

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program



FACT SHEET

Who may Apply?

- Local governments
- Nonprofit nature conservancies
- 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 Wild and Working Lands

The Legislature created the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program in 1990 as a way for the State to accomplish the following two goals:

- Acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they are lost to development.
- Develop recreation areas for a growing population.

Today the program is the state's premier and largest grant program for local parks and many other types of outdoor recreation.

The investment has paid off. 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.¹

The program is unique in the nation for its variety of funding categories and evaluation process. Lands acquired or developed through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program are protected forever for future generations.

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. Committees, made of up citizens with experience in recreation and conservation issues, score projects based on objective criteria and submit ranked lists to the board for consideration. The board then submits prioritized lists of projects to the Governor and Legislature for approval and funding.



Cheney used a \$500,000 grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program to build ball fields at Betz Park, undeveloped land the city had owned for more than a decade.



Snohomish County used five Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grants to buy abandoned railroad right-of-way and develop the 30-mile Centennial Trail, which runs from downtown Snohomish to the Skagit County line.



Anacortes used a \$335,000 Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant to buy build a spray park and restroom at John Storvik Municipal Park.

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INVESTING IN WASHINGTON'S GREAT OUTDOORS

Grant Recipients (1990-2018)

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

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