

Preliminary Ranking
Land and Water Conservation Fund
2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	50.50	18-1781D	South Park Playground and Spray Park	Seattle	\$500,000	\$2,884,756	\$3,384,756
2	49.13	18-1622A	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	Monroe	\$500,000	\$1,517,500	\$2,017,500
2	49.13	18-1657D	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	William Shore Pool District	\$500,000	\$2,934,500	\$3,434,500
4	48.13	18-1834D	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	Lynnwood	\$500,000	\$1,479,000	\$1,979,000
5	48.00	18-1819D	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	Chehalis	\$500,000	\$1,913,643	\$2,413,643
6	45.75	18-1379D	Downtown Civic Park Development	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$11,565,433	\$12,065,433
6	45.75	18-1274D	Green Lake Community Boathouse	Seattle	\$500,000	\$995,000	\$1,495,000
8	45.13	18-1335D	Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	Mountlake Terrace	\$250,000	\$255,000	\$505,000
9	44.63	18-1250D	Lincoln Park Renovation	Wenatchee	\$500,000	\$1,025,400	\$1,525,400
10	43.38	18-2024D	Borst Park Playground Renovation	Centralia	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000
11	43.13	18-1581D	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	Seattle	\$500,000	\$517,120	\$1,017,120
11	43.13	18-2000D	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	Normandy Park	\$363,604	\$363,605	\$727,209
13	42.50	18-1212A	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$298,000	\$298,000	\$596,000
14	41.63	18-1828D	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	Snohomish County	\$194,000	\$238,000	\$432,000
15	41.38	18-1481D	Mother Nature's Window Park	Marysville	\$500,000	\$870,591	\$1,370,591
16	41.25	18-1941D	Fircrest Community Pool	Fircrest	\$500,000	\$3,098,500	\$3,598,500
17	38.88	18-1505D	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	Snohomish County	\$500,000	\$596,441	\$1,096,441
18	37.50	18-1957D	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District	\$452,700	\$553,300	\$1,006,000
					\$7,658,304	\$31,255,789	\$38,914,093

¹Project Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development

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	Question	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9		
Rank	Project Name	Need	Need Satisfaction and Diversity of Recreation	Immediacy of Threat and Viability	Acquisition	Combination	Project Design Development	Combination	Environmental Stewardship	Community Support	Cost Efficiencies	Population Proximity	Applicant Compliance	Total
1	South Park Playground and Spray Park	14.25	10.00				8.00		8.00	4.50	3.75	3.00	-1.00	50.50
2	East Monroe Heritage Site Acquisition	12.75	7.00	9.25					9.25	4.50	3.38	3.00	0.00	49.13
2	William Shore Pool Warm Water Exercise Pool	13.88	8.50				8.00		8.00	4.63	4.63	1.50	0.00	49.13
4	South Lynnwood Park Renewal	13.13	7.75				7.75		8.00	4.50	4.00	3.00	0.00	48.13
5	Chehalis Recreation Park Upgrade Renovation Phase 2	13.50	8.25				8.50		7.75	4.38	4.13	1.50	0.00	48.00
6	Downtown Civic Park Development	11.25	8.25				8.00		7.00	4.38	3.88	3.00	0.00	45.75
6	Green Lake Community Boathouse	12.00	7.25				8.50		8.00	4.25	3.75	3.00	-1.00	45.75
8	Mountlake Terrace Ballinger Park Americans with Disabilities Act Playground	12.00	7.75				7.00		7.25	4.25	3.88	3.00	0.00	45.13
9	Lincoln Park Renovation	12.38	8.25				7.75		6.50	4.38	3.88	1.50	0.00	44.63

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				Acquistion	Combination	Development	Combination						
10	Borst Park Playground Renovation	12.38	7.75			7.75		6.50	4.13	3.38	1.50	0.00	43.38
11	Kubota Garden Enhancements Phase 1	10.88	6.75			7.25		8.75	4.38	3.13	3.00	-1.00	43.13
11	Marine View Park Accessibility Improvements	10.88	6.75			8.25		7.50	3.63	3.13	3.00	0.00	43.13
13	Waterman Trails Property Acquisition	10.13	6.50	9.50				7.50	4.13	3.25	1.50	0.00	42.50
14	Heybrook Ridge Lower Trail Development	10.13	7.00			7.75		7.75	4.75	3.75	1.50	-1.00	41.63
15	Mother Nature's Window Park	10.13	6.50			7.00		7.25	4.13	3.38	3.00	0.00	41.38
16	Fircrest Community Pool	11.25	6.25			6.50		7.25	3.63	3.38	3.00	0.00	41.25
17	Meadowdale Natural Areas and Infrastructure Improvements	9.00	5.75			6.75		8.75	3.50	3.13	3.00	-1.00	38.88
18	South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Campground Phase 2	10.50	6.25			6.25		6.00	4.00	3.00	1.50	0.00	37.50

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-9.

