

**Description**

final approval. Eligible Grant Recipient Organizations \*Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and port districts); \*State agencies; \*Tribal governments; \*Private marinas with facilities open to the general public; and \*Nonprofit organizations, such as yacht clubs, which are open to the general public.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the National Park Service for final approval and funding. Eligible Grant Recipient Organizations \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports and park districts); \* State agencies; and \* Tribal governments.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**New Facility:** No

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**New Facility:** No

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**New Facility:** No

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**New Facility:** No

**Growth Management impacts**

N/A

**New Facility:** No

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

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Project Title: Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

## Description

### Application process used

Volunteer advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

### Growth Management impacts

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and s

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local watershed level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with sponsors and landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a local technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the federally-approved salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order for funding.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

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Project Title: Recreational Trails Program

## Description

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Volunteer advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee made up of boaters and representatives of boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Funding is divided by formulas established in statute: Up to 30% for education and enforcement and at least 70% for NOVA recreation facilities. Of the 70% portion, at least 30% of the funds are allocated for ORV facilities, at least 30% are allocated for nonmotorized facilities, and at least 30% are allocated for nonhighway road facilities. Revenue from ORV permit fees may only be used in the ORV category. Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee of

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Project Number: 30000411

Project Title: Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities

## Description

hiking, equestrian, off-road vehicle recreationists, bicycling and other outdoor recreation representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

### Growth Management impacts

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79a.105

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this grant program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All PSAR projects are thoroughly evaluated. Local communities convene technical and citizens committees to select PSAR projects from regionally approved watershed three-year work plans. Once projects are agreed to locally, a regional technical team reviews them for consistency with regional restoration strategies. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board's appointed Technical Review Panel then conducts a final review before projects are advanced for funding. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board are responsible for maintaining the integrity of this process. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approves final prioritized project lists, and grants are administered by RCO.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for

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**Project Title:** Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

## Description

proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member advisory committee of firearms and archery representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** Laws of 2015 Chapter 3

### Application process used

A grant round announcement was published to advertise the opportunity to submit grant applications. This grant application included 22 questions. Grant round materials were provided via workshop and website including program guidelines, the scoring criteria, and a requirement for documented local support. This robust grant round process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Submitted applications were reviewed by a 11-person panel, natural resources practitioners and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited and projects were presented to the review team. Review team members then met to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the program guidance – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team and program Steering Committee.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Landowners can submit applications online to the Department of Natural Resources' Small Forest Landowners Office through its Web site and enroll in the FFFPP program or they can mail applications using mail-in application forms. A Department of Natural Resources' forester will determine if the project is eligible based on the application materials. If more information is needed, the forester may schedule a site visit with the landowner. Another site visit may be arranged with eligible landowners by a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist to determine if there is a fish passage barrier on the property. If a barrier is found, the Fish Passage Team will assign a priority to the barrier based on habitat condition and quantity and fish species affected by the barrier.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

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Project Title: 2019-21 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

## Description

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Volunteer advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee made up of boaters and representatives of boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Funding is divided by formulas established in statute: Up to 30% for education and enforcement and at least 70% for NOVA recreation facilities. Of the 70% portion, at least 30% of the funds are allocated for ORV facilities, at least 30% are allocated for nonmotorized facilities, and at least 30% are allocated for nonhighway road facilities. Revenue from ORV permit fees may only be used in the ORV category. Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee of hiking, equestrian, off-road vehicle recreationists, bicycling and other outdoor recreation representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

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Project Number: 40000006

Project Title: 2019-21 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities

## Description

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

### Growth Management impacts

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.105

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this grant program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All PSAR projects are thoroughly evaluated. Local communities convene technical and citizens committees to select PSAR projects from regionally approved watershed three-year work plans. Once projects are agreed to locally, a regional technical team reviews them for consistency with regional restoration strategies. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board's appointed Technical Review Panel then conducts a final review before projects are advanced for funding. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board are responsible for maintaining the integrity of this process. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approves final prioritized project lists, and grants are administered by RCO.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

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Project Number: 40000010

Project Title: 2019-21 - Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program

## Description

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** Laws of 2015, Chapter 3

### Application process used

A grant round announcement was published to advertise the opportunity to submit grant applications. This grant application included 22 questions. Grant round materials were provided via workshop and website including program guidelines, the scoring criteria, and a requirement for documented local support. This robust grant round process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Submitted applications were reviewed by a 11-person panel, natural resources practitioners and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited and projects were presented to the review team. Review team members then met to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the program guidance – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team and program Steering Committee.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.95.160

### Application process used

In 2021-22, the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) solicited project applications to address both small and large-scale fish barrier correction projects. Project proposals were evaluated based upon cost, benefit to threatened and endangered stocks, quality of the habitat, correcting the lowest fish barrier first, the severity of the barrier (full or partial), and how well the project coordinates with other adjacent barrier correction projects. Proposals were then ranked by a technical review committee within WDFW resulting in a proposed ranked project list presented to the FBRB for approval. The board selected 102 projects as the highest priority barrier removal projects for anadromous fish state-wide. If all 102 projects are funded and implemented, more than 154 miles of new salmon habitat will be created.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member advisory committee of firearms and archery representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including



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Project Title: 2019-21 - Recreational Trails Program

## Description

hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See application process for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee comprised of boaters and boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for final approval. Eligible Grant Recipient Organizations \*Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and port districts); \*State agencies; \*Tribal governments; \*Private marinas with facilities open to the general public; and \* Nonprofit organizations, such as yacht clubs, which are open to the general public.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See application process for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the National Park Service for final approval and funding. Eligible Grant Recipient Organizations \*Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports and park districts); \*State agencies; and \* Tribal governments.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** Eligible Grant Recipients

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Landowners can submit applications online to the Department of Natural Resources' Small Forest Landowners Office through its Web site and enroll in the FFFPP program or they can mail applications using mail-in application forms. A Department of Natural Resources' forester will determine if the project is eligible based on the application materials. If more information is needed, the forester may schedule a site visit with the landowner. Another site visit may be arranged with eligible landowners by a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist to determine if there is a fish passage barrier on the property. If a barrier is found, the Fish Passage Team will assign a priority to the barrier based on habitat condition and quantity and fish species affected by the barrier.

### Growth Management impacts

Family Forest Fish Passage Program

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

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Project Title: 2021-23 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

## Description

### Application process used

Volunteer advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

### Application process used

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee made up of boaters and representatives of boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Funding is divided by formulas established in statute: Up to 30% for education and enforcement and at least 70% for NOVA recreation facilities. Of the 70% portion, at least 30% of the funds are allocated for ORV facilities, at least 30% are allocated for nonmotorized facilities, and at least 30% are allocated for nonhighway road facilities. Revenue from ORV permit fees may only be used in the ORV category. Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee of hiking, equestrian, off-road vehicle recreationists, bicycling and other outdoor recreation representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

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Project Title: 2021-23 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities

## Description

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 43.99N.060

#### Application process used

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

### Growth Management impacts

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.105

#### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this grant program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

#### Application process used

All PSAR projects are thoroughly evaluated. Local communities convene technical and citizens committees to select PSAR projects from regionally approved watershed three-year work plans. Once projects are agreed to locally, a regional technical team reviews them for consistency with regional restoration strategies. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board's appointed Technical Review Panel then conducts a final review before projects are advanced for funding. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board are responsible for maintaining the integrity of this process. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approves final prioritized project lists, and grants are administered by RCO.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

#### Application process used

A grant round announcement was published to advertise the opportunity to submit grant applications. This grant application included 22 questions. Grant round materials were provided via workshop and website including program guidelines, the scoring criteria, and a requirement for documented local support. This robust grant round process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Submitted applications were reviewed by a 11-person panel, natural resources practitioners and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited and projects were

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Project Number: 40000033

Project Title: 2021-23 - Washington Coastal Restoration Initiative

## Description

presented to the review team. Review team members then met to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the program guidance – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team and program Steering Committee.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.95.160

### Application process used

In 2021-22, the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) solicited project applications to address both small and large-scale fish barrier correction projects. Project proposals were evaluated based upon cost, benefit to threatened and endangered stocks, quality of the habitat, correcting the lowest fish barrier first, the severity of the barrier (full or partial), and how well the project coordinates with other adjacent barrier correction projects. Proposals were then ranked by a technical review committee within WDFW resulting in a proposed ranked project list presented to the FBRB for approval. The board selected 102 projects as the highest priority barrier removal projects for anadromous fish state-wide. If all 102 projects are funded and implemented, more than 154 miles of new salmon habitat will be created.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member advisory committee of firearms and archery representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

### Growth Management impacts

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee comprised of boaters and boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the

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Project Number: 40000041

Project Title: 2021-23 - Boating Infrastructure Grants

### Description

evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for final approval.

#### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

#### Application process used

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the National Park Service for final approval and funding.

#### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

#### Application process used

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

#### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** Section 3050 of the 2020 capi

#### Application process used

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted by the RCO director after extensive citizen input. The ranked list of the applications is approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in a public meeting.

#### Growth Management impacts

Acquisitions must be forest land

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project description for full list of eligible recipients

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79a.25

#### Application process used

Outdoor Recreation Equity

#### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

#### Growth Management impacts

GMA is not considered for this program.

