

# At a Glance

<b>Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program's Forestland Preservation Category</b>	
<b>Purpose</b>	This program provides money to acquire and preserve opportunities for timber production by leasing the land or buying a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement.
<b>Who may apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities and towns</li> <li>• Counties</li> <li>• Nonprofit nature conservancies</li> <li>• Washington State Conservation Commission</li> </ul>
<b>Is a plan required?</b>	No
<b>What types of projects are eligible?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of property rights through a conservation easement</li> <li>• Combination of acquisition and habitat enhancement or restoration.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the grant limits?</b>	\$500,000
<b>What must I contribute?</b>	Cities, counties, and nonprofit nature conservancies must provide a one-to-one matching share. There is no match required for the Washington State Conservation Commission.
<b>How is my project evaluated?</b>	An advisory committee evaluates a written application and scores the project.
<b>When are applications due</b>	May 1, 2024
<b>When are grants awarded?</b>	June 2025 estimate
<b>What's new this year?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added Waiver of Retroactivity options for forestland purchases.</li> <li>• Included in the manual existing rules for time limits, extensions, and acknowledgments.</li> </ul>