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building a New Playground and Spray Park in South Park Community Center

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to demolish an old play area and build a new one and a spray park at the South Park Community Center in southwest Seattle. The new play equipment will provide access for children of all ages and abilities. The new area will include a fitness zone, a renovated perimeter pathway, and enhanced safety. This is part of a larger project that includes converting the grass sports field to a regulation-size synthetic turf multi-sport field. The park is underused because of an assortment of challenges: health concerns from proximity to a busy state route, poor sight lines to the playground and other key park elements, crime and safety concerns, not enough lighting, a sports field that doesn't meet league standards, and a lack of facilities for multi-generational use and spontaneous play. While the park falls short as a vibrant, active site, the adjacent community center is considered by residents as the heart of the South Park community. South Park is one of Seattle's lowest income and most ethnically diverse communities. Seattle will contribute more than \$2.8 million in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1781)

Monroe

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Buying an East Monroe Heritage Site

The City of Monroe will use this grant to buy 43 acres of open land along the Skykomish River for wildlife viewing and environmental interpretation. The land is in Monroe off U.S. Route 2 between Woods Creek Road and Calhoun Road, in Snohomish County. The land is a diverse compilation of feeder bluffs, salmon-bearing oxbow channel, and wetlands. There is a natural connection to the Skykomish River and the 90-acre Al Borlin Park to the southwest. Future development may include a small parking lot, trails, interpretive signs, and connections to Al Borlin Park and the future Snoqualmie Valley and Centennial trail extensions. The landowner is proposing a zoning change to commercial, and has requested a permit to fill the area with 6,000 truckloads of material. Monroe will contribute more than \$1.5 million in cash, conservation futures,¹ and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1622)

William Shore Pool District

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building an Exercise Pool at the William Shore Aquatic Center

The William Shore Pool District will use this grant to add a warm water exercise and therapy pool at the William Shore Aquatic Center. This is part of a larger, \$13 million renovation and

¹Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

expansion of the aquatic center. The aquatic center is the only public pool on the entire Olympic Peninsula. Renovations will allow the district to provide water safety classes, swim lessons, water therapy classes, pre- and post-surgery recovery classes, and exercise classes for all levels of accessibility. It also will allow the district to provide people with limited mobility the chance to exercise and improve movement so they can graduate to dry land exercise and walking without risk of injury. The William Shore Pool District will contribute more than \$2.9 million in council bonds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1657)

Lynnwood

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating South Lynnwood Park

The Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate South Lynnwood Park in south Snohomish County. Development at the 4.2 acre park will include a playground, a picnic shelter, park furniture, restrooms, a bike station, tennis courts, a native plantings area with an interpretive sign, walking paths, parking, and new entry signs. South Lynnwood Park is along the regional Interurban Trail and in the heart of the South Lynnwood neighborhood, which is the city's most underserved area. Lynnwood will contribute more than \$1.4 million in cash, staff labor, a local grant, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1834)

Chehalis

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Chehalis Recreation Park

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate Recreation Park on 13th Street in Chehalis near Interstate 5. The City will replace failing irrigation and drainage systems for the four ball fields, as well as replace the sod, improve pathways to make them accessible to people with disabilities, and replace the 25-year-old playground with a fully accessible playground. The work will keep the fields more playable during wet weather, which now causes too many cancelled games due to flooding. Chehalis will contribute more than \$1.9 million in cash, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1819)

Edmonds

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Developing Downtown's Civic Park

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop Civic Park, an 8-acre park in downtown Edmonds. Development will include upgrading the athletic fields, playground, skate park, and tennis court. Other components will include pathways, an outdoor fitness zone, multi-use sport court, gathering plaza, picnic area, and restroom. Edmonds sees this downtown park as contributing to a sense of community identity and civic pride while promoting active, healthy lifestyles, energizing the local economy, and bolstering the city's growing reputation as a

destination on Puget Sound. Edmonds will contribute more than \$11.5 million in a state appropriation, cash, council bonds, a local grant, potentially grants from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and the state Youth Athletic Facilities program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1379)

Seattle

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Building a Boathouse at Green Lake

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to help build a new boathouse at the Green Lake Small Craft Center. The grant will pay to build one story of a two-story boathouse that will replace the existing boathouse. The first floor will be used for storage and related support amenities. Located on the southeast corner of Green Lake Park, the small craft center has provided public instruction and supervised rowing, paddling, and sailing since 1948. The popularity of the center's boating programs, particularly among youth, has increased the need for more storage, instructional, and activity space. The current lack of space creates safety concerns and limits the department's ability to meet increased demand. Seattle will contribute \$995,000 in local and other grants and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1274)

Mountlake Terrace

Grant Requested: \$250,000

Building an Accessible Playground in Ballinger Park

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to build a playground accessible to people with disabilities at Ballinger Park, north of Lake Ballinger and west of Lakeview Drive. Development will include signs and fencing. Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$255,000 in cash and a private grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1335)

Wenatchee

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Renovating Lincoln Park

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to renovate the 18-acre Lincoln Park in south Wenatchee. The City will build a BMX pump track in an underused part of the park, add a group picnic shelter, replace an outdated playground, add a splash pad, build a new stage, and improve the walkways, parking areas, and landscaping. This project will create a vibrant recreation hub in the most culturally diverse and lowest income portion of the city. The project also provides active play elements to help combat the area's above average childhood obesity rates. Wenatchee will contribute more than \$1 million in cash, staff labor, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash and labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1250)