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Project Number: 40000050

Project Title: 2021-23 - Family Forest Fish Passage Program

**Description**

New Facility: No  
How does this fit in master plan  
N/A

Growth Management impacts  
n/a

New Facility: No

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
001-1	General Fund-State					
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000			5,000,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000		459,000	4,541,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	20,000,000		34,000	19,966,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	75,000,000		1,986,000	73,014,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	49,845,000	45,745,000		4,100,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	4,587,000	4,074,000	95,000	418,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	46,502,000	28,639,000	2,004,000	15,859,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	50,000,000	35,296,000	7,470,000	7,234,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000	3,172,000	353,000	1,475,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	2,200,000	1,859,000	335,000	6,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	6,000,000	3,057,000	709,000	2,234,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	65,000,000	13,872,000	12,760,000	38,368,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000	1,649,000	1,124,000	2,227,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	2,200,000	172,000	90,000	1,938,000	
001-2	General Fund-Federal	20,000,000	1,704,000	4,549,000	13,747,000	
02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State	418,000	106,000	149,000	163,000	
02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State	1,600,000	1,083,000	9,000	508,000	
02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State	3,500,000		259,000	3,241,000	

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Project Title: 2023-25 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	2,358,000		39,000	2,319,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	7,807,000		3,397,000	4,410,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	20,000,000		5,746,000	14,254,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	49,050,000		13,562,000	35,488,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	14,309,000		3,370,000	10,939,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	10,134,000		1,422,000	8,712,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	27,315,000		1,491,000	25,824,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,000		663,000	4,337,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	11,185,000	10,563,000		622,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	6,000,000	2,151,000	1,849,000	2,000,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	2,000,000	82,000	484,000	1,434,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	21,600,000		1,622,000	19,978,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	29,170,000	24,089,000	1,137,000	3,944,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	10,685,000	8,598,000	475,000	1,612,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	40,000,000	34,279,000	1,576,000	4,145,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	8,000,000	6,767,000	235,000	998,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	16,500,000	15,206,000	131,000	1,163,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	8,000,000	7,603,000	375,000	22,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	19,711,000	17,418,000	1,285,000	1,008,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	25,000,000	19,160,000	2,839,000	3,001,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	12,500,000	8,779,000	980,000	2,741,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,000	4,903,000		97,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	4,077,000	2,929,000	595,000	553,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	1,000,000			1,000,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	200,000	129,000	47,000	24,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,900,000		5,900,000		
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	9,100,000	1,051,000	2,415,000	5,634,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	52,807,000	11,138,000	9,654,000	32,015,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	10,313,000	5,315,000	2,367,000	2,631,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	26,795,000	7,901,000	4,587,000	14,307,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	11,227,000	2,895,000	2,811,000	5,521,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	15,708,000	4,091,000	5,606,000	6,011,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	16,299,000	5,350,000	4,426,000	6,523,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	4,000,000	166,000	2,120,000	1,714,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,957,000	3,321,000	1,516,000	1,120,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	30,000,000	9,277,000	9,319,000	11,404,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,000	4,692,000	178,000	130,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	12,000,000	8,790,000	671,000	2,539,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	6,600,000	5,003,000	150,000	1,447,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	49,507,000	35,730,000	6,759,000	7,018,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	10,000,000	7,752,000	637,000	1,611,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	12,086,000	10,899,000	621,000	566,000	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	26,491,000	19,956,000	1,804,000	4,731,000	
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State	50,000,000	1,343,000	8,926,000	39,731,000	
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State	25,000,000	599,000	4,781,000	19,620,000	
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State	25,000,000			25,000,000	

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Project Number: 40000019

Project Title: 2021-23 - Washington Wildlife Recreation Grants

<b>Funding</b>						
Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	45,000,000	10,628,000	10,313,000	24,059,000	
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	54,000,000		6,943,000	47,057,000	
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	5,611,000	5,178,000	80,000	353,000	
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	38,250,000	26,489,000	5,107,000	6,654,000	
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	36,000,000	27,429,000	3,292,000	5,279,000	
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	22,697,000	20,511,000	662,000	1,524,000	
070-B	Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit					
070-B	Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit					
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070-B	Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit					
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	8,500,000	4,555,000	19,000	3,926,000	
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	8,000,000	4,061,000	93,000	3,846,000	
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	4,379,000	3,153,000	263,000	963,000	
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	12,000,000		3,379,000	8,621,000	
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	10,000,000	950,000	992,000	8,058,000	
09C-B	Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit					
09C-B	Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit					
09C-B	Farm and Forest Acct-Debt Limit					
09G-1	Riparian Protection-State	5,548,000	5,431,000		117,000	
09G-B	Riparian Protection-Debt Limit					
12J-1	Boating Activities-State	10,000	10,000			
146-1	Firearms Range Acct-State	813,000	423,000		390,000	
146-1	Firearms Range Acct-State	735,000	460,000	62,000	213,000	
146-1	Firearms Range Acct-State	630,000	103,000	261,000	266,000	
146-1	Firearms Range Acct-State	840,000		116,000	724,000	
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	54,000,000		2,563,000	51,437,000	
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	45,000,000	12,922,000	5,394,000	26,684,000	
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	36,000,000	27,571,000	3,244,000	5,185,000	
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	38,250,000	23,553,000	2,666,000	12,031,000	
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	22,699,000	21,781,000	258,000	660,000	
244-B	Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit					
244-B	Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit					
244-B	Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit					
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	15,195,000	11,872,000	826,000	2,497,000	
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	14,950,000	2,000,000	4,633,000	8,317,000	
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	17,872,000	9,536,000	2,420,000	5,916,000	
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	13,800,000		284,000	13,516,000	
268-1	NOVA-State	12,063,000		1,005,000	11,058,000	
268-1	NOVA-State	11,411,000	9,936,000	265,000	1,210,000	
268-1	NOVA-State	10,000,000	2,731,000	4,215,000	3,054,000	
268-1	NOVA-State	13,195,000	10,841,000	66,000	2,288,000	



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Project Title: 2023-25 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	25,000,000			25,000,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	5,770,000			5,770,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	7,928,000			7,928,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	11,110,000			11,110,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	10,115,000			10,115,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	43,290,000		2,604,000	40,686,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	7,780,000		1,179,000	6,601,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State	25,000,000		70,000	24,930,000	
355-1	St. Bld Const Acct-State	2,400,000			2,400,000	
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State	10,440,000		508,000	9,932,000	
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State	6,600,000		6,600,000		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,846,124,000</b>	<b>690,477,000</b>	<b>221,335,000</b>	<b>934,312,000</b>	<b>0</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
001-1	General Fund-State				
001-2	General Fund-Federal				
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02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State				
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Project Number: 4000058

Project Title: 2023-25 Youth Athletics Facilities

**Funding**

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State				
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State				
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State				
06A-1	Salmon Recovery Acct-State				
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State				
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070-B	Outdoor Recreation-Debt Limit				
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09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State				
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09G-1	Riparian Protection-State				
09G-B	Riparian Protection-Debt Limit				
12J-1	Boating Activities-State				
146-1	Firearms Range Accnt-State				
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244-1	Habitat Conservation-State				
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244-B	Habitat Conservation-Debt Limit				
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267-1	Recreation Resources-State				
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Project Number: 40000025

Project Title: 2021-23 - Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities

**Funding**

	Future Fiscal Periods			
	<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>
268-1 NOVA-State				
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<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

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Project Number: 40000014

Project Title: 2019-21 - Recreational Trails Program

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## **Operating Impacts**

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Project Number: 40000065

Project Title: 2023-25 Recreational Trails Program

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Project Number: 40000004

Project Title: 2019-21 - Salmon Recovery Funding Board Programs

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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**SubProjects**

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Project Number: 92000458

Project Title: Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Program

**SubProjects**

SubProject Number: 92000460

SubProject Title: Competitive Grants

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Program

Agency Priority: 0

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Program

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Growth Management impacts**

n/a

New Facility: No

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact



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Project Number: 40000548

Project Title: 2025-27 Washington Wildlife Recreation Program

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 1

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation, including park acquisition and development, habitat conservation, farmland and forest preservation, and construction of outdoor recreation facilities (RCW 79A.15). The WWRP was envisioned as a way for the state to accomplish two goals: acquire the best recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to other uses and develop recreation areas for a growing population. The purpose of the WWRP is to provide public access to these lands before they are converted to other uses and to develop or renovate existing public recreational lands and facilities to meet the needs of present and future generations. From 2010-2020 the State's population grew by over 900,000 people and expected to add another 700,000 in the next decade. That's another 1.6 million people who will add to the demand for parks, trails and open space and who will also continue the encroachment on wildlife habitat.

High ranking grant projects included farm preservation in the Palouse, a new skate park in Rainier Beach, and urban wildlife preservation in Spokane County. WWRP investments can be found in communities across the state— each project is uniquely valuable to the people of Washington and collectively serves a diverse and changing demographic. This program provides for healthier Washingtonians and contributes to the state's \$26.5 billion outdoor recreation economy. Funding is divided into twelve categories: local parks, state parks, water access, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, farmland protection, forestland protection, riparian protection, state lands development and renovation, and state lands restoration and enhancement. This program is funded by state general-obligation bonds.

