

# Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program



## FACT SHEET

### Who may Apply?

- Local governments
- Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations
- Salmon recovery lead entities
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies
- Tribes

### Grant Categories

- Local parks
- State parks
- Trails
- Water access
- Critical habitat
- Farmland preservation
- Forestland preservation
- Natural areas
- Riparian protection
- Urban wildlife habitat
- State lands development and renovation
- State lands restoration and enhancement

### Funding

Funding comes from the sale of general obligation bonds and is allocated to each category based on formulas set by law.

### Leveraging State Dollars

Grant recipients, except state agencies, must provide at least 50 percent in matching resources.

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## Providing Recreation and Conserving Working Farms, Forests, and Wildlife Habitat

Outdoor recreation in Washington generates an estimated \$21.6 billion in expenditures and supports nearly 200,000 jobs, rivaling the technology and aerospace industries as a top job producer in the state.<sup>1</sup>

All that recreating can't happen if there aren't trails, campgrounds, beaches for exploring, docks for launching boats, ball fields for tournaments, and places for hunting and fishing. Every day Washington's natural landscapes and open spaces are being lost to development, prompting a unique coalition of businesses, government leaders, environmentalists, and others to join together to conserve land for future recreation and wildlife needs.

### Purpose

The Legislature created the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in 1990 as a way for the State to accomplish two goals: acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they are lost to development and develop recreation areas for a growing population. Lands acquired or developed through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program are protected forever for future generations. Today the program is the state's premier and largest grant program for local parks and many other types of outdoor recreation activities and is unique in the nation for its variety of funding categories and evaluation process.

## Ensuring the Best Projects are Funded

The grant process is open and competitive. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board accepts applications in even-numbered years. Citizen committees, made of up experts in recreation and conservation issues, score projects based on objective criteria and submit ranked lists to the board for consideration. The board submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and Legislature for approval and funding.



Ephrata used a \$300,000 grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to help build a community pool.



The Columbia Land Trust is using a \$875,000 grant to buy land along Willapa Bay in Pacific County as part of a multi-year effort to conserve forever the last remaining undeveloped Willapa Bay shoreline for wildlife and people. Willapa Bay is the second largest estuary on the United States' Pacific Coast after San Francisco Bay.

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## INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

### Grant Recipients (1990-2015)

Aberdeen	Ephrata	Mountlake Terrace	Sequim
Airway Heights	Everett	Mukilteo	Shelton
Anacortes	Federal Way	Napavine	Shoreline
Asotin County	Ferndale	Newcastle	Skagit Conservation District
Auburn	Ferry County	Newport	Skagit County
Bainbridge Island	Freeman School District	Nisqually Land Trust	Snohomish
Metropolitan Park and Recreation District	Gig Harbor	Normandy Park	Snohomish County
Battle Ground	Grand Coulee	North Bend	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District
Bellevue	Grandview	North Bonneville	Spokane
Bellingham	Grays Harbor County	North Olympic Land Trust	Spokane County
Benton City	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Okanogan	Spokane Valley
Benton County	Hatton	Okanogan County	Springdale
Blue Mountain Land Trust	Hoquiam	Okanogan Land Trust	Stanwood
Bothell	Ilwaco	Olympia	Steilacoom
Bremerton	Island County	Omak	Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians
Brewster	Issaquah	Orcas Island Park and Recreation District	Sultan
Buckley	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	Oroville	Sumas
Burien	Jefferson County	Othello	Sumner
Burlington	Jefferson Land Trust	Palouse	Sunnyside
Camas	Kennewick	Palouse Land Trust	Suquamish Tribe
Capitol Land Trust	Kent	Pasco	Swinomish Tribe
Carbonado	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	PCC Farmland Trust	Tacoma
Cashmere	King County	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Tekoa Park & Recreation District
Castle Rock	Kirkland	Pierce County	Tenino
Castle Rock School District	Kitsap Conservation District	Pomeroy	The Nature Conservancy
Chehalis	Kitsap County	Port Angeles	Thurston County
Chelan	Kittitas County	Port of Allyn	Tonasket
Cheney	La Center	Port of Camas-Washougal	Trout Unlimited Monroe
Chewelah	Lacey	Port of South Whidbey Island	Tukwila
Clallam County	Lake Forest Park	Port of Vancouver	Tumwater
Clark County	Lakewood	Port of Wahkiakum County #2	Twisp
Clover Park Technical College	Leavenworth	Port Orchard	Uniontown
Colfax	Lewis County	Port Townsend	University Place
Columbia Land Trust	Lewiston	Poulsbo	Vancouver
Colville	Liberty Lake	Prosser	Vashon Park District
Connell	Longview	Pullman	Walla Walla
Covington	Lopez Island School District	Puyallup	Washington Conservation Commission
Cowlitz County	Lynden Regional Park District	Quincy	Washington Departments of: Fish and Wildlife
Creston	Lynnwood	Raymond	Natural Resources
Cusick	Marysville	Redmond	Washington Recreation and Conservation Office
Des Moines	Mason County	Renton	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Douglas County	Medical Lake	Richland	Washougal
Duvall	Mercer Island	Ridgefield	Wenatchee
East County Parks & Recreation District	Methow Conservancy	Royal City	West Richland
Eatonville	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	Sammamish	Whatcom County
Edgewood	Mill Creek	San Juan County	Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Edmonds	Milton	San Juan County Land Bank	Whitman County
Ellensburg	Montesano	San Juan Island Park District	Wild Fish Conservancy
Entiat	Moses Lake	SeaTac	Wilkeson
Enumclaw	Mossyrock	Seattle	Wilson Creek
	Mount Vernon	Selah	Winthrop

<sup>1</sup>Tania Briceno and Greg Schundler, "Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State," Earth Economics, Tacoma, WA, January 2015, p.X