Centralia **Renovating Borst Park Playground**

Grant Requested: \$100,000

The City of Centralia will use this grant to replace the playground equipment at Borst Park. The City will remove an old and dilapidated playground from the 1970s and replace it with a playground that is more accessible to people with disabilities, is constructed from heavy-duty materials, and can provide a place to play for 85-90 children ages 5-12 years old. The new equipment will include a tree swing with two swings designed specifically for children who have physical disabilities and a 100-foot zip line. The City also will add fencing and a loose fill surfacing. Centralia will contribute \$150,000 in donations of cash and potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2024)

Seattle **Enhancing Kubota Garden**

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant for long-overdue enhancements at Kubota Garden, including two all-gender restrooms and pathways and a picnic area accessible to people with disabilities in the 3.5-acre Terrace area. This 20-acre garden is a Seattle historic landmark and the masterpiece of Fujitaro Kubota, a horticultural pioneer who infused traditional Japanese garden design with Pacific Northwest plants to create a uniquely American-Japanese garden. The garden offers spectacular hills and valleys interlaced with streams, waterfalls, ponds, bridges, and rock outcroppings. More than 20,000 people live within a half-mile of the garden in the diverse Rainier Beach neighborhood, which has 75 percent people of color, 48 percent who do not speak English at home, and 23 percent of households living in poverty. The current gravel paths and portable toilets are not holding up to the high number of visitors. Attendance has grown 27 percent since 2014, with 77,000 last year. The Kubota Garden Foundation will contribute donations and volunteer labor. Seattle will contribute \$517,120 in a local grant, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1581)

Normandy Park **Improving Accessibility in Marine View Park**

Grant Requested: \$363,604

The City of Normandy Park will use this grant to improve access to Marine View Park for people with disabilities. The City will pave a parking lot; build a welcome plaza, trails, and a picnic area; and install trail signs and stair handrails. Marine View Park is an environmental gem on Puget Sound's shoreline, yet its steep topography and primitive trails limit some people from enjoying the park. Normandy Park has a higher than average population of seniors and people with disabilities and the goal of this project is to provide universally accessible recreation opportunities to this under-served population. Normandy Park will contribute \$363,605 in taxes

from a Local Improvement District. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2000)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Buying the Waterman Trails Property for the Public

Grant Requested: \$298,000

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to buy 40 acres of privately owned land with a trail system to keep it open to the public. If the district doesn't buy the land, it will be logged, subdivided, and sold for residential lots. The park district is on the southern end of Whidbey Island, and is home to about 15,000 people. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$298,000 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1212)

Snohomish County Building a Trail in Heybrook Ridge County Park

Grant Requested: \$194,000

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a half-mile trail and restroom accessible to people with disabilities in Heybrook Ridge County Park. The 144-acre park is on the south side of the Skykomish River, across from the Town of Index. The new trail will travel through a scenic forested region that is rich in history and ecology, along a wetland, and around a historic former lumber mill site. Development will include installation of interpretive signs. Snohomish County will contribute \$238,000 in cash, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1828)

Marysville Developing Mother Nature's Window Park

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The Marysville Parks, Culture and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop Mother Nature's Window, a 35-acre park site in central Marysville. Development will include parking, fencing, open play areas, an off-leash dog area, small amphitheater, trails, and restrooms. Marysville will contribute \$870,591. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1481)

Fircrest Building the Fircrest Community Pool

Grant Requested: \$500,000

The City of Fircrest will use this grant to build an outdoor pool. The pool will be in Fircrest Park, near the Roy H. Community Center. The pool will include a 6-lane lap pool with diving well, wading area, and a stand-alone bathhouse. The Fircrest community pool is cherished and sees nearly 100 visitors a day in the summer. The new public pool will meet the needs of all ages and provide a safe place for healthy family fun, swim lessons, and low-impact exercises. Fircrest will contribute more than \$3 million in voter-approved bonds, potentially a grant from the state

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and another state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1941)

Snohomish County

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Revamping Meadowdale Beach Park

The Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to enhance natural areas and renovate paths, parking, and an access road in Meadowdale Beach Park, at the north end of Brown's Bay on Puget Sound. Work will include planting plants and laying large log and tree root wads along the banks of a salmon-bearing stream. Additional development will include building pathways accessible to people with disabilities, renovating an access road and parking area, and landscaping. Natural areas are highly valued by the community in this park as evidenced by the public's decision for hike-in only access. This project is part of a larger one to restore a historic estuary for Endangered Species Act-listed Chinook salmon and other salmon species. Snohomish County will contribute \$596,441. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1505)

South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District

Grant Requested: \$452,700

Building a Campground Welcome Center

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will use this grant to build a campground welcome center with showers and restrooms. The campground is next to South Whidbey High School on the southern end of Whidbey Island. The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District will contribute \$553,300 in equipment, staff labor, potentially a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1957)