Projects in several categories (riparian protection, urban wildlife habitat, critical habitat, state land restoration, natural areas, and farmland and forestland preservation) support Puget Sound recovery priorities and efforts. RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is indirect alignment with the agency's mission. In addition, the request helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2023 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, including providing meaningful access to outdoor recreation for all, supporting healthy, adaptable and connected communities, and protecting

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natural and cultural resources while managing increasing demand.

The program also supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the recommendations of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Parks and Outdoor Recreation, and is in alignment with the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

Puget Sound strategies include: Working Lands, Healthy Shorelines, Outdoor Recreation Stewardship, Responsible Boating, and Riparian Areas.

### **Project Description**

The WWRP provides grants to eligible applicants for acquisition, restoration and/or development of state lands, local and state parks, water access sites, trails, critical habitat, natural areas, urban wildlife habitat, riparian areas, farmland, and forests. It is the state's premier conservation and outdoor recreation grant program, which provides matching funds to create new local and state parks, protect wildlife habitat and preserve working farms and forests. Projects funded by this grant program contribute significantly to the economic opportunities and a healthier population in Washington State.

The request will fund the acquisition, development, renovation, and restoration of local and state parks, trails, water access sites, natural areas, farmlands and forests around the state. Most projects will begin on July 1, 2025 and be completed within 2 to 4 years.

Grant sponsors submit applications to RCO in May of even numbered years. RCO organizes citizen advisory committees to evaluate and score each application per a set of rigorous evaluation questions (developed by RCO), ensuring that the projects are ranked by an objective but knowledgeable committee of citizens. This provides assurance that the best projects are funded first.

Once appropriated, program funds are then passed through RCO to local governments, other state agencies, nonprofit conservancy-based organizations and tribes. Ranked project lists are submitted to OFM that support this request. Eligible Grant Recipients include:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties and special districts (ports, parks and schools);
- \* State agencies: WDFW, State Parks, DNR, and DES;
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Lead entities (eligible for riparian protection grants); and
- \* Non-profit conservancy-based organizations

Local and tribal governments, non-profits, and lead entity grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Since the program's beginning, WWRP funding has been used to bring in more than \$500 million in matching funds. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

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**Description**

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Citizen advisory committees comprised of experts in parks and recreation, wildlife and conservation biology, restoration ecology, natural resource management, forestry, and farming review and evaluate grant applications in the twelve WWRP categories mentioned above. Applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by the advisory committees with expertise specific to those categories. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval. Funds are allocated to each category by formulas established in statute 79A.15.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	337,500,000				67,500,000
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	75,000,000				15,000,000
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	337,500,000				67,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>750,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
070-1	Outdoor Recreation-State	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000
09C-1	Farm and Forest Acct-State	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
244-1	Habitat Conservation-State	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000	67,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>	<b>150,000,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 2

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

Habitat loss continues to be one of the most important factors directly limiting the recovery of salmon and indirectly limiting the recovery of Southern Resident killer whales in Washington. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant program implements the Salmon Recovery Act (RCW 77.85) and provides funding for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs and activities across the state. While other grant programs focus on a particular geographic region or bring in other non-salmon values, this is the one grant program in Washington that focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat state-wide. Projects are developed locally and evaluated to assess if and how well they will implement priorities addressed in federally-adopted salmon recovery plans. Funds are primarily derived from two sources: state general-obligation bonds and federal appropriation through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

State funds are used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds. Higher SRFB appropriations at the state level increase our competitiveness for federal funding. Since 1991, state SRFB funding has been used to match nearly \$400 million in federal funds. The state funds have also been used to leverage more than \$215 million in sponsor match.

This grant program provides the foundation for all of our salmon recovery efforts in Washington State. It reaches across the state, funding projects to restore all species of listed salmon populations and provide protections to the healthy populations of salmon that still exist. Projects brought to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for approval are required to meet the goals of the regional salmon recovery strategies, which have been developed in coordination with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the projects located in Puget Sound directly support the salmon habitat strategic initiative and other salmon recovery goals in the 2022 Action Agenda by the Puget Sound Partnership. These projects, and the salmon they support and enhance, are also critically important to the Native American tribes whose rights were established in treaties signed with the federal government to allow their continued right to fish, gather shellfish, hunt and exercise other sovereign rights.

The work of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, through this grant program, funds habitat restoration efforts that benefit not only salmon but the Southern Resident killer whales that depend on the salmon. Since their

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Project Title: 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

## Description

creation in 1999, the board has funded 1,057 projects that have provided a benefit to Chinook salmon – about 39% of all projects funded. In the current grant round and existing active projects, about half benefit Chinook (262 projects). While this funding history shows the emphasis put on projects that benefit Chinook, it also reveals the work towards recovery that remains given the critical state of both salmon and Southern Residents in Washington. A study known as the ‘Canty Report’, conducted in 2011 by the Evergreen Funding Consultants, concluded that the current funding levels at the time (state and federal) were sufficient to support only 15% of the true need of recovery effort identified in the regional recovery plans. Since then, funding levels have been held at that low level, and we continue to fund only a small percentage of projects needed for recovery. This request represents an effort to raise the bar on the past funding levels to begin making significant strides forward.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission. In addition, the request supports the strategic direction of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and is in direct alignment with the Puget Sound Action Agenda and mission and work of the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery and Task Force.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and Monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

### Project Description

As Washington’s population has grown and altered the natural landscape, our salmon populations have dwindled. In 1991, the federal government declared the first salmon in the Pacific Northwest, Snake River sockeye, as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. In the next few years, sixteen more species of salmon were listed as either threatened or endangered. As more salmon became listed, state leaders realized they needed a coordinated effort. By the end of the decade, the Legislature had created the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to administer state and federal funds to protect and restore salmon habitat.

The board has created an approach unique in the nation for the recovery of salmon. Local communities work together to write recovery plans that are approved by the federal government. The communities develop projects, vet them locally, and submit them to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for scientific and technical review. This bottom-up approach engages local communities in salmon recovery and the state oversight ensures that only the best, most scientifically sound projects are funded. Washingtonians rely on salmon for food, recreation, jobs, cultural identity, and social tradition. These iconic fish evoke the best Washington has to offer – pristine water, rich landscapes, a healthy environment, and a thriving natural resource economy. Another unique feature of this grant program is the emphasis placed on monitoring the effectiveness of projects. While the funding levels have not kept up with the need (as mentioned above), we know from monitoring data that projects do restore habitat and, from them, we get more fish. An example includes the estuary restoration projects in the South Fork Skagit River delta that have cumulatively restored 682 acres of tidal wetlands that nurture approximately 160,000 young Chinook salmon every year. In general, system-wide monitoring of Chinook densities in the Skagit delta show an increase of 690 smolts per hectare in restored habitat. Restoration efforts also increased the overall length of time juvenile Chinook spent in estuaries in the Skagit. Similarly, in the Nisqually River delta, where state and federal funds have been used to

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restore approximately 900 acres of estuary habitat, monitoring of channels pre and post restoration showed fish access increased from 30% of the time present to 75% of the time present.

New to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant program is a method to fund larger projects, or Targeted Investments. Working with the salmon recovery community, a list of projects that needed between \$1 million and \$5 million in state investment was created. As per the SRFB's direction, 60% of funding will go to the long-standing grant program (with a minimum of \$30 million), while 40% will go to the Targeted Investments list.

The board's funding request for 2025-2027 is based on three important elements:

- Matching Federal grants
- The planned project forecast list—which anticipates capacity for entities to implement projects
- Recent grant application levels

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Private landowners (in limited circumstances);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Conservation districts; and
- \* Regional fisheries enhancement groups

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Matching funds are not required, except for riparian projects with limited buffers and select acquisition projects.

Revenue Source: State funding has been provided through general obligation bonds and is used to meet the required 33% match for the federal salmon recovery funds. Federal funds are appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). Each state applies for a share of this account. The state funds are also critical to having a sufficient project funding pool to be competitive with other states seeking PCSRF allocations.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

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Project Title: 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant Programs

**Description**

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.85

**Application process used**

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
001-2	General Fund-Federal	380,000,000				80,000,000
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	625,000,000				125,000,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,005,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205,000,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
001-2	General Fund-Federal	75,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000	75,000,000
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	125,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000	125,000,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Riparian Grant Programs

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 3

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

Habitat loss continues to be one of the most important factors directly limiting the recovery of salmon and indirectly limiting the recovery of southern Resident Killer whales in Washington. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant program implements the Salmon Recovery Act (RCW 77.85) and provides funding for projects that protect or restore salmon habitat and for other salmon recovery programs and activities across the state. While other grant programs focus on a particular geographic region or bring in other non-salmon values, this is the one grant program in Washington that focuses exclusively on protecting and restoring salmon habitat state-wide. Projects are developed locally and evaluated to assess if and how well they will implement priorities addressed in federally-adopted salmon recovery plans. Funds are primarily derived from two sources: state general-obligation bonds and federal appropriation through the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund.

State funds are used to match federal funds and to leverage other non-state funds. Higher SRFB appropriations at the state level increases our competitiveness for federal funding. Since 1991, state SRFB funding has been used to match nearly \$400 million in federal funds. The state funds have also been used to leverage more than \$215 million in sponsor match.

