

Salmon Recovery Funding Board
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Salmon Recovery Funding Board grants \$13.34 million for salmon recovery projects.

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board approved funding for over \$13 million in salmon recovery grants around the state at its March 16 and 17 Board meeting in Wenatchee.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Chair William Ruckelshaus said, "This first funding cycle will provide money to projects that will provide positive benefits to help restore salmon in the state. The watershed groups – or Lead Entities as they are called - did an excellent job of providing the Board with a good list of projects from which to choose."

Funds were distributed to 84 individual projects in 45 of the 62 watershed areas in the state. Of the 84 projects: 19 involve acquisition of key salmon habitat, 47 focus on in-stream work such as fish screens, 14 support riparian habitat improvements (including vegetation plantings for stream shading), and 4 focus on upland habitat changes.

The grants are the result of a call for proposals by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) earlier this year. The Board received 245 grant applications requesting a total of \$42 million. The Board established expert Review Panels to review the local methods used in identifying and bringing forward projects for funding.

Projects were proposed by a wide range of interest groups including local governments, nonprofit organizations, and tribes. In each watershed, the projects were reviewed by a technical committee of scientists and ranked by a citizen committee. These groups were established under the authority granted by the legislature to help focus local efforts in salmon recovery, including prioritizing local watershed improvement projects. For this round of the SRFB's work, 20 different watersheds participated in the application process.

The SRFB is planning another grant round toward the end of 2000 following a comprehensive evaluation of this first process.

The SRFB was established in July 1999 by the state legislature, to help oversee the investment of state and federal funds for salmon recovery. William Ruckelshaus, Madrona Investment Group of Seattle chairs the Board. Other members include Frank "Larry" Cassidy, Vancouver, Brenda McMurray, Yakima, John Roskelley, Spokane, and James Peters, Olympia. Five state agency directors also serve as ex-officio members.

Attachment: Project list

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Funding Requests and Funding Approved, by Lead Entity
 March 17, 2000

Lead Entity	Requested # of Proj	SRFB Funded # of Proj	Requested SRFB \$'s	SRFB Funded \$'s
Asotin County	18	12	2,444,740	930,555
Chelan County	7	4	1,069,903	452,368
Grays Harbor County	8	2	371,032	148,430
Hood Canal Coordinating Council	24	11	2,969,778	1,104,470
Island County	4	0	745,900	0
King County (WRIA 8)	10	3	1,710,140	570,000
King County (WRIA 9)	4	1	3,400,000	500,000
Kitsap County	6	1	2,111,593	368,150
Klickitat County	6	1	555,300	300,000
Lower Columbia Fish Rec.	24	9	4,002,877	1,057,742
Mason County	1	1	57,194	57,194
Nisqually River Salmon Rec.	3	2	339,024	282,715
North Olympic Peninsula	16	5	3,637,446	1,308,840
Okanogan County/Colville Tribe	13	6	1,643,030	587,354
Pacific County	9	4	839,894	496,206
Pierce County	12	4	1,433,891	203,091
Quinault Tribe	0	0	0	0
Skagit Watershed Council	27	5	6,064,406	1,633,554
Snohomish County	16	3	2,704,940	1,253,520
Thurston County	7	1	1,084,685	116,925
Whatcom County	15	5	1,757,840	1,278,028
No Lead Entity Projects	15	4	2,974,609	688,050
Total	245	84	41,918,222	13,337,192

TYPES OF PROJECTS BY LEAD ENTITY, FUNDED EARLY 2000

LEAD ENTITY	ACQUISITION OF LAND	COMBINATION (acquisition plus & restoration)	In-Stream Diversions (ditch/pipe/screens)	In-Stream Passage (culverts, barriers, fishways)	In-Stream Habitat (LWD, weirs, rocks, off-channel access)	Riparian Habitat (freshwater & estuarine above the OHWM)	Upland Habitat (outside the riparian area, such as no-till)	Total Number of Projects
Asotin WRIA	0	0	0	1	2	5	4	12
Chelan County	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Grays Harbor County	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Hood Canal CC	2	1	0	1	7	1	0	12
Island County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King County #8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
King County #9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kitsap County	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Klickitat County	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lower Columbia Fish RB	1	1	0	3	5	0	0	10
Mason County	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Nisqually River	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
North Olympic	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	6
Okanogan County/Colville Tribe	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	6
Pacific County	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	6
Pierce County	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
Quinault Tribe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skagit Watershed Council	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Snohomish County	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Thurston County	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Whatcom County	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	5
Unaffiliated	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	4
TOTAL	19	5 *	11	10	26	14	4	89 *

* A Combination project includes Acquisition and one type of Habitat Development, therefore the Totals reflect both categories, even though there are only 84 funded projects.