The SRFB Riparian grant program provides for focus on the recovery and health of riparian areas, which are critical to salmon recovery. Further, this program is consistent with recommendations made by the Riparian Roundtable report—which included maintaining existing programs at RCO and the State Conservation Commission. Projects brought to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for approval are required to meet the goals of the regional salmon recovery strategies, which have been developed in coordination with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the projects located in Puget Sound directly support the salmon habitat strategic initiative and other salmon recovery goals recently adopted as part of the 2022 Action Agenda by the Puget Sound Partnership. These projects, and the salmon they support and enhance, are also critically important to the Native American tribes whose rights were established in treaties signed with the federal government to allow their continued right to fish, gather shellfish, hunt and exercise other sovereign rights. The work of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, through this grant program, funds riparian habitat restoration efforts that benefit not only salmon but the Southern Resident killer whales that depend on the salmon.

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**Project Title:** 2025-27 Salmon Recovery Funding Board Riparian Grant Programs

## Description

Since their creation in 1999, the board has funded 1,057 projects that have provided a benefit to Chinook salmon – about 39% of all projects funded.

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Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Salmon Recovery, Research and Monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

### Project Description

As Washington's population has grown and altered the natural landscape, our salmon populations have dwindled. In 1991, the federal government declared the first salmon in the Pacific Northwest, Snake River sockeye, as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. In the next few years, sixteen more species of salmon were listed as either threatened or endangered. As more salmon became listed, state leaders realized they needed a coordinated effort. By the end of the decade, the Legislature had created the Salmon Recovery Funding Board to administer state and federal funds to protect and restore salmon habitat.

The board has created an approach unique in the nation for the recovery of salmon. Local communities work together to write recovery plans that are approved by the federal government. The communities develop projects focused on riparian restoration, vet them locally, and submit them to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for scientific and technical review. This bottom-up approach engages local communities in salmon recovery and the state oversight ensures that only the best, most scientifically sound projects are funded. Washingtonians rely on salmon for food, recreation, jobs, cultural identity, and social tradition. These iconic fish evoke the best Washington has to offer – pristine water, rich landscapes, a healthy environment, and a thriving natural resource economy.

The board's funding request for 2025-2027 is based on three important elements:

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- Recent grant application levels

Eligible Grant Recipients:

\* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);

\* Tribal governments;

\* Nonprofit organizations;

\* Private Landowners (in limited circumstances);

\* State agencies;

\* Conservation districts; and

\* Regional fisheries enhancement groups

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**Description**

Revenue Source: State funding has been provided through general obligation bonds and is used to meet the required 33% match for the federal salmon recovery funds. Federal funds are appropriated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). Each state applies for a share of this account. The state funds are also critical to having a sufficient project funding pool to be competitive with other states seeking PCSRF allocations.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.85

**Application process used**

All projects are identified, evaluated and prioritized through a bottom-up approach that begins at the local level with the local lead entity group and the regional salmon recovery organization. Lead entity groups (usually at the watershed level) work with landowners to develop projects and then submit a prioritized list of projects that have been evaluated by a technical advisory group. These projects are further reviewed and prioritized by the Regional Salmon Recovery Organization, which is responsible for implementing the adopted salmon recovery plan for that particular area. Once project lists are submitted to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board), the lead entity and regional representatives meet with the board's technical review panel, comprised of scientists from different disciplines, to finish the review process. Criteria adopted by the board are also used as part of the evaluation process. The fully-vetted projects are then presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in priority order and adopted for funding.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	125,000,000				25,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>125,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

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**Operating Impacts**

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**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 4

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program provides grants for regionally significant projects that protect or restore salmon habitat in the Puget Sound basin. These projects contribute to recovering a federal Endangered Species Act listed species and a critical food source for Southern Resident killer whales, meeting Washington's obligations to treaty tribes, and maintaining a cultural touchstone of the Puget Sound region. All projects must be identified as high priority in the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan. Projects are evaluated, locally and regionally, to assess whether they will implement the priorities addressed in the adopted salmon recovery plans. The evaluation process is the same as the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) funding process with an additional step of sequencing large capital projects by the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council through a pre-proposal process. All PSAR projects are also approved by the Leadership Council of the Puget Sound Partnership prior to being presented to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for approval. The program is jointly managed by the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

Related to implementing Washington's Climate Resilience Strategy. Related to implementing the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

#### Project Description

Puget Sound Chinook were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the federal government in 1999. Puget Sound steelhead were listed as threatened in 2007. To comply with ESA, the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan was developed by local and tribal governments, non-profits and others to identify the highest priority salmon recovery actions. The federal government approved the plan as the official Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan in 2007.

The Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) program was also created in 2007, providing a pathway to identify, prioritize, and select regionally significant habitat protection and restoration opportunities. The Puget Sound region is the most complicated and costly in the state in which to address salmon recovery, and this special program was created to focus solely on these highly complex projects. Funding also supports feasibility assessments and designs for future projects and other related activities. Since 2007, the PSAR program has created more than 4,700 jobs, leveraged over \$130M in additional funds from federal and



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### Description

other sources, improved 14,000 watershed acres, and opened 160 river miles for fish to move freely. The PSAR program is comprised of two different funding programs termed Regular PSAR and PSAR Large Capital Program (or PSAR Large Cap). Both programs have their own unique set of criteria and operating procedures. Regular PSAR – The first \$30.6M of PSAR funding appropriations provides base funding to each of the 15 Puget Sound Lead Entities based upon a percentage formula to fund restoration and acquisition projects.

PSAR Large Capital – Every additional dollar of PSAR funding is invested in a high priority project in a watershed that, due to the complexity and cost of the project, cannot be easily accomplished by the Lead Entity with the funds allocated from the Regular PSAR funding round. Large capital project costs should exceed what a given watershed receives in a PSAR regular round allocation or be greater than \$1M. Large capital projects are regionally vetted and prioritized to create the PSAR large capital project list.

Funding the PSAR program ensures that the most critical and timely projects to support salmon habitat recovery are implemented. In many cases, these projects give protection to critical areas at immediate risk of conversion or degradation. Projects work directly toward the goals set out in the federal recovery plan to guide the delisting of threatened salmon populations in the Puget Sound. Funds are distributed among all Puget Sound lead entities to provide resources to support recovery of all 22 listed salmon populations. Without this program, it is likely that salmon runs would continue to decline and be re-classified from threatened to endangered, potentially triggering burdensome and expensive actions from the federal government. In addition, opportunities for salmon fishing would continue to decline, significantly impacting Washington residents' quality of life and the many businesses that rely on recreational fishing for a major portion of their income, estimated at \$100 million a year in economic impact in Puget Sound. This funding request is a major piece of implementing the Puget Sound Action Agenda. The Habitat Strategic Initiative has two major sub-strategies associated with it: Protecting habitat through regulations and incentives and remove barriers to habitat restoration. These funds would help increase available incentives for protection of habitat and would address one of the major barriers to habitat restoration listed in the Action Agenda: Lack of large-scale, more expensive projects that are necessary to restore the whole Puget sound eco system. While the PSAR program focuses on improving habitat for listed salmon species, the region and local communities receive many additional benefits. PSAR projects provide local jobs. PSAR projects provide public access points and recreational opportunities. Depending on location and design, PSAR projects may increase climate resilience by providing natural water storage features that increase local availability of freshwater and reduce flood risk. PSAR projects improve water quality by filtering runoff from adjacent lands. And finally, PSAR projects contribute to the state's climate mitigation and adaptation goals by increasing carbon sequestration in the natural environment. This budget request is related to actions currently proposed in the draft Washington's Climate Resilience Strategy which is being developed under RCW 70A.05 and will be finalized by Sept 30, 2024.

The PSAR program also promotes equity and environmental justice in Washington. Salmon recovery improves environmental health and human well-being and provides a healthy food source for Puget Sound residents.

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## Description

Prioritizing salmon recovery also prioritizes the livelihoods, experiences, and cultures that historically rely on seafood. Addressing tribal harvest needs in salmon recovery efforts is complementary to environmental justice, yet distinct in that treaty tribes are sovereign nations and co-managers of salmon through a government-to-government relationship with Washington State. Tribes in Puget Sound have treaty rights to harvest half of Washington's harvestable salmon in their "usual and accustomed grounds", but with low salmon abundance in many Puget Sound populations tribal treaty rights to salmon harvest remain unfulfilled. Proposed projects strive to support federally recognized tribal treaty rights and interests in relation to salmon recovery.

The need for strong investments in the PSAR program is great and demand is increasing. Puget Sound is losing salmon habitat faster than it is being restored. Remaining restoration opportunities are larger and more complex. Recent investments in capacity and years of planning mean more projects are shovel ready, providing a valuable opportunity.

For the 2025-27 funding cycle, PSP and RCO invited entities to submit grant applications for potential PSAR projects.

### Eligible Grant Recipients:

\*Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts));

\*Tribal governments;

\*Nonprofit organizations;

\*Private landowners (in limited circumstances);

\*State agencies;

\*Conservation districts; and

\*Regional fisheries enhancement groups.

Thirteen entities submitted 19 projects valued at approximately \$143 million. Local and regional partners reviewed and vetted the proposed projects based on technical factors such as viable salmonid population benefits, habitat quality, and probability of project success. The prioritization process resulted in the regional decision to put forward 9 regionally significant restoration projects costing \$78.6 million. The total RCO and PSP request also includes \$30.6 million for the Regular PSAR program allocations to watersheds in Puget Sound to implement smaller restoration projects and advance project development and design for future large restoration projects. All totaled, RCO and PSP request \$109,186,884 in the 2025-27 biennium to continue funding salmon habitat restoration efforts through the PSAR program.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery plan and supports the strategic direction of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Matching funds are not required for PSAR projects, except for riparian projects with limited buffers and select acquisition projects.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration

**Description**

Research and Monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries  
Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.85

**Application process used**

All PSAR projects are thoroughly evaluated. Local communities convene technical and citizens committees to select PSAR projects from regionally approved watershed three-year work plans. Once projects are agreed to locally, a regional technical team reviews them for consistency with regional restoration strategies. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board's appointed Technical Review Panel then conducts a final review before projects are advanced for funding. The Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council, the Puget Sound Partnership Leadership Council, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board are responsible for maintaining the integrity of this process. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approves final prioritized project lists, and grants are administered by RCO.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	545,935,000				109,187,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>545,935,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>
			<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>			
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	109,187,000	109,187,000	109,187,000	109,187,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	<b>109,187,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Youth Athletics Facilities

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 5

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) grant program funds acquisition for, improvements to or renovation of outdoor athletic facilities to increase their availability for competitive play. The program focuses on serving youth through the age of 18, who participate in sports and athletics. RCO, however, strongly encourages sponsors to design facilities to serve all ages and multiple activities. Typical projects include:

- Adding lights to a field to allow evening games
- Changing an underused court to a high-demand court
- Changing the field surface, such as installing artificial turf, to allow more games per season or extend the number of seasons the field is in use
- Expanding a youth-sized softball field to accommodate broader community uses
- Reorienting a softball field so it can accommodate another athletic activity such as soccer

#### Project Description

This program provides grants to acquire, improve or renovate community athletic facilities. Outdoor recreation participation surveys show increasing demand for these facilities, and they tie directly to other public policy efforts to reduce childhood obesity and increase fitness. This grant program focuses most on expanding the competitive playing capacity of existing facilities. Non-profit sports organizations are eligible to apply in this Youth Athletic Facilities program and in the Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities program, which leverages public-private partnerships that focus on competitive sports play.

In 2021, RCO completed the Physical Activity Task Force report at the direction of the legislature. This report identifies barriers to youth physical activity and includes recommendations for increasing youth participation in play and athletics. The effort included a mapped inventory of athletic facilities, available on RCO's website, to identify gaps in the number and types of athletic facilities across the state. This tool is a resource used to identify where new facilities may be needed based on demand.

Additionally, the priorities of this program are informed by the *State Athletic Facilities Plan*, adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in 2018, to ensure there is an adequate supply of athletic facilities for competition and casual play. For example, the plan provides recommendations to provide for multi-age facilities and those that support a variety of athletic opportunities (e.g., athletic facilities that accommodate multiple sports such as football, soccer and lacrosse and new or renovated facilities that accommodate players

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Project Title: 2025-27 Youth Athletics Facilities

**Description**

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 The requestsupports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion ofits administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM projectdatabase. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.  
 EligibleProjects: Those that acquire, improve or renovate athletic facilities forcompetitive play including basketball, tennis, disc golf, volleyball, tennis,softball, soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, rugby, swimming, track andfield, and skateboarding. The primary focus is on facilities that serve youththrough age 18, however compatible play by adults is also encouraged.  
 EligibleGrant Recipients:  
 \* Cities and towns;  
 \* Counties;  
 \* Metropolitan park districts;  
 \* Native American tribes; and  
 \* Non-profit sports organizations.  
 Project sponsors must provide aone-to-one match. The match may be either cash, volunteer labor, or in-kindcontributions. A match reduction policy has been developed to reduce the matchburden to underserved communities and/or jurisdictions. RCO’s mission is towork with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural andrecreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and futuregenerations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission andhelps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2023 State ComprehensiveOutdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreationand Conservation Funding Board.  
 RevenueSource: General obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 43.99N.060

**Application process used**

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted in a public meeting by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board). The ranked list of the applications is approved by the board in a public meeting.

**Growth Management impacts**

Compliance with the Growth Management Act is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation when evaluating projects proposed by cities, towns, metropolitan park districts and counties.

**Funding**

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**Funding**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	135,000,000				27,000,000
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>135,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<b>2027-29</b>	<b>2029-31</b>	<b>2031-33</b>	<b>2033-35</b>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	27,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000	
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	<b>27,000,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Number: 40000558

Project Title: 2025-27 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 6

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The Community Outdoor Athletic Facility(COAF) grant program funds acquisition, improvements to or renovation of outdoor athletic facilities to increase their availability for competitive play. The program focuses on underserved communities, and particularly youth athletics in communities that lack recreational opportunities, have underserved populations, and possess limited financial capacity. Typical projects include:

- Adding lights to a field to allow evening games
- Changing an underused court to a high-demand court
- Changing the field surface, such as installing artificial turf, to allow more games per season or extend the number of seasons the field is in use
- Expanding a youth-sized softball field to accommodate broader community uses
- Reorienting a softball field so it can accommodate another athletic activity such as soccer

#### Project Description

This program provides grants for projects that acquire, improve or renovate community athletic facilities in communities that lack recreational opportunities, have underserved populations, and possess limited financial capacity. Outdoor recreation participation surveys show increasing demand for these facilities, and they tie directly to other public policy efforts to reduce childhood obesity and increase fitness. This grant program fulfills a one-time investment made from the collections of taxes used to pay debt service on Lumen Field. Although some of that funding was utilized other ways, many communities who lack adequate facilities still need this one-time injection of funding to provide facilities that are safe and productive for their community members.

The COAF program was specifically designed to be accessible to less resourced communities, by incorporating an application process, requiring no match, and by prescribing a regional allocation of funds to ensure money is distributed proportionally across the state. Non-profit sports organizations are eligible to apply in this Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities program and the Youth Athletic Facilities program, which leverages public-private partnerships that focus on competitive sports play.

Several past efforts at RCO have informed the development of this program, including the legislatively directed Physical Activity Task Force report, completed in 2021. This report identifies barriers to youth physical activity and includes recommendations for increasing youth participation in play and athletics. The effort

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Project Title: 2025-27 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities

**Description**

included a mapped inventory of athletic facilities, available on RCO’s website, to identify gaps in the number and types of athletic facilities across the state. This tool is a resource that can be used to identify where new facilities may be needed based on demand.

The *State Athletic Facilities Plan*, adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in 2018, also directs RCO’s work on athletics. The plan’s goal is to ensure there is an adequate supply of athletic facilities for competition and casual play. It includes recommendations to provide for multi-age facilities and those that support a variety of athletic opportunities (e.g., athletic facilities that accommodate multiple sports such as football, soccer and lacrosse and new or renovated facilities that accommodate players and spectators with disabilities).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: Those that acquire, improve or renovate existing athletic facilities for competitive play including basketball, tennis, disc golf, volleyball, tennis, softball, soccer, baseball, football, lacrosse, rugby, swimming, track and field, and skateboarding. The primary focus is on facilities that serve youth through age 18, however compatible play by adults is also encouraged.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Cities and towns;
- \* Counties;
- \* Metropolitan park districts;
- \* Native American tribes
- \* Port districts
- \* School districts; and
- \* Non-profit sports organizations.

No match is required for the COAF program. RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2023 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

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Project Title: 2025-27 Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities

**Description**

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 43.99N.060

**Application process used**

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria informed by the advisory committee and the public, and adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director.

**Growth Management impacts**

Growth Management Act is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	31,500,000				31,500,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,500,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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**Project Title:** 2025-27 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative

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Project Number: 40000568

Project Title: 2025-27 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 7

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The Washington Coast Restoration and Resiliency Initiative (WCRRI) was created and funded in the 2015-2017 capital budget. This program was created not only to address the conservation needs of our state's coastal region but to provide jobs to people in counties with very high unemployment rates. The program leverages existing federal, state, and private resources from across the Coast and has contributed to a large scaling up of restoration efforts. Restoration efforts in the region will have significant benefits to salmon, given the strong hold of wild salmon populations along the coast, and provide sustainable jobs for local communities. For those populations of salmon on the coast that remain viable and healthy, it is as critical to our efforts to recover threatened and endangered salmon species that we continue to provide for their protection and preservation.

#### Project Description

This program provides grants to restore aquatic and terrestrial habitat on the Washington Coast, which serves to protect the existing strong-hold of salmon populations there and provide jobs for local communities. Projects within the WCRRI package will bring improvements to the communities through job creation, more work options for local contractors, flood control, access improvement, climate resiliency and more. The conservation benefits of WCRRI projects are not limited by species or type.

WCRRI proposes to enrich tidal habitat and forest ecosystems, reduce invasive species and promote native plant and seed production, reconnect wetlands, and improve salmon access and rearing potential.

Project awards are competitive, and projects are evaluated similarly to the lead entity technical advisory process.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- \* State agencies;
- \* Non-profit organizations;
- \* Private or public corporations;
- \* Special purpose districts;
- \* Fishery enhancement groups; and
- \* Tribal governments.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients are not required to provide match in this program, but bringing additional funds to the project is a positive factor in the evaluation process.

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Washington Coastal Restoration and Resiliency Initiative

**Description**

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

**Application process used**

A grant round announcement was published to advertise the opportunity to submit grant applications. This grant application included 22 questions. Grant round materials were provided via workshop and website including program guidelines, the scoring criteria, and a requirement for documented local support. This robust grant round process brought well developed, high value projects forward for consideration. Submitted applications were reviewed by a 11-person panel, natural resources practitioners and and community members at large. In addition to application review, project sites were visited and projects were presented to the review team. Review team members then met to rank the proposed projects. Initially individual team member scores – based on the criteria provided with the program guidance – were averaged. Then phasing and alternatives provided by some sponsors were considered. A final ranked list was agreed to by the review team and program Steering Committee.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	69,213,000				16,713,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>69,213,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,713,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	17,500,000	17,500,000	17,500,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	<b>17,500,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**Operating Impacts**

**No Operating Impact**

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Number: 40000562

Project Title: 2025-27 Community Forest Grant Program

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 8

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

### Project Description

#### Program Description

In 2020, the Washington State Legislature directed the Recreation and Conservation Office to establish eligibility criteria and a list of community forest projects for funding consideration. Community forests provide many public benefits including timber and non-timber forest products, forest management and forest products manufacturing jobs, revenue to fund public services, environmental services such as clean air and water, carbon sequestration, climate resiliency, and opportunities for recreation, education, and cultural enrichment. As the population and urban footprint of the state continues to grow, the community forest program provides communities with a valuable tool for preserving forested lands for the benefit of current and future generations.

The purpose of this program is to protect and maintain actively managed forestlands, consistent with local land use planning. Fragmentation and development of forestlands results in greater risks of impact to communities from wildfire and climate change and deprives communities of the economic, environmental, cultural, recreational, and educational opportunities a community forest can provide. The Community Forests Program provides a source of funding to help communities protect and enhance their surrounding forest lands by acquiring land and developing collaborative models of community-based forest management and use.

This project is related to Puget Sound Recovery. Recovery Strategies include: Puget Sound strategies include: Working Lands and Outdoor Recreation Stewardship

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: All projects must purchase forestland and may include the following: development for public access such as trailheads, campgrounds, and picnic areas; restoration for forest health, reforestation, and removing fish barriers.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

\* Cities, towns, and counties

\* Native American Tribes

\* Metropolitan park districts

\* Special purpose districts, public development authorities, or other political subdivisions of the state; and

\* Non-profit nature conservancy organizations.

Project sponsors must provide 15% match, which may include grants, cash, volunteer labor, or in-kind contributions. RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.



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Project Title: 2025-27 Community Forest Grant Program

**Description**

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** Section 3050-2020 capit budget

**Application process used**

An advisory committee with expertise specific to this program evaluates grant applications through a competitive process. Evaluators use evaluation criteria adopted by the RCO director after extensive citizen input. The ranked list of the applications is approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in a public meeting.

**Growth Management impacts**

Acquisitions must be forest land

**Funding**

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057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	151,100,000				31,100,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>151,100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,100,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<b>2027-29</b>	<b>2029-31</b>	<b>2031-33</b>	<b>2033-35</b>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	<b>30,000,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board

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Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 9

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

In 2014, the Washington State Legislature established the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) to develop a coordinated fish barrier removal strategy that maximizes the habitat recovery value of other fish passage investments that have been made by public and private entities statewide. The FBRB grant program, administered jointly by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and renamed as the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board in 2018, distributes funding to fish barrier removal projects that match the principles provided in RCW 77.95.180 and have been approved and prioritized by the FBRB. This request funds these fish barrier removal projects.

**Project Description**

Salmon populations have been in decline, with recent years being amongst the worst on record for population abundance, and commercial, tribal, and recreational fishing opportunities. Human-made migratory barriers have caused habitat fragmentation and are a major contributor to this decline. Restoring access to historic spawning and rearing areas, through the removal of fish passage barriers, helps recover threatened and endangered salmon and supports the sustainability of these salmon populations that have great cultural, social, and economical importance to the people of Washington State. While fish passage has been aggressively addressed by private forest landowners in the headwaters and through implementation of the state’s obligations under the federal court injunction, barriers persist downstream and upstream that minimize or completely nullify the benefits of those fish passage investments. WDFW estimates there are still **18,000 - 20,000** barriers to salmon and steelhead across Washington State, most of which are owned by local governments and private landowners with limited financial ability to correct them. The FBRB identifies and expedites the removal of these barriers in the most efficient manner practical by implementing a coordinated approach that corrects barriers upstream and downstream of other fish passage investments.

This request will fund the engineering design of 102 approved and prioritized applications through a competitive grant process to design or correct 163 fish passage barriers. Out of the applications submitted for 2023-25 biennial funds, 35 are design projects and 67 are construction projects. Funded design projects are expected to be eligible for construction through the program’s future grant rounds. The projects proposed for funding correct barriers of state or local government ownership (72), and private ownership (30). The completion of all projects will restore access to 250 miles of salmon habitat.

The FBRB, WDFW, Salmon Recovery Regions, and Lead Entities prioritized fish passage projects that open access to entire streams and/or coordinate with other fish passage projects. This approach helps rebuild whole salmon populations by opening entire watersheds and coordinating opportunistically with other fish passage investments so that the benefits of those investments are maximized.

Failure to fund the program will likely mean continued declines of salmon populations and reduced commercial and recreational fisheries opportunities. The NOAA Fisheries Economics and Social Analysis Division estimated that Washington State’s commercial and recreational fisheries generated over \$500M combined in 2012.

Additionally, the FBRB members (WSDOT, GSRO, DNR, and lead representatives from Washington State cities, counties, and tribes) are very supportive of this budget request by WDFW and RCO. Failure to fund the program would undermine the

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policies that the Legislature established in 2014, and strain the relationships that the FBRB has been building to address the environmental, financial, and legal challenges associated with fish passage barriers. The coordination of barrier corrections that maximize the habitat recovery value of investments made by the State is one of the key founding principles of the legislation that established the FBRB (RCW 77.95.180). Taking no action would be a missed opportunity to coordinate with, and build upon, the successes of past FBRB projects.

Engineering design projects that have a funding request greater than \$200,000 and for all construction projects, a minimum of 15 percent match of the grant award is required. For the 102 FBRB-approved fish passage projects, more than \$23.9M is being provided in match from various federal, state, local, and private funding sources.

This package supports Results Washington Goal 3: Sustainable Energy and a Clean Environment – Protect and restore Washington’s wildlife. It will increase the miles of stream habitat opened and the number of fish passage barriers corrected per year (outcome measures 2.2b and 2.2c).

This program is specifically called out in Strategy 6 of the Puget Sound Action Agenda--"Fish Passage Barriers."

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties;
- \* State agencies;
- \* Non-profit organizations;
- \* Conservation Districts
- \* Regional Fish Enhancement Groups; and
- \* Tribal governments.

Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 77.95.160

**Application process used**

In 2023-24, the Fish Barrier Removal Board (FBRB) solicited project applications to address both small and large-scale fish barrier correction projects. Project proposals were evaluated based upon cost, benefit to threatened and endangered stocks, quality of the habitat, correcting the lowest fish barrier first, the severity of the barrier (full or partial), and how well the project coordinates with other adjacent barrier correction projects. Proposals were then ranked by a technical review committee within WDFW resulting in a proposed ranked project list presented to the FBRB for approval. The board selected projects are the highest priority barrier removal projects for anadromous fish state-wide.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	436,790,000				76,790,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					

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**Funding**

Total	436,790,000	0	0	0	76,790,000
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Future Fiscal Periods

	2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
057-1 State Bldg Constr-State	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000
26D-1 Natural Clim Solu Ac-State				
Total	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

Narrative

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2024

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 10

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program (ESRP) is Washington’s only restoration program that focuses solely on the entirety of Puget Sound’s nearshore. Puget Sound’s 2,500 miles of shoreline are among the most valuable and fragile of Washington’s natural resources. Over the past 100 years, this shoreline has been dramatically altered, largely through the impacts of the built environment including dikes, earthen fill, and shoreline bulkheads. Nearly 75% of Washington’s historical estuary lands have been lost and approximately one third of Puget Sound beaches have been armored.

ESRP provides grants to protect and restore the Puget Sound near-shore. The program was created by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to support the emerging priorities of the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Program and is managed cooperatively by WDFW, RCO, and the Puget Sound Partnership. All phases of project development from feasibility through implementation monitoring are eligible for funding. These projects support the goals set forth in the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

Estuaries provide particularly important habitat for Chinook salmon to rest, eat, and grow before heading to the ocean. As one example, effectiveness monitoring on an estuary restoration project in Fisher Slough (Skagit River) showed that the 60-acre restored area of estuary provided habitat for nearly 52,000 young Chinook per year compared to the 4,300 Chinook that had been using the degraded site before restoration – an increase of over 1200%.

Puget Sound strategies include: Healthy Shorelines, Riparian Areas, Fish Passage Barriers, Salmon Recovery, Research and monitoring, and Floodplains and Estuaries

**Project Description**

The Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program provides grants to enhance protection and restoration specifically of the Puget Sound near-shore, a uniquely critical area for salmon recovery. Not taking action to complete these projects would result in continued degradation of Puget Sound’s natural shoreline function and the recreational and commercial resources that depend on it. Local communities throughout Puget Sound and recreational and commercial fishers are impacted by these restoration efforts. ESRP projects are identified by working closely with local communities and multiple stakeholders. Tribes who are working to maintain federally-protected tribal treaty rights benefit from ESRP nearshore project implementation. Efforts to restore the priority nearshore habitat support the efforts to recovery salmon and to implement the regional salmon recovery plan and the Puget Sound Action Agenda.

In the Puget Sound Action Agenda, the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program is identified as an “ongoing program” that supports key vital signs, strategies, and priorities. ESRP is one of six state programs listed that make important contributions to Puget Sound recovery programs. A majority of ESRP projects are identified as Near Term Actions. ESRP primarily supports Action Agenda Ecosystem Strategy 16 – Protect and restore nearshore and estuary ecosystems.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

\* Local governments - cities, towns, counties, and special districts (ports, park, conservation, and school districts);

\* State agencies;

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- \* Federal agencies;
- \* Tribal governments;
- \* Academic institutions;
- \* Private institutions; and
- \* Nonprofit organizations.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

ESRP requires a 30% cost-share match from local sponsors, some of which must be non-state funding. Typically, projects seek funding from multiple sources in order to find full funding for restoration or protection projects. Often, federal funding sources are leveraged for ESRP projects.

Revenue Source: general obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 77.85

**Application process used**

Grant funds are distributed through a competitive process. Applications are accepted annually pending availability of funding and release of a Request for Proposals. Previous grant applications cycles have begun with a spring release of a request for proposals, late summer application deadline and a year-end funding decision. Project proposals are evaluated based on their cost and likelihood of addressing high priority ecosystem impairment. Proposals are ranked by a technical review committee resulting in a ranked project list.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	137,670,000				27,534,000
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>137,670,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<b>2027-29</b>	<b>2029-31</b>	<b>2031-33</b>	<b>2033-35</b>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	27,534,000	27,534,000	27,534,000	27,534,000	
26D-1	Natural Clim Solu Ac-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	<b>27,534,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**



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**Operating Impacts**

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**No Operating Impact**

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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**Project Title:** 2025-27 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

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Project Number: 40000560

Project Title: 2025-27 Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

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Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 11

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) is to provide grants for projects involving or adjacent to state-owned aquatic lands throughout Washington. The program is targeted at re-establishing the natural, self-sustaining ecological functions of the waterfront, providing or restoring public access to the water, and increasing public awareness of aquatic lands as a finite natural resource and irreplaceable public heritage. Project examples include removing a bulkhead to restore natural beach functions, replacing a waterfront boardwalk, and developing a waterfront park. This program is funded from income earned through DNR’s leasing of state-owned aquatic lands or sale of products harvested from state-owned aquatic lands. Funded projects located in Puget Sound through the ALEA grant program support the habitat restoration and protection goals of the Puget Sound Action Agenda by preserving unspoiled land and restoring damaged areas.

**Project Description**

In 1984, the Washington State Legislature created the ALEA program to ensure that money generated from aquatic lands was used to protect and enhance those lands (RCW 79.105.150). The statutory language states that after deduction for management costs as provided in RCW 79.64.040 and payments to towns under RCW 79.115.150(2) all moneys received by the state from the sale or lease of state-owned aquatic lands and from the sale of valuable material from state-owned aquatic lands shall be deposited in the aquatic lands enhancement account. The statute further states that the funds are to be used solely for aquatic lands enhancement projects; for the purchase, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes; for providing and improving access to the lands; and for volunteer cooperative fish and game projects. As such, the ALEA grants provide for the acquisition, improvement, or protection of aquatic lands for public purposes. They also are used to provide or improve public access to the waterfront.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies; and
- \* Tribal governments

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Local and tribal government grant recipients must provide a match of at least 50% of the total project cost. The match may be either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: The ALEA Grant Program provides grants for projects that acquire, restore, or improve state-owned aquatic lands and adjacent lands for public purposes, and for projects that provide and improve public access to aquatic lands and associated waters. All projects must be consistent with the local shoreline master program and must be located on lands adjoining a water body that meets the definition of "navigable." Projects intended primarily to protect or restore salmon habitat

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**Description**

must be consistent with the appropriate lead entity strategy or regional salmon recovery plan. In Puget Sound, these projects also support key elements of the Action Agenda, including the Healthy Shorelines strategy. RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. Revenue Source: Funds come from revenue generated from Department of Natural Resources managed state-owned aquatic lands.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.105

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this grant program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board. RCO submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and legislature for final approval.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State	18,050,000				3,610,000
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	18,050,000				3,610,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36,100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>
			Future Fiscal Periods			
			2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
02R-1	Aquatic Lands Acct-State	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000	3,610,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>	<b>7,220,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

**No Operating Impact**

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Number: 40000582

Project Title: 2025-27 Planning for Recreation Access

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 12

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office.

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The purpose of the Planning for Recreation Access (PRA) grant program is to fund recreation planning in communities that lack sufficient access to parks, trails, water access, athletics, or other outdoor experiences. Grants can fund a variety of planning steps such as individual site planning or long-range comprehensive planning, which establishes eligibility in most RCO recreation grant programs. This program was in a proviso in 2021 that called out planning as an early action to help underserved communities create access to outdoor recreation.

#### Project Description

In 2022, RCO conducted an Equity Review of its recreation grant programs, as directed by the legislature. This process identified barriers that some communities face in accessing funding through RCO. During community engagement, it was found that one such barrier is a lack of funding for recreation planning. The Planning for Recreation Access grant program was developed to help meet planning needs in under resourced communities.

Originally funded at \$2.3 million, PRA received over \$12 million in applications. The legislature provided an additional \$5 million in the 2023 session, which funded 54 of 99 applications—many of those communities had not received a recreation development grant from RCO in 10 or more years. PRA is already proving successful as seventeen PRA applicants already applied for funding for their projects, even though planning funding had only become available in 2023.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports and park districts);
- \* Tribal governments
- \* Non-profit organizations

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Project Title: 2025-27 Planning for Recreation Access

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resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2023 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.  
Revenue Source: General obligation bonds.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**Application process used**

Grant applications are accepted after funding becomes available and evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee with expertise specific to this program. The evaluation process uses criteria that are developed with input from the advisory committee and public then adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Office Director.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

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			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriates	New Appropriates
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	25,000,000				5,000,000
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
			<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>			
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
057-1	State Bldg Constr-State	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	
818-1	Youth Athletic Facil-State					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.



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Project Number: 40000570

Project Title: 2025-27 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 13

**Project Summary**

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**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) program is to provide grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities for hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads. It provides greater opportunity for outdoor recreation experiences, bringing more kids and adults outdoors. The funded projects are intended to satisfy user needs, be environmentally responsible, and minimize conflict between user groups. The projects funded by NOVA grants have contributed significantly to the \$26.5 billion in outdoor recreation economy in Washington state. The grants are funded from the NOVA Account, which in turn is funded by 1% of the state gasoline tax revenue (the amount attributable to nonhighway use) and by off-road vehicle permit fees (RCW 46.09).

**Project Description**

Provide grants to develop and manage recreation opportunities for users of nonhighway roads (including hikers, equestrians, off-road vehicles, bicyclists, hunters, and other users of nonhighway roads). Nonhighway roads are those roads not supported by state fuel taxes.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Eligible Projects: Trails, trail heads, parking lots and other related capital improvements, planning, maintenance and operation, and education and enforcement, including noise enforcement.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state’s 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the goals in the state’s 2018–2022 Washington State Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities (NOVA) Plan. It also supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: The portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax attributed to off-road, nonhighway road use by motorized vehicles and a portion of ORV permit fees.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

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Project Title: 2025-27 Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities

**Description**

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

**Application process used**

Funding is divided by formulas established in statute: Up to 30% for education and enforcement and at least 70% for NOVA recreation facilities. Of the 70% portion, at least 30% of the funds are allocated for ORV facilities, at least 30% are allocated for nonmotorized facilities, and at least 30% are allocated for nonhighway road facilities. Revenue from ORV permit fees may only be used in the ORV category. Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee of hiking, equestrian, off-road vehicle recreationists, bicycling and other outdoor recreation representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
268-1	NOVA-State	60,870,000				12,174,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60,870,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,174,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<b>2027-29</b>	<b>2029-31</b>	<b>2031-33</b>	<b>2033-35</b>	
268-1	NOVA-State	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	12,174,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,174,000</b>	<b>12,174,000</b>	<b>12,174,000</b>	<b>12,174,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Boating Facilities Program

## Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 14

### Project Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington's great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state's wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor's Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

### Project Description

#### Project Summary

The purpose of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) is to provide grants to acquire, develop, and renovate facilities for motorized recreational boating. The program creates more opportunities for boating in Washington and contributes to getting people outdoors. Boating is a large contributor to our state's economy, bringing in more than \$4 billion in consumer spending per year. Projects eligible for funding in this program includes boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities. The program operates out of the Recreation Resources Account, and the grants are divided equally between state and local agencies. The account is funded by the percentage of the state gasoline tax revenue attributable to recreational boating (RCW 79A.25).

#### Project Description

This program provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate boating facilities, including boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities on lakes, rivers and saltwater.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, parks, and school districts);
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* State agencies.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Funding is divided equally between state and local agency projects. Local and tribal government grant recipients must provide a match of at least 25% of the total project cost. The match may be either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies and tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: Acquisition, development, and design/permitting projects for motorized boating access. Projects may include boat launches and ramps, transient moorage, and upland boating support facilities.

RCO's mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency's mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state's 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the goals in the state's 2015 Boating Grant Program Plan. It also supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

This package is related to Puget Sound Recovery. Puget Sound strategies include: Responsible Boating

Revenue Source: The portion of the motor vehicle gasoline tax attributable to recreational boating and not refunded to boaters as allowed by law.

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Project Number: 40000572

Project Title: 2025-27 Boating Facilities Program

**Description**

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

**Application process used**

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee made up of boaters and representatives of boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final lists are approved by the board.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	68,090,000				13,618,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68,090,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,618,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
267-1	Recreation Resources-State	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000	13,618,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,618,000</b>	<b>13,618,000</b>	<b>13,618,000</b>	<b>13,618,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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**Project Number:** 40000574

**Project Title:** 2025-27 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

**Description**

**Starting Fiscal Year:** 2024

**Project Class:** Grant

**Agency Priority:** 15

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program is to provide grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (non-profit) firearm and archery training, practice, and recreation facilities. These projects provide safe places for people to shoot firearms and archery. All such facilities receiving grants must be open for public use on a regular basis and made available to law enforcement personnel, members of the general public possessing Washington concealed weapon permits, and those with Washington hunting licenses. Facilities receiving FARR grants must also be available for hunter safety education classes on a regular basis. This program is funded with a portion of concealed pistol license fees (RCW 79A.25).

**Project Description**

Provides grants to acquire, develop, and renovate public and private (non-profit) firearm range and archery training and practice facilities.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* Private non-profit organizations (sport and gun clubs); and
- \* State agencies.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

To qualify for funding, firearm and archery ranges must be open on a regular basis to law enforcement personnel, hunter safety education classes, and the general public. Grant recipients must provide 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. For noise abatement or safety improvements, the match is 33%. Except for state agencies, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal contribution.

Eligible Projects: The FARR program provides grants for projects that acquire, develop and renovate range and archery training and practice facilities. Funding can also be used for capital equipment purchases, safety or environmental improvements, noise abatement, and liability protection. Priority is given to noise abatement and safety improvement projects.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: \$3 from each concealed pistol license fee.

**Location**

**City:** Statewide

**County:** Statewide

**Legislative District:** 098

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Project Title: 2025-27 Firearms and Archery Range Recreation

**Description**

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** RCW 79A.25

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a ten-member advisory committee of firearms and archery representatives. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reappropriations	New Appropriations
146-1	Firearms Range Acctnt-State	3,225,000				645,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,225,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>645,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
146-1	Firearms Range Acctnt-State	645,000	645,000	645,000	645,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>645,000</b>	<b>645,000</b>	<b>645,000</b>	<b>645,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Number: 40000576

Project Title: 2025-27 Recreational Trails Program

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 16

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office.

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is to provide grants to develop or maintain recreational trails and trailside or trailhead facilities. A competitive grant cycle is held every other year. Funds are allocated annually by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Map-21 (RCW 79A.25).

**Project Description**

To provide grants to rehabilitate and maintain recreational trails and facilities for a backcountry experience. Eligible Grant Recipients:

- \* Nonprofit organizations;
- \* Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports, park, and school districts);
- \* State agencies;
- \* Tribal governments; and
- \* Federal agencies (Forest Service, Park Service, etc.).

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide 20% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for federal or state agencies, or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

Eligible Projects: Projects funded by this program include the maintenance of recreational trails, development of trail-side and trail-head facilities, construction of new trails, and the operation of environmental education and trail safety programs. RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the state’s 2018 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: Federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational nonhighway uses. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation through the Federal Highway Administration and RCO.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants



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Project Number: 40000576

Project Title: 2025-27 Recreational Trails Program

**Description**

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.25

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory team made up of recreational trail users, including hikers, equestrians, bicyclists, off-road vehicle users, snowmobilers, and skiers. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the Board and then forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is considered for this program through the adopted criteria used for project evaluation.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
001-1	General Fund-State					
001-2	General Fund-Federal	25,000,000				5,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>
<b>Future Fiscal Periods</b>						
		<u>2027-29</u>	<u>2029-31</u>	<u>2031-33</u>	<u>2033-35</u>	
001-1	General Fund-State					
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Boating Infrastructure Grants

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024

Project Class: Grant

Agency Priority: 17

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. Related to Puget Sound Recovery

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the federal Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program is to provide grants for facilities for recreational motorboats 26 feet and longer. Such facilities include transient moorage floats, docks and buoys. Funds are federally appropriated through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (RCW 79A.25).

**Project Description**

To provide grants for transient recreational boating facilities, targeting the needs of recreational boats 26 feet and longer.

**Eligible Grant Recipients:**

- \*Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and port districts);
- \*State agencies;
- \*Tribal governments;
- \*Private marinas with facilities open to the general public; and
- \* Nonprofit organizations, such as yacht clubs, which are open to the general public.

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide at least 25% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2023 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: A portion of the federal excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest on the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund as administered by the

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Project Title: 2025-27 Boating Infrastructure Grants

**Description**

US Fishand Wildlife Service.

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated in a competitive process by an advisory committee comprised of boaters and boating facility providers from around the state. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for final approval.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
001-2	General Fund-Federal	25,000,000				5,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
001-2	General Fund-Federal	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>	<b>5,000,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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**Project Number:** 40000580

**Project Title:** 2025-27 Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Description**

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Project Number: 40000580

Project Title: 2025-27 Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Description**

Starting Fiscal Year: 2024  
 Project Class: Grant  
 Agency Priority: 18

**Project Summary**

The Recreation and Conservation Office and its associated funding boards administer a variety of grant programs that conserve and improve Washington’s great outdoors, and aid in the recovery of salmon populations. The office provides leadership, funding, coordination, and technical assistance to government agencies, Native American tribes, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners to create opportunities for outdoor recreation, conserve the best of state’s wild lands and wildlife, and recover salmon from the brink of extinction. The office provides administrative support, grant program management, and program development to four independent boards: the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Invasive Species Council, and the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group. It also houses the Governor’s Salmon Recovery Office. \*Related to Puget Sound Recovery\*

**Project Description**

**Project Summary**

The purpose of the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) is to provide grants to assist in preserving and developing recreation facilities. The LWCF grant program distributes funding in a competitive manner to state and local recreation agencies. All LWCF funds must reflect priorities set forth in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), developed by the RCO and approved by the National Park Service. Funds are federally appropriated through the National Park Service (RCW 79A.25).

**Project Description**

To provide grants to assist in preserving and developing access to outdoor recreation resources including but not limited to parks, trails, wildlife lands, and other lands and facilities desirable for outdoor recreation.

**Eligible Grant Recipients:**

\*Local governments: cities, towns, counties, and special purpose districts (ports and park districts);

\*State agencies; and

\* Tribal governments

The request supports IT related activities only to the extent that RCO uses a portion of its administrative funds to support its IT infrastructure and PRISM project database. All larger IT enhancements follow the OCIO review process.

Grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions. Except for state agencies or tribal governments, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

RCO’s mission is to work with others to protect and improve the best of Washington’s natural and recreational resources, enhancing the quality of life for current and future generations. This request is in direct alignment with the agency’s mission and helps Washington meet recreation needs identified in the 2023 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and supports the strategic direction of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

Revenue Source: A portion of Federal revenue derived from sale or lease of off-shore oil and gas resources.

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Project Title: 2025-27 Land and Water Conservation Fund

**Description**

**Location**

City: Statewide

County: Statewide

Legislative District: 098

**Project Type**

Grants

**Grant Recipient Organization:** See project list for full list of eligible applicants

**RCW that establishes grant:** 79A.15

**Application process used**

Grant applications are evaluated biennially in a competitive process by teams with expertise specific to this program. Criteria adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) are used in the evaluation process. Final prioritized lists are approved by the board and then forwarded to the National Park Service for final approval and funding.

**Growth Management impacts**

GMA is not considered for this program.

**Funding**

Acct Code	Account Title	Estimated Total	Expenditures		2025-27 Fiscal Period	
			Prior Biennium	Current Biennium	Reapprops	New Approps
001-2	General Fund-Federal	100,000,000				20,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>

		Future Fiscal Periods			
		2027-29	2029-31	2031-33	2033-35
001-2	General Fund-Federal	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>

**Operating Impacts**

No Operating Impact

**Narrative**

None. This is a pass-through grant